

NDG&F November 23rd Newsletter

Register to Darkhouse Spearfish

All individuals who participate in darkhouse spearfishing this winter [must register](#) with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department prior to participating. Registration is available at the department's website, gf.nd.gov, or through any Game and Fish Department office.

North Dakota's darkhouse spearfishing season opens on most state waters Dec. 1. The season extends through March 15. Legal fish are northern pike and nongame species.

Darkhouse spearing is allowed for all residents with a valid fishing license and for residents under age 16. Nonresidents may darkhouse spearfish in North Dakota if they are from states that offer the same privilege for North Dakota residents.

Last year, a record 3,339 participants registered to darkhouse spearfish, an increase of more than 1,000 from 2013.

All waters open to hook and line fishing are open to darkhouse spearing except:

- Braun Lake – Logan County
- East Park Lake, West Park Lake, Lake Audubon – McLean County
- Heckers Lake – Sheridan County
- McClusky Canal
- New Johns Lake – Burleigh County
- Red Willow Lake – Griggs County
- Sweet Briar Dam – Morton County

Anglers should refer to the [2014-16 North Dakota Fishing Guide](#) for more information.

Mountain Lion Zone 1 Late Season Opens

Mountain lion hunting during the early season in Zone 1 closed Nov. 22 with six of 14 cats taken. The late season in Zone 1, with a quota of seven, runs Nov. 23 through March 31, 2016, or until the quota is filled.

In addition to other legal methods, the late season allows mountain lions to be pursued with dogs. The late season quota in Zone 1 filled early last year, so hunters are advised to [check for updates](#) by visiting the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov.

Zone 1 includes land south of ND Highway 1804 from the Montana border to the point where ND Highway 1804 lies directly across Lake Sakakawea from ND Highway 8, crossing Lake Sakakawea then south along ND Highway 8 to ND Highway 200, then west on ND Highway 200 to U.S. Highway 85, then south on U.S. Highway 85 to the South Dakota border.

The mountain lion season in Zone 2, which is the rest of the state outside Zone 1, has no quota and is open through March 31, 2016.

The mountain lion season is open only to North Dakota residents. A furbearer or combination license is required.