

NDG&F May 3rd Newsletter

Creel Survey Being Conducted on Red River

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has contracted with a private consulting firm to conduct a creel survey on the Red River. A similar creel was last conducted in 2001 by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Clerks will conduct angler interviews at various sites throughout spring, summer and fall. Anglers are asked to cooperate and answer questions thoroughly, as interviews take only a few minutes.

Information obtained is extremely important and kept confidential.

Creel survey information is useful in assessing angler demographics, harvest and catch rates, catch-and-release information, and angling effort.

The information collected during this survey will be used to help manage recreational fishing opportunities on the Red River.

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 e-mail to ndgf@nd.gov.

Nonresident Any-Deer Bow Licenses All Issued for 2010

North Dakota's nonresident any-deer archery licenses, good for either whitetail or mule deer, have all been issued for the 2010 bow season.

A total of 1,305 any-deer bow licenses were available for nonresidents. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department began issuing them March 1.

The number of nonresident any-deer bow licenses available is 15 percent of the previous year's mule deer gun license allocation. The department issued 8,700 mule deer licenses in the 2009 deer gun lottery.