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Terry Steinwand
Director

The arrival of the March-April issue of *North Dakota OUTDOORS* in your mailbox or online is good news because that means winter is behind us.

Well, let me back up a bit.

Understanding that we are at the mercy of Mother Nature in all things weather here on the Northern Plains, we hope – knock on wood – that winter is simply a memory as we slide into spring.

Warmer weather means open water fishing across the state, something this issue of NDO focuses on. In this issue, readers will find, among other things, reports from Game and Fish Department fisheries managers about fish populations in 400-plus waters, fish stocking information from around the state and noteworthy adjustments to North Dakota's 2020-22 fishing proclamation.

That last item I just mentioned includes a change in the proclamation concerning new fish fillet packing rules, which is found on page 5. While we never like to add regulations and aim to keep those that we do implement simple, the feedback we've received from anglers about over limits and the difficulty our game wardens have had in determining how many fish are packaged when frozen in a "ball," a change was necessary. In order to fairly distribute the fishing resources, we felt it was prudent to enact a change in the packing regulations.

While I've often praised in this space North Dakota's rich and celebrated hunting heritage, I strongly agree the same can be said for fishing in the state. People, no matter their age, are passionate about the fishing opportunities – from urban waters located close to communities,

to the more celebrated fisheries like Sakakawea and Devils Lake – found from border to border. Places to fish in North Dakota are many and the opportunities to bend uncountable fishing rod tips are outstanding.

Knowing this, understanding how good the fishing opportunities are when water is plentiful across the landscape, and has been for some time, we need to focus on safeguarding these natural resources today and for years to come.

That's why it's imperative anglers and other water recreationists strictly adhere to the guidelines and laws that aid in the forever battle against the introduction and spread of aquatic nuisance species.

In the February 2020 issue of this magazine, it was reported in an enforcement division review article that there were 153 ANS violations in 2019. That feels like a lot and certainly is when you consider it takes only one incident for anglers and other water enthusiasts to ignore regulations in place to stop the introduction and spread of invasive species.

For many years now, the Game and Fish Department has been diligent in its education effort on aquatic nuisance species and the precautions necessary to protect our natural resources. This effort, certainly, will continue.

To learn more about aquatic nuisance species, ANS regulations and boat cleaning recommendations, I encourage you to visit the Game and Fish Department's website at gf.nd.gov.

I also urge all of you, as we ease into spring, to wet a line, go for a hike, get outside and enjoy North Dakota's great outdoors.

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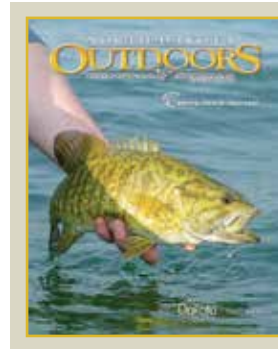
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Smallmouth bass are thriving in some popular North Dakota waters, and because of that, Game and Fish has increased the daily limit from three to five in the Missouri River and lakes Sakakawea, Oahe, Audubon, Darling, Ashtabula and Heart Butte.

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NORTH DAKOTA

quality of life

By Greg Power



**Mariah Mattson,
Bismarck, admires a
walleye she caught on
Lake Sakakawea.**

BRIAN SCHAFER

While “quality of life” lacks a clear definition, most people have their own interpretation of what it means.

Recently, I read that even with all the negativity in today’s highly volatile political climate, our nation still rates No. 4 in the world in the Better Life Index. And for those of us who have chosen to live on the prairies of North Dakota, we know we have a lot of advantages over the rest of the country.

For example, a relatively recent national survey revealed that North Dakotans were No. 15 in the Happy and Healthy State index. And in yet other individual surveys, North Dakota came in at No. 4 as the happiest state, No. 4 in the Quality of Life index, and No. 4 for the proportional number of residents involved in outdoor recreation.

Regardless of what measurement is used, North Dakotans tend to be happy and outdoorsy. For all those people who were raised in North Dakota and remain, we are here for a reason.

I’ve long been blessed to be surrounded by wonderful family and good friends. In addition, I’m one of only a couple dozen people in the state who are fortunate to wear two hats – one as a fisheries biologist working in North Dakota and the other as an avid North Dakota angler.

The following is simply my perspective as to why working and playing in North Dakota leads to a higher quality of life.

Let’s start with work. Like virtually all Americans, my day starts with a morning commute. Unlike most Americans, my morning commute is short, typically less than 8 minutes. This is shorter than the 15.8 minutes it takes the average North Dakotan to get to work and far shorter than the 25.5 minutes it takes the typical U.S. worker. This is relevant because I believe I start off the day in a far better state of mind versus those elsewhere who have waited in traffic.

