

## **NDF&G October 19th newsletter**

### **Remaining Doe Licenses Sold Through Deer Season**

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department will continue to issue remaining doe licenses through the end of the archery season. There is no limit to the number of deer licenses a hunter can receive.

While more than 89 percent of the deer licenses have been issued, nearly 15,000 antlerless licenses remain for the 2009 season. Doe licenses are available in units 1, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F1, 2J2, 2K2, 2L, 3A4, 3D2, 3E1, 3E2, 3F1, 3F2, 4E and 4F.

These remaining antlerless licenses – and doe licenses that have already been issued and are printed with second, third or additional concurrent season designations – can be used during any open season: bow season with a bow; the deer gun season with a bow, rifle, or muzzleloader; or during the muzzleloader season with a muzzleloader. Hunters must stay in the unit to which the license is assigned. In addition, landowners in nine hunting units – 2K2, 3A2, 3D1, 3E1, 3F1, 3F2, 4A, 4D and 4E – are still looking for doe hunters.

Interested hunters can apply for a remaining doe license, or get their name on the hunter contact list for landowners, by accessing the Game and Fish Department's website at [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov). Hunters who do not have Internet access can call the department's main office in Bismarck at (701) 328-6300.

North Dakota's 2009 deer gun season runs from Nov. 6-22. The archery season extends through Jan. 3, 2010, and muzzleloader season is Nov. 27 – Dec. 13. License fees are \$20 for residents and \$55 for nonresidents.

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

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department reminds hunters that hunting big game over bait on state wildlife management areas is prohibited.

In addition, hunting over bait is also not allowed on 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.

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.

Baits include but are not limited to grains, minerals, salts, fruits, vegetables, hay or any other natural or manufactured foods. It does not apply to the use of scents and lures, water, food plots, standing crops or livestock feeds being used in standard practices.

### **Lakes Closed to Fishing**

Anglers are reminded that three North Dakota lakes will close to fishing for several months beginning in November.

As in past years, McDowell Dam in Burleigh County and Lightning Lake in McLean County are closed to fishing from Nov. 1 through March 31.

In addition, the State Fair (Pathways) Pond in Ward County is also closed to anglers this winter during the same time.