

## **NDG&F November 8th Newsletter**

### **Some Refuges Open to Late-Season Upland Game**

North Dakota hunters are reminded that several national wildlife refuges open to late-season upland game bird hunting the day after the deer gun season closes.

Arrowwood, Audubon, Des Lacs, J. Clark Salyer, Lake Alice, Lake Zahl, Long Lake, Lostwood, Tewaukon (pheasants only), and Upper Souris NWRs open Nov. 22.

However, portions of each refuge are closed to hunting. Hunters should contact refuge headquarters for map leaflets designating closed areas and other restrictions: Arrowwood (701) 285-3341; Audubon (701) 442-5474; Des Lacs (701) 385-4046; J. Clark Salyer (701) 768-2548; Lake Alice (701) 662-8611; Lake Zahl (701) 965-6488; Long Lake (701) 387-4397; Lostwood (701) 848-2722; Tewaukon (701) 724-3598; and Upper Souris (701) 468-5467.

National wildlife refuges are managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Hunters are reminded that use of nontoxic shot is required on all USFWS lands. State regulations found in the North Dakota 2010-11 Small Game Guide apply. Seasons for pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge and ruffed grouse close statewide on Jan. 2, 2011.

### **Whale Workshop Scheduled in Valley City**

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department and the Valley City Area Teacher Center will host a whale workshop for educators and anyone else who works with youth.

The workshop, scheduled Nov. 22 from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Jefferson Elementary School in Valley City, will focus on how to use the inflatable life-sized whale in a learning environment. Curriculum materials that accompany the whale are suitable for grades K-6, and include mathematics, language arts, social studies and life science.

In addition to the whale, other Game and Fish Department learning trunks will be reviewed, including wildlife and water quality trunks.

Workshop instructor Sherry Niesar has a master's degree in wildlife science and teaches many educator workshops in the region.

To register for the workshop, contact the Valley City Area Teacher Center at (701) 830-9837, or e-mail [sandy.zahn@sendit.nodak.edu](mailto:sandy.zahn@sendit.nodak.edu). A \$5 registration fee for materials and refreshments is required.

More information can be obtained by contacting Niesar at (701) 527-3714, or e-mail [sniesar@nd.gov](mailto:sniesar@nd.gov).

### **Fishing Tournaments Require 30-Day Notice**

Organizers planning fishing tournaments, including ice fishing contests this winter, are reminded to submit an application to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department at least 30 days prior to the start of the event.

The 30-day advance notice allows for review by agency staff to ensure no negative impacts will result from the proposed tournament, and there are no conflicts with other proposed tournaments for the same location and/or time.

Tournaments may not occur without first obtaining a valid permit from the department.

In addition, the number of open-water tournaments on lakes Sakakawea and Oahe, the Missouri River and Devils Lake are capped each year, depending upon the time of the year and location. Tournament sponsors for these water bodies must submit their application to the department prior to Jan. 1 to ensure full consideration.