

## NDG&F May 4th Newsletter

### Game Warden Exam Set for July 17

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has scheduled an examination to select candidates for the position of district game warden. The test is at 10 a.m., July 17, at the department's main office in Bismarck.

Applicants must register to take the exam no later than July 13, by submitting an [online application](#) through the North Dakota State Job Openings website.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and have a bachelor's degree. Other requirements are a current North Dakota peace officer license, or eligibility for a license, and a valid driver's license.

Candidates must have excellent interpersonal skills in communications and writing, and must not have a record of any felony convictions.

Game wardens enforce game and fish laws and related regulations in an assigned district and other locations as determined by the department. Wardens normally work alone under varied conditions, at all hours of the day, night and weekends. In addition to law enforcement duties, wardens assist in the areas of public relations, education programs, and hunter and boat safety education.

Selection procedures following the test may include an evaluation of the application, a structured oral interview, background and reference checks, and psychological and medical examinations.

The salary for beginning game wardens through training is \$3,500 per month. Upon successful completion of training, the salary is \$4,016 - \$6,693 per month. Wardens also receive the state benefits package, including travel allowance. Uniforms and other equipment are provided.

### Hunters, Anglers Take Note of New Legislation

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department tracked 23 outdoors-related bills during the 2015 legislative session, 12 of which were passed by both chambers and signed into law. The following bills take effect this year, unless otherwise noted.

**House Bill 1081** – Makes available to the Outdoor Adventure Foundation up to two spring turkey, one any-elk, one any-moose, seven deer and two pronghorn licenses for youth who have been diagnosed with cancer or a life-threatening illness. In addition, provides for a study, during the 2015-16 interim, of North Dakota Game and Fish Department licenses provided to entities for the purpose of fundraising.

**HB 1156** – Beginning in 2016, allows an unsuccessful applicant in the deer gun lottery to donate the refund to the Game and Fish Department's Private Land Open to Sportsmen program.

**HB 1158** – Effective April 1, 2016, county auditors will no longer be responsible for allocating and tracking hunting and fishing license sales within their respective counties. That responsibility will become the Game and Fish Department's. A county auditor upon request, may continue to sell hunting and fishing licenses.

**HB 1197** – Prohibits a government agency from providing funds to a nonprofit organization for the

purpose of holding any interest in real property or an easement for wildlife or conservation purposes. However, does not apply to a state government agency in partnership with a nonprofit organization if the state agency also benefits.

**HB 1241** – Makes a short-barreled rifle legal for hunting.

**HB 1356** – This bill clarifies Century Code language pertaining to wildlife depredation. Allows the Game and Fish Director to authorize individual landowners to carry out certain hazing practices to help alleviate or prevent wildlife depredation to livestock forage supplies.

**HB 1381** – Prohibits a drone from being used to intentionally harass hunters and anglers.

**HB 1409** – Provides direction on finances provided through the Outdoor Heritage Fund, with \$20 million available in a fiscal year and \$40 million for the biennium.

**HB 1456** – Encourages Congress to pass federal legislation to return uplands of the Oahe Reservoir in Emmons and Morton counties above 1,620 feet mean sea level to the state of North Dakota.

**Senate Bill 2017** – Appropriates \$77,231,739 to the Game and Fish Department for the 2015-17 biennium. In addition, provides for one elk license available for raffle to Annie's House at Bottineau Winter Park.

**SB 2077** – Regulates criminal history record checks for Game and Fish volunteers and final applicants for employment.

**SB 2093** – Guide and outfitter licenses expire March 31 if issued after March 31 of the previous year.

### **Moose and Elk Lotteries Held**

North Dakota's moose and elk lottery results are available online at the State Game and Fish Department's website, [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov).

Applicants can find individual results by clicking "find lottery results/preference points" under the [online services](#) link.

Successful applicants will receive a letter the week of May 11, stating the license will be mailed after the successful applicant submits the correct license fee.