

NDG&F February 1st Newsletter

Register to Darkhouse Spearfish

All individuals, regardless of age, who participate in [darkhouse spearfishing are reminded to register](#) with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department prior to participating.

Free registration is available at the department's website, gf.nd.gov, or through any Game and Fish Department office.

North Dakota's darkhouse spearfishing season closes March 15. Legal fish are northern pike and nongame species.

Darkhouse spearing is allowed for all residents with a valid fishing license and for residents under age 16. Nonresidents may darkhouse spearfish in North Dakota if they are from states that offer the same privilege for North Dakota residents.

All waters open to hook-and-line fishing are open to darkhouse spearing except:

Braun Lake – Logan County

East Park Lake, West Park Lake, Lake Audubon – McLean County

Heckers Lake – Sheridan County

McClusky Canal

New Johns Lake – Burleigh County

Red Willow Lake – Griggs County

Sweet Briar Dam – Morton County

Anglers should refer to the [2014-16 North Dakota Fishing Guide](#) for more information.

Game Warden Pilot Exam Set for March 18

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has scheduled an examination to select candidates for the position of game warden pilot. The test is scheduled for March 18 at 10 a.m., at the department's main office in Bismarck.

Applicants must register to take the exam no later than March 14, by submitting an [online application](#) through the North Dakota State Job Openings website.

Game warden pilot applicants must have a commercial pilot's license for a single engine land with an instrument rating, and hold an FAA Class II medical certificate. Candidates also must have a minimum of 200 hours total flying time and have a clean record without any felony convictions.

In addition, applicants must be at least 21 years of age and have a bachelor's degree at time of hire (tentative hire date is June 1), have a valid driver's license and a current North Dakota peace officer license, or be eligible to be licensed. Candidates must have excellent interpersonal skills in communications and writing.

Job duties include day and night flights involving enforcement, administrative and other fish and wildlife related flight activities. Responsibilities also include enforcing game and fish laws and other related regulations.

Salary through training is \$3,800 per month. Upon successful completion of training, the salary is \$4,136 - \$6,894 per month. Wardens also receive the state benefits package, including travel allowance. Uniforms and other equipment are provided.

North Dakota Earth Day Patch Contest

The state Game and Fish Department's annual Earth Day awareness campaign is accepting entries for design of a 2016 Earth Day patch. North Dakota students ages 6-18 are eligible to participate. The deadline to submit entries is March 15.

The Game and Fish Department will announce a winner in three age categories – 6-9, 10-13, and 14-18. Each winner will receive a pair of 8x35 binoculars. The final patch design will be chosen from the three winners.

The winning design will be used on a patch given to members of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H clubs and any school participating in Earth Day cleanup projects on state-owned or managed lands in North Dakota in April and May.

The patch should incorporate some aspect of Earth Day – celebrated April 22 – or keeping North Dakota clean. It must be round and three inches in diameter. There is a limit of five colors on the patch, and lettering must be printed. Name, address, age and phone number of the contestant must be clearly printed on the entry form. Only one entry per person is allowed.

[Earth Day contest rules and entry forms](#) are available on the Game and Fish Department's website, gf.nd.gov. For more information, contact Pat Lothspeich by email at ndgf@nd.gov, or call 701-328-6332.