

NDG&F October 18th Newsletter

Game Wardens Conduct Compliance Checkpoints

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department's law enforcement division conducts game and fish check stations in an effort to ensure hunter and angler compliance with state laws and regulations.

Robert Timian, enforcement chief, said a few have already been conducted, and others will continue throughout the fall. "We will be manning checkpoints during deer season, and through waterfowl and pheasant season," he said.

Hunters should double-check the regulations to make sure they are doing everything legal, especially proper identification and procedures for transporting game, and knowing the daily and possession limits.

"Check stations are an efficient way to detect violations and to gauge compliance," Timian said. "In general, the comments we receive are positive, and the vast majority are supportive of these activities."

Landowners in Six Units Need Doe Hunters

There are still some landowners looking for doe hunters in hunting units 2I, 3D1, 3E1, 3F1, 4A and 4E.

North Dakota Game and Fish Department big game biologist Bill Jensen said interested hunters can get their name on a list of possible participants by accessing the Game and Fish Department's website at gf.nd.gov. Hunters who do not have Internet access can call the department's main office in Bismarck at (701) 328-6300.

"These landowners need help reducing the deer numbers on their property," Jensen said. "Archery, rifle and muzzleloader hunters are encouraged to sign up."

Hunters must fill out the [hunter contact form](#), and if selected, will be sent the landowner's name, phone number and any information relating to the landowner's specific situation.

North Dakota's 2010 regular deer gun season runs from Nov. 5-21, while the muzzleloader season is Nov. 26 through Dec. 12. In addition, the archery season extends through Jan. 2, 2011.

Agencies Prohibit Hunting over Bait

Hunters are reminded that hunting big game over bait is prohibited on all state owned or managed wildlife management areas, 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.

In addition, the governor's proclamation relating to chronic wasting disease includes a provision that prohibits hunting big game over bait on both public and private land in deer unit 3F2, where a deer carrying CWD was harvested last fall.

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.

Three Lakes Closed to Fishing

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

The State Fair Pond in Ward County, McDowell Dam in Burleigh County and Lightning Lake in McLean County are closed to fishing from Nov. 1 through March 31.

Anglers should refer to the [2010-12 North Dakota Fishing Guide](#) for open water and winter fishing regulations.