

## **NDG&F March 1st Newsletter**

### **March 15 Deadline to Remove Permanent Fish Houses**

State law requires permanent fish houses to be removed from North Dakota waters by midnight March 15.

Nancy Boldt, water safety coordinator for the state Game and Fish Department, said in some areas of the state it could be difficult to even get to a fish house.

“Don’t wait until the last minute, because access on some lakes could be restricted due to snow,” Boldt said.

Fish houses may be used after March 15 if they are removed daily.

### **Darkhouse Spearfishing Season Closes March 15**

Anglers are reminded that North Dakota’s darkhouse spearfishing season closes March 15.

Interested individuals who would still like to get out for the first time this year must register with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. Registration is available through the department’s website, [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov), or through any Game and Fish Department office.

March 15 is also the deadline for anglers to remove permanent fish houses from state waters.

### **Spring Turkey Drawing Held, Licenses Remain**

The 2010 spring wild turkey lottery has been held and more than 750 licenses remain in nine units. Only those hunters who do not have a license for the 2010 spring season are eligible to apply.

Licenses remain in Unit 06, Bowman County; Unit 17, portions of Billings and Golden Valley counties north of Interstate 94; Unit 30, portions of Morton County; Unit 31, Mountrail County; Unit 44, Slope County; Unit 45, Stark County; Unit 47, Eddy, Foster, Kidder, Sheridan, Stutsman and Wells counties; Unit 51, Burke County and portions of Renville, Bottineau and Ward counties; and Unit 99, Mercer and Oliver counties.

Hunters who do not have a license can apply online at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department’s website, [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov), or call (701) 328-6300 to request an application. Licenses are issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

Spring turkey hunters must purchase a 2010-11 hunting license, as last year's 2009-10 licenses expire March 31. In addition to the spring turkey license, hunters must have a fishing, hunting and furbearer certificate, and a general game and habitat license. Also, hunters ages 16 and older must possess a small game license, or combination license.

Only North Dakota residents are eligible to apply.