Not only is my commute short, once I get to work, I have other amenities beyond a computer, desk and chair. For

one, the view out my office window is on occasion more than asphalt. I have observed a turkey, pheasants and even watched a hen mallard and a hawk nest. Further, few, if any, of the nation’s fisheries chiefs can look out their windows at their respective headquarters and watch cattle grazing on native prairie, yet I can.

Also, while taking my daily walks on Game and Fish Department grounds, I’ve observed deer, coyotes and many bird species. And if I’m lucky, I get to see the best of it all ... a young child with a smile bigger than the fish they just caught from our OWLS pond. Few of the nation’s fisheries chiefs have the quality of life daily experiences while working at their respective headquarters.

Other than the occasional peek out my office window, my daily work routine is usually anything but routine. Given the magnitude of differing fishing waters across North Dakota, coupled with the dynamic nature of managing our state’s fisheries, both the everyday challenges and rewards are many. And teaming with staff and the fishing public to address these challenges has resulted in a long list of successes.

Perhaps most important to successfully managing these fisheries is to have a strong starting point. Since I lived/ worked through the drought conditions of the late 1980s and early 1990s, I’ve witnessed the dramatic changes in North Dakota’s land and waterscape beginning in 1993.

Up until a few years ago, it seemed like every year we were setting records on the number of fishing lakes (many of them very good lakes), angler participation and license sales. During the past 20-plus years, we have lived through a time when moisture has been excessive, resulting in more than 400 fishable water bodies.

When you think about it, even with the recent spurt in North Dakota’s population, we still have more acres of fishable waters than we have citizens of the state.

Fortunately, we live in a state where landowners are friendly to fishing. Public access agreements with these landowners have allowed us to fully develop the potential of many fishing lakes. We have numerous landowners across the state who provide up to a couple acres of land at no charge so that boat ramps and



Fishing at the OWLS Pond near Game and Fish Department headquarters in Bismarck.

ASHLEY SALWEY



MIKE ANDERSON

Justen Barstad (left), Game and Fish Department fisheries technician and Kelly Zorn, Department seasonal employee, with some nice yellow perch from Alkaline Lake.

other conveniences can be developed.

North Dakota is also home to a large “walleye fish factory.” This factory is often referred to as Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery, and given the unique and highly efficient partnership between the state and federal government, North Dakota waters regularly receive more than 10 million walleye fingerlings (by far the most in North America) produced at the fish factory.

And, of course, we have a strong constituency that likes to fish. Whether rural or urban, more than 1 in 4 North Dakotans purchase a fishing license annually, which always places the state in the top 10 in terms of angler participation.

Lastly, resident (and nonresident) anglers are truly fortunate to have the nation’s best fisheries staff working for them.

I’ve visited most of the 400 lakes across the state, traveled hundreds of thousands of miles on North Dakota’s graveled backroads, and even tagged along over the years with our fisheries crews, touching on every one of the 2,000-plus miles of Missouri River System shoreline. I’ve witnessed firsthand

what the fisheries staff gets done in a day – and it’s truly world-class. Collectively, they’ve done a fantastic job of providing fish in our waters and connecting those fish with anglers

When it comes to recreating, fishing is a big component in North Dakota’s outdoor wonderland. In the course of a fishing year, I not only fish for, but routinely catch what I’m seeking – generally walleye, yellow perch and northern pike. And I know quality opportunities abound for other species, including smallmouth bass, crappie, bluegill and trout. I typically fish about a dozen different waters in a year, and I can almost always find solitude while catching fish if that’s what I’m after.

I appreciate the fact that I can fish in most every water in the state no matter the season. And the cost of my fishing license that provides this privilege is less than \$20.

While it’s easy to get addicted to today’s electronics and the need to be continually connected, it often feels like we’re more disconnected with our neighbors than ever before. Fishing, on the other hand, remains a viable alternative in truly bringing people

together. Fishing North Dakota waters with friends and family will hopefully continue to strengthen bonds and we won’t let outside distractions get in the way.

Many quality of life (or similar) indices have been developed using varying statistics, but one constant included in most is some measurement of the natural environment we inhabit. In my case, access to fishing opportunities is central to my quality of life and I’m forever thankful for what North Dakota has to offer.

If you are new to fishing, give it a try. If you once fished, come back, and see what it now has to

offer. And if you consider yourself an active angler, take along someone new to fishing. In the end, you could be the reason for improving someone’s quality of life.

GREG POWER is the Game and Fish Department’s fisheries chief.



Greg Power, Department fisheries chief.



