

NDG&F April 25th Newsletter

Game and Fish Pays \$464,000 in Property Taxes

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department recently paid \$464,835 in taxes to counties in which the department owns or leases land. The 2009 in-lieu-of-tax payments are the same as property taxes paid by private landowners.

The Game and Fish Department manages more than 200,000 acres for wildlife habitat and public hunting in 50 counties. The department does not own or manage any land in Traill or Renville counties.

Following is a list of counties and the tax payments they received: Adams, 139.64; Grant, 764.64; Ramsey, 5,001.46; Barnes, 4,229.51; Griggs, 349.42; Ransom, 1,187.95; Benson, 2,988.86; Hettinger, 2,905.76; Richland, 14,978.23; Bottineau, 4,097.00; Kidder, 9,409.40; Rolette, 18,157.86; Bowman, 1,600.18; LaMoure, 6,599.68; Sargent, 12,502.92; Burke, 653.92; Logan, 1,301.07; Sheridan, 57,913.67; Burleigh, 28,957.08; McHenry, 1,696.30; Sioux, 386.82; Cass, 6,043.79; McIntosh, 6,719.68; Slope, 1,464.38; Cavalier, 21,068.47; McKenzie, 28,781.27; Stark, 240.35; Dickey, 14,943.42; McLean, 47,074.20; Steele, 7,993.98; Divide, 1,416.12; Mercer, 11,928.34; Stutsman, 6,739.95; Dunn, 6,816.70; Morton, 15,973.78; Towner, 2,034.08; Eddy, 3,329.43; Mountrail, 9,815.21; Walsh, 8,792.74; Emmons, 3,036.10; Nelson, 4,505.42; Ward, 72.08; Foster, 2,757.88; Oliver, 2,325.06; Wells, 39,239.50; Golden Valley, 181.85; Pembina, 14,717.35; Williams, 6,888.19; Grand Forks, 12,203.30; Pierce, 1,911.82

First Fish Certificate Captures Moment

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is reminding parents to capture their little angler's first catch on a specially designed First Fish certificate.

First Fish has no qualifying weights or measurements. The only requirement is the successful landing of a North Dakota fish.

Certificates are available to all who request them, and have ample room for all the important information, such as name, age, lake and a short fish story, plus a blank space for a photograph big enough to contain the smile of the happiest little angler.

Free certificates are available by contacting the Game and Fish Department at (701) 328-6300, or send an email to <mailto:ndgf@nd.gov>.

Habitats Workshop for Teachers Scheduled in Valley City, Bismarck

Teachers, environmental educators and anyone else who works with youth are invited to attend wildlife conservation and resource management workshops in Valley City or Bismarck this summer.

“A Visual Arts Approach to Teaching Life Science” is scheduled June 7-8 at the Valley City Area Teacher Center on the campus of Valley City State University, and June 29-30 at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department’s main office in Bismarck.

The workshop is fast-paced and offers a hands-on approach educators can use in their classrooms, and in discussing classroom and curriculum integration. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to experiment with different visual arts including clay, water media, pastel and colored pencil. No previous art experience is necessary or required, and all supplies are provided. Field trips will demonstrate the use of natural areas as classrooms.

Workshop instructors are Sherry Niesar, a nationally recognized Project WILD educator and curriculum specialist with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, and Paul Noot, a professional artist and visual arts teacher at Bismarck High School.

A \$20 registration fee is required for the Valley City workshop. To register, contact Sandy Zahn at (701) 845-7282, or email sandy.zahn@sendit.nodak.edu.

The Bismarck workshop has a registration fee of \$30. To register, contact the Bismarck Art and Galleries Association at (701) 223-5986, or email sherry.baga@midconetwork.com.

Graduate credit is available through the University of North Dakota. For more information about the workshops contact Niesar at (701) 527-3714, or email sniesar@nd.gov.