

## **NDG&F February 29th Newsletter**

### **District Game Warden, Pilot Exams Set for March 18**

Individuals interested in taking the district game warden or warden pilot exams scheduled for March 18 are reminded to register no later than March 14, by submitting an [online application](#) through the North Dakota State Job Openings website, or the Game and Fish Department website.

The tests are scheduled for 10 a.m. at the department's main office in Bismarck.

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, and have a clean record without any felony convictions.

In addition, 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.

District game wardens enforce game and fish laws and related regulations in an assigned district and other locations as determined by the department. In addition to law enforcement duties, wardens assist in the areas of public relations, education programs, and hunter and boat safety education.

Job duties for a game warden pilot 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 \$3,600 per month for a district game warden, and \$3,800 per month for a warden pilot. 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.

### **Spring Light Goose Migration Updates**

[North Dakota spring light goose](#) hunters can track general locations of geese as birds make their way through the state.

Hunters are able to call 701-328-3697 to hear recorded information 24 hours a day. [Migration reports](#) are also posted on the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website, [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov). Updates will be provided as migration events occur, until the season ends or geese have left the state.

North Dakota's spring light goose season opened Feb. 20 and continues through May 15.

Residents must have a valid current season 2015-16 (valid through March 31) or 2016-17 (required April 1) combination license; or a small game, and general game and habitat license. The 2016-17 license is available for purchase beginning March 15.

Nonresidents need a 2016 spring light goose season license. The cost is \$50 and the license is good statewide. Nonresidents who hunt the spring season remain eligible to buy a fall season license. The spring season does not count against the 14-day fall waterfowl hunting season regulation.

In addition, nonresident youth under age 16 can purchase a license at the resident fee if their state has youth reciprocity licensing with North Dakota.

Other season information, including [regulations](#), is available by accessing the Game and Fish website.

### **2015 Moose and Elk Harvests**

Harvest statistics released by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department show overall hunter success during the 2015 season was 96 percent for moose and 69 percent for elk. The bighorn sheep hunting season was closed due to significant sheep mortality in 2014 caused by bacterial pneumonia.

The department issued 129 moose licenses last year. Of that total, hunters harvested 124 moose – 106 bulls and 18 cows/calves. One additional license was raffled by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the hunter was successful in harvesting a moose. Harvest for each unit follows:

Unit	Hunters	Bulls	Cow/Calf	Success Rate
M5	5	4	0	80
M6	5	4	1	100
M8	15	11	3	93
M9	44	34	8	95
M10	60	53	6	98

The department issued 317 elk licenses last year. Of that total, 287 hunters harvested 197 elk – 128 bulls and 69 cows/calves. One additional license was raffled by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the hunter was successful in harvesting an elk. Harvest for each unit follows:

Unit	Hunters	Bulls	Cow/Calf	Success Rate
E1	95	30	27	60
E2	113	35	36	63
E3	56	46	5	91
E4	23	17	1	78