

## **NDG&F November 21st Newsletter**

### **Darkhouse Spearfishing Opens Dec. 1**

North Dakota's darkhouse spearfishing season opens on most state waters Dec. 1, with the exception of Spiritwood Lake which opens Jan. 1. Legal fish are northern pike and nongame species.

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

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

Lakes open to darkhouse spearing are:

Barnes County – Eckelson Lake Complex

Benson County – Devils Lake, Silver Lake

Bowman County – Gascoyne Lake, Kalina Dam, Spring Lake

Burke County – Powers Lake

Emmons County – Rice Lake

Foster County – Juanita Lake

Grant County – Heart Butte Reservoir (Lake Tschida)

Griggs County – Sibley Lake

Hettinger County – Blickensderfer Dam

Kidder County – Alkaline Lake, Cherry Lake, Etta/Alkaline Complex, Fresh Lake, Lake Helen, Horsehead Lake, Lake Josephine, Lake Williams, Round Lake

LaMoure County – Diamond Lake, Flood Lake

Logan County – Beaver Lake, West Napoleon Lake

McHenry County – Buffalo Lodge Lake

McIntosh County – Clear Lake, Coldwater Lake, Dry/Goose Lake

McLean County – Crooked Lake, Long Lake

Mountrail County – Stanley Reservoir

Nelson County – Lake Laretta, Stump Lake

Ramsey County – All waters open to public fishing

Renville County – Lake Darling

Richland County – Grass Lake

Rolette County – Carpenter Lake, Gravel Lake, Island Lake, School Section Lake

Sargent County – Buffalo Lake

Steele County – North Tobiason Lake

Sheridan County – Coal Mine Lake

Stutsman County – Mallard Marsh, Spiritwood Lake, Sunday Lake

Ward County – Carlson Lakes

Williams County – Cottonwood Lake, Tioga Reservoir

Lake Oahe – South Dakota border to MacLean Bottoms boat ramp and all tributaries upstream to the first vehicular crossing

Lake Sakakawea – Garrison Dam to U.S. Highway 85 bridge at Williston and all tributaries upstream to the first vehicular crossing.

### **Tentative 2012 Season Opening Dates**

To help North Dakota hunters make vacation plans and lodging reservations for hunting seasons in 2012, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department annually provides tentative opening dates for the coming year.

Some popular hunting seasons will have opening day arrive nearly a week later in 2012 due to the calendar change. For example, opening day of pheasant season is always the second Saturday in October, which in 2012 is Oct. 13. Therefore, nonresidents will not be able to hunt on state wildlife management areas or Private Land Open To Sportsmen acres from Oct. 13-20.

The opening day for deer, which falls on the Friday prior to Veterans Day, is tentatively set for Nov. 9, the second Friday of November. Veterans Day in 2012 is Sunday, Nov. 11.

Dates become official when approved by governor's proclamation. Tentative opening dates for 2012 include:

#### **2012 Tentative Season Opening Dates**

<b>Season</b>	<b>Tentative Opening Date</b>
<b>Spring Crow</b>	March 10
<b>Spring Turkey</b>	April 14
<b>Fall Crow</b>	August 11
<b>Deer Bow, Mountain Lion</b>	August 31
<b>Dove</b>	September 1
<b>Sharptail, Hun, Ruffed Grouse, Squirrel</b>	September 8
<b>Youth Deer</b>	September 14
<b>Youth Waterfowl, Sandhill Crane</b>	September 15

<b>Early Resident Waterfowl</b>	September 22
<b>Regular Waterfowl</b>	September 29
<b>Youth Pheasant</b>	October 6
<b>Pheasant, Fall Turkey</b>	October 13
<b>Mink, Muskrat, Weasel Trapping</b>	October 27
<b>Deer Gun</b>	November 9
<b>Deer Muzzleloader</b>	November 30