

NDG&F June 8th Newsletter

NDGF to Stock Record Number of Walleye Lakes

North Dakota Game and Fish Department fisheries personnel will stock a record number of walleye lakes in the coming weeks.

Fisheries production and development supervisor Jerry Weigel said 130 waters are scheduled to receive a share of 9 million fingerlings.

“We need every available pond at Garrison Dam and Valley City fish hatcheries to meet a 9 million walleye fingerling request,” Weigel said.

The growth of walleye lakes, according to Weigel, is directly correlated to the rapid increase in the number of public fishing waters in the state.

“We now manage about 420 waters and 346,000 acres, excluding the Missouri River System,” Weigel said. “In the last five years alone we have stocked more than 48 million walleye fingerlings in the state, in addition to salmon, trout, pike, bass and panfish.”

Department personnel spent an additional three weeks of spawning efforts to meet this year’s record production. In addition, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s hatchery staff plays a vital role in the growth of the state’s fisheries.

“There is no doubt we have had a successful operation because of the great relationship we have with both hatcheries,” Weigel said.

Put Garbage Where it belongs

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department reminds outdoor recreationists, including those who will celebrate the Fourth of July along any heavily-used recreational area, to keep it clean this summer by packing out all trash.

All garbage, including used fireworks, should be placed in the proper trash receptacle. If trash cans aren’t available, or are full, take the trash and dispose of it at home.

It is not uncommon to see garbage piling up around trash containers after they become full. Styrofoam containers are not biodegradable, but yet are often found wedged in cattails, drifting or washed up on shore.

Worn tires, old mattresses and kitchen appliances have found their way to public use areas. This illegal dumping is costly to clean up and takes a significant toll on the environment. Not only does it spoil the beauty of the land, it destroys habitat, has the potential to pollute North Dakota waters and can injure wildlife.

Littering violations should be reported by calling the Report All Poachers telephone number at 800-472-2121