ANS Fee for Motorboats

In 2019, state lawmakers created an aquatic nuisance species fund in the state treasury to assist in ongoing ANS outreach and monitoring efforts around the state.

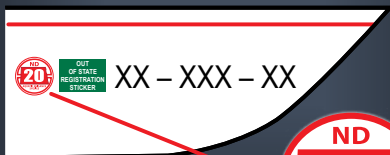
This new state law, effective January 1, 2020, establishes an ANS fee of \$15 for each motorized watercraft registered in North Dakota to run concurrent with the three-year watercraft registration period.

For motorized watercraft operated on North Dakota waters and not licensed in North Dakota, the law also established an ANS fee of \$15 to be paid for each calendar year, and requires display of an ANS sticker on the watercraft.

North Dakota watercraft owners are reminded that 2020 is the first year of the new three-year registration period. Watercraft registrations must be renewed online by visiting My Account at the Game and Fish Department's website, gf.nd.gov. A credit card is required.

The price to register motorboats in North Dakota under 16 feet in length, and all canoes, is \$18; motorboats from 16 feet to less than 20 feet in length is \$36; and motorboats at least 20 feet in length is \$45. Fees are prorated.

Sticker for boats not registered in North Dakota.



Place on boat here.



2020-22 Fishing Regulations

The 2020-22 North Dakota Fishing Guide has a new look. The 52-page document offers the same information, but in a much more user-friendly format. Anglers can find the guide online at the state Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov, or at Game and Fish Department offices and license vendors throughout the state.

Noteworthy regulation changes include:

- Fish may be filleted for transport, unless size limits apply, under the following conditions: Each individual portion of the meat removed from a fish is considered a fillet (fish cheeks and pectoral girdles (wings) are not considered as fillets and are legal to transport); two fillets are counted as one fish; and the packaging of fish must be done in a manner so that the fillets can be readily separated and counted. If fillets are frozen, they must be packaged so that the fillets are separated and thus can be easily counted without thawing.
- Lake Ashtabula and Whitman Dam are added to the list of waters where darkhouse spearfishing is not allowed.
- The smallmouth bass daily limit increased from three to five in the Missouri River and lakes Sakakawea, Oahe, Audubon, Darling, Ashtabula and Heart Butte.
- Area and time for paddlefish extended snag-and-release days is expanded.



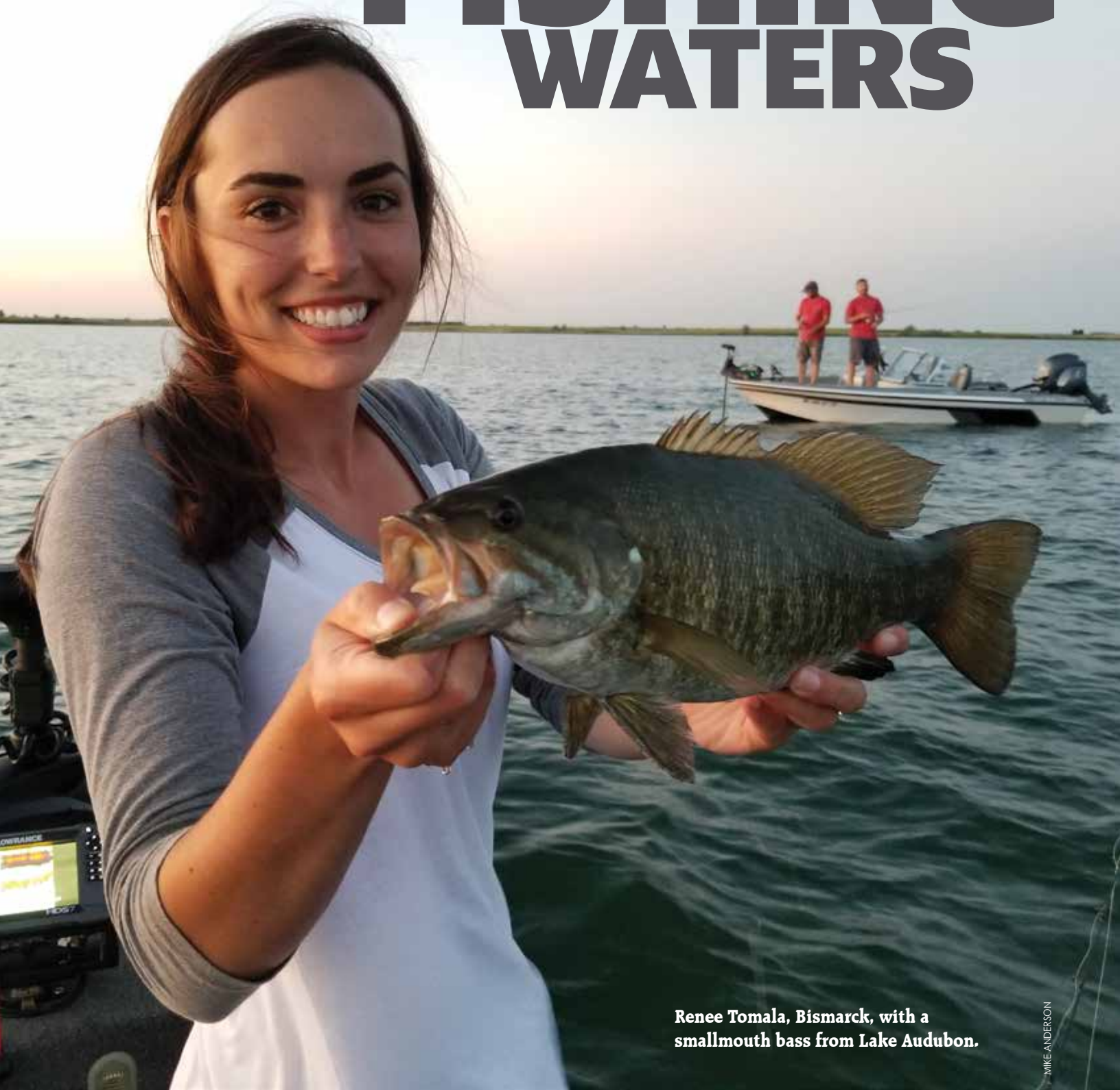
The packaging and transport of fish fillets apply to all species. To the right is just one example of legally packaged walleye fillets. The two fillets equal one fish. The cheeks and pectoral fins or wings can be transported with the fillets. You can include more than one fish (two fillets) in a package, but they must be readily separated so they can be quickly counted.



Multiple fillets like this (to the left), packaged together and frozen, would be illegal for transport, as they are not easily separated and counted.

2020 NORTH DAKOTA

FISHING WATERS



**Renee Tomala, Bismarck, with a
smallmouth bass from Lake Audubon.**

MIKE ANDERSON

North Dakota has more than 400 fishing waters that have public access and some degree of management by state Game and Fish Department biologists.

What follows are driving directions and infrastructure information for these managed waters, plus additional fish population remarks for many of them.

The number in parenthesis that follows each fishery is simply a code used by biologists to help identify those waters. The codes are also found on the accompanying maps to help readers locate specific waters.

The fishery outlooks provided by Game and Fish Department district fisheries supervisors and biologists are not all-inclusive reports, but rather peeks into each water's fish populations to help frame angler expectations. With 400-plus lakes scattered across North Dakota, fisheries biologists have yet to conduct thorough population assessments on many of these waters.

Any changes and updates on managed lakes appear on the Game and Fish Department's website at gf.nd.gov.

Most state public fishing waters have boat ramps. Lakes or rivers where no ramp exists are listed as "no ramp." Check signs at each area for further restrictions.

NORTHWEST FISHERIES DISTRICT

Aaron Slominski, district fisheries biologist, Williston

BURKE COUNTY

Northgate Dam (097) – 6 miles north, 1 mile west, 2 miles north, .5 miles west of Bowbells. Good walleye, bluegill and crappie populations. Stocked with rainbow trout annually, with some nice-sized carry-over trout. Decent largemouth bass population. (Fishing pier).

Powers Lake (093) – Southeast side of Powers Lake. Primarily a northern pike fishery, with fish of various sizes. Suffered a partial winterkill in 2019. (Fishing pier).

Short Creek Dam (094) – 5.5 miles north

of Columbus. Significant winterkill in 2019 reduced fish populations. Stocked with adult perch, adult bluegill and fingerling walleye in spring 2019. (Fishing pier).

Smishek Lake (095) – 4 miles northwest of Powers Lake. Decent numbers of walleye and northern pike, with some large fish of both species. Small yellow perch and bluegill abundant, with some large bluegill. White suckers fairly abundant and a management problem. (Fishing pier).

DIVIDE COUNTY

Baukol-Noonan Dam (475) – 2 miles east, .5 miles south of Noonan. Decent northern pike population. Walleye and largemouth bass present. Small yellow perch and bluegill abundant. (Fishing pier).

Baukol-Noonan East Mine Pond (508) – 2 miles east, .5 miles south of Noonan. Good number of largemouth bass. Small bluegill and small yellow perch abundant. Black bullheads present.

Magnuson's Slough (250) – 12 miles

north of Alamo on County Road 11. Decent number of smaller perch. (No ramp).

