

## **NDG&F August 22nd Newsletter**

### **Agencies Prohibit Hunting over Bait**

Hunters are reminded that hunting big game over bait is prohibited on all state owned or managed wildlife management areas, all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service national wildlife refuges and waterfowl production areas, U.S. Forest Service national grasslands, and all North Dakota state school, state park and state forest service lands.

The governor's proclamation relating to chronic wasting disease also includes a provision that prohibits hunting big game over bait on both public and private land in deer unit 3C west of the Missouri River, and all of units 3E1, 3E2, 3F1 and 3F2.

Hunting over bait is defined as the placement and/or use of baits for attracting big game and other wildlife to a specific location for the purpose of hunting. Bait, in this case, includes grain, seed, mineral, salt, fruit, vegetable nut, hay, any naturally derived scent or lure, or any other natural or manufactured food placed by an individual.

Bait does not include agricultural practices, gardens, wildlife food plots, agricultural crops, livestock feeds, fruit or vegetables in their natural location such as apples on or under an apple tree, or unharvested food or vegetables in a garden.

In addition, any firearms, equipment or accessories used by hunters on Private Land Open To Sportsmen acreage may not be left unattended without written permission of the property owner. This includes, but is not limited to, guns, blinds, stands, baits, scents and decoys. This means a hunter cannot place bait on PLOTS prior to or during the season and leave it there, unless permission has been granted by the landowner.

### **Dove Season Opens Sept. 1**

North Dakota's dove season opens statewide Sept. 1, and hunters are reminded to register with the Harvest Information Program prior to hunting.

The daily limit is 15 and possession limit is 45. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. The season is open through Nov. 29.

All dove hunters must possess a fishing, hunting and furbearer certificate and a general game and habitat license, regardless of age. In addition, hunters ages 16 and older need a small game license.

Hunters who do not HIP certify when they buy a North Dakota license, can add it through the [Game and Fish website](http://gf.nd.gov) at gf.nd.gov, or by calling 888-634-4798 and recording the HIP number on their printed license.

Those who registered to hunt the spring light goose or early Canada goose seasons in North Dakota do not have to register with HIP again, as it is required only once per year. However, hunters must HIP register in each state for which they are licensed before hunting migratory game birds.

## **Deer Archery Season Opens Sept. 2**

North Dakota's deer archery season opens Friday, Sept. 2 at noon, and bowhunters are reminded that deer bow licenses and accompanying tags are only available through electronic purchase.

Bowhunters can [buy a license online](#) at the State Game and Fish Department website, [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov); by calling 800-406-6409; or at vendors linked to the Game and Fish Department's online licensing system. Hunters who purchase bow licenses at an online vendor will receive a tag at time of purchase; otherwise, hunters who purchase their license over the phone or personal computer should allow for several days to receive their tag in the mail.

Bowhunters must follow all regulations of the managing agency when using tree stands on public hunting areas, including displaying the owner's name, address and telephone number on tree stands left unattended on Game and Fish wildlife management areas.

In addition, hunting big game over bait is prohibited on both public and private land in deer unit 3C west of the Missouri River, and all of units 3E1, 3E2, 3F1 and 3F2.

The archery season is open through Jan. 8, 2017. Hunters should refer to the [2016 deer hunting guide](#) for season information and regulations.

## **Pronghorn Lottery Held**

North Dakota's pronghorn lottery has been held and [individual results](#) are available online at the State Game and Fish Department's website, [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov).

A total of 730 licenses were available in units 1A, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A and 4C. More than 8,900 applications, including 256 gratis, were received. All licenses were issued.

Unsuccessful applicants who submitted their application online or through the department's 800 licensing telephone number will receive a refund back to their credit card. Individuals who submitted paper applications will receive a refund check

## **MacLean Shooting Range, Boat Ramp Closed Aug. 27**

The MacLean Bottoms public shooting range and boat ramp located south of Bismarck will be closed for a scheduled volunteer recognition event on Saturday, Aug. 27.

The shooting range will close Friday at 3 p.m., and will resume normal operation on Sunday. The boat ramp will not be usable Saturday only.