

NDG&F March 7th Newsletter

Spring Turkey Drawing Held, Licenses Remain

The 2011 spring wild turkey lottery has been held and more than 750 licenses remain in 10 units. Only those hunters who do not have a license for the 2011 spring season are eligible to apply.

Licenses remain in unit 06, Bowman County; unit 13, Dunn County; unit 17, portions of Billings and Golden Valley counties north of Interstate 94; unit 19, Grant and Sioux counties and 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, or call (701) 328-6300 to request an application. Licenses are issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

Only North Dakota residents are eligible to apply.

2010 Bighorn Sheep, Moose and Elk Harvests

Harvest statistics released by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department show overall hunter success during the 2010 season for bighorn sheep was 100 percent, 85 percent for moose and 40 percent for elk.

Three bighorn sheep units were open in 2010. Game and Fish issued one license in units B1 and B3, and three licenses in unit B4. One additional auction license holder was able to hunt any open area. All six hunters tagged adult rams.

The department issued 172 moose licenses last year. Of that total, 146 hunters were successful, harvesting 94 bulls and 52 cows/calves. Harvest for each unit follows:

2010 Moose Harvest by Unit				
Unit	Issued	Bulls	Cow/Calf	Success Rate
M4	7	3	2	88
M5	5	2	2	80
M6	15	10	4	93
M8	25	11	8	80
M9	30	16	11	90
M10	70	38	23	88

M11	20	14	2	89
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The department issued 577 elk licenses last year. Of that total, 230 hunters were successful, harvesting 122 bulls and 108 cows/calves. Harvest for each unit follows:

2010 Elk Harvest by Unit

Unit	Issued	Bulls	Cow/Calf	Success Rate
E1	70	10	19	42
E2	90	28	28	66
E3	290	63	40	46
E4	127	21	21	45