

NDG&F December 5th Newsletter

Fordville, Cando Advisory Board Meetings Postponed

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department's advisory board meetings scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 6 in Cando and Fordville have been postponed until Dec. 14 and 20 due to forecasted inclement weather.

Meetings set for tonight in Dickinson and Watford City will go on as scheduled.

The meeting in Fordville is rescheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 14, and Cando is rescheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 20.

District 4 – Counties: Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina and Walsh

Date: Dec. 14 – 7 p.m.

Location: American Legion Club, 208 N. Main St., Fordville

Host: Dakota Prairie Wildlife Club

Contact: Lynn Baier, 331-1074

Advisory board member: Joe Solseng, 317-5009

District 3 – Counties: Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Ramsey, Rolette and Towner

Date: Dec. 20 – 7 p.m.

Location: Armory, Cando

Host: Cando Gun Club

Advisory board member: Tom Rost, Devils Lake, 350-1424

These public meetings, held each spring and fall, provide citizens with an opportunity to discuss fish and wildlife issues and ask questions of their district advisors and agency personnel.

Other scheduled meetings are as follows.

District 8 – Counties: Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope and Stark

Date: Dec. 5 – 7 p.m.

Location: La Quinta Inn & Suites, Dickinson

Host: Mule Deer Foundation

Contact: Arnold Karsky, 290-9754

Advisory board member: Dwight Hecker, Fairfield, 575-4952

District 1 – Counties: Divide, McKenzie and Williams

Date: Dec. 5 – 7 p.m.

Location: Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway, Watford City

Host: Mule Deer Foundation

Advisory board member: Jason Leiseth, Arnegard, 586-3714

District 2 – Counties: Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville and Ward

Date: Dec. 12 – 7 p.m.

Location: Berthold Sportsmen Club, 210 Main St., Berthold

Host: Berthold Sportsmen Club

Contact: Joe Lautenschlager, 721-1882
Advisory board member: Robert Gjellstad, Voltaire, 338-2281

District 5 – Counties: Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele and Traill

Date: Dec. 12 – 7 p.m.

Location: American Legion (south of Lake Elsie), Hankinson

Host: Hankinson American Legion

Contact: Terry Puetz, 640-3294

Advisory board member: Duane Hanson, West Fargo, 367-4249

District 6 – Counties: Barnes, Dickey, Foster, Griggs, Logan, LaMoure, McIntosh, Stutsman and Wells

Date: Dec. 13 – 7 p.m.

Location: The Bunker, 1520 3rd St. SE, Jamestown

Host: United Sportsmen

Contact: Larry Kukla, 320-4182

Advisory board member: Joel Christoferson, Litchville, 973-4981

District 7 – Counties: Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan and Sioux

Date: Dec. 13 – 7 p.m.

Location: North Dakota Game and Fish Department, Bismarck

Host: North Dakota Natural Resources Trust

Contact: Keith Trego, 220-0978

Advisory board member: Dave Nehring, Bismarck, 214-3184

Tentative 2017 Season Opening Dates

To help North Dakota hunters prepare for hunting seasons in 2017, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department annually provides its best estimate for opening dates for the coming year.

Dates become official when approved by governor's proclamation. Tentative opening dates for 2017 include:

Spring Turkey - April 8

Deer and Pronghorn Bow, Dove, Mountain Lion - September 1

Sharptail, Hun, Ruffed Grouse, Squirrel - September 9

Youth Deer - September 15

Youth Waterfowl - September 16

Early Resident Waterfowl - September 23

Regular Waterfowl - September 30

Pronghorn Gun - October 6

Youth Pheasant - October 7

Pheasant, Fall Turkey - October 14

Mink, Muskrat, Weasel Trapping - October 28

Deer Gun - November 10

Deer Muzzleloader - December 1

Fish House Regulations

Winter anglers are reminded that any fish house left unoccupied on North Dakota waters must be made out of materials that will allow it to float.

A popular question this time of year is if campers qualify as legal fish houses. The answer is the same for any structure taken on the ice – if it's left unattended, it must be able to float; if it's not able to float, it must be removed when the angler leaves the ice.

Other fish house regulations include:

- Fish houses do not require a license.
- Occupied structures do not require identification. However, any unoccupied fish house must have the owner's name, and either address or telephone number, displayed on its outside in readily distinguishable characters at least three inches high.
- Fish houses may not be placed closer than 50 feet in any direction to another house without consent of the occupant of the other fish house.
- All unoccupied fish houses must be removed from all waters after midnight, March 15.

Anglers should refer to the [2016-18 North Dakota Fishing Guide](#) for other winter fishing regulations.