

NDG&F March 19th Newsletter

Anglers Should Check Status of Missouri River Boat Ramps

Anglers planning to fish the Missouri River this spring should take notice of which boat ramps are accessible.

Bob Frohlich, North Dakota Game and Fish Department fisheries development supervisor, says the damages from last year's flood are still evident in some areas from the Garrison Dam to South Dakota, and numerous sites will be closed for some time.

"While all ramps and some of the associated infrastructure were damaged to some degree from last year's flood, many of the ramps are now open and usable at least for the time being," Frohlich said.

"However a couple popular ramps, MacLean Bottoms and Kneifel Landing, are currently closed, but the department hopes to have them operational as soon as possible."

Local park boards who manage these areas have been busy working with FEMA, engineers and contractors to come up with plans and funding to reconstruct facilities damaged or destroyed during the flood. The Game and Fish Department is assisting park boards, as well as working on a number of its own ramps.

At this time of the year, conditions can change daily and anglers are encouraged to check the status of [Missouri River boat ramps](#) by accessing the boating link at the Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov.

New Fishing, Furbearer Licenses Needed April 1

Hunters, trappers and anglers are reminded that new fishing and furbearer licenses are required April 1. The dates for the furbearer license coincide with fishing season. The 2012-13 licenses are effective April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013.

In addition, anglers are reminded this is the first year of a new two-year fishing proclamation. Refer to the [2012-14 North Dakota Fishing Guide](#) for regulations.

[Licenses can be purchased online](#) by accessing the online services link at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov.

Zone 2 Mountain Lion Season Closes March 31

While the 2011-12 North Dakota mountain lion season in zone 1 closed Dec. 6, after the zone's predetermined quota was filled, the majority of the state remained open. But that will change the end of the month when zone 2 closes March 31.

Zone 2 is the remainder of the state outside of the badland's unit in western North Dakota. One mountain lion has been taken in zone 2 – Emmons County – this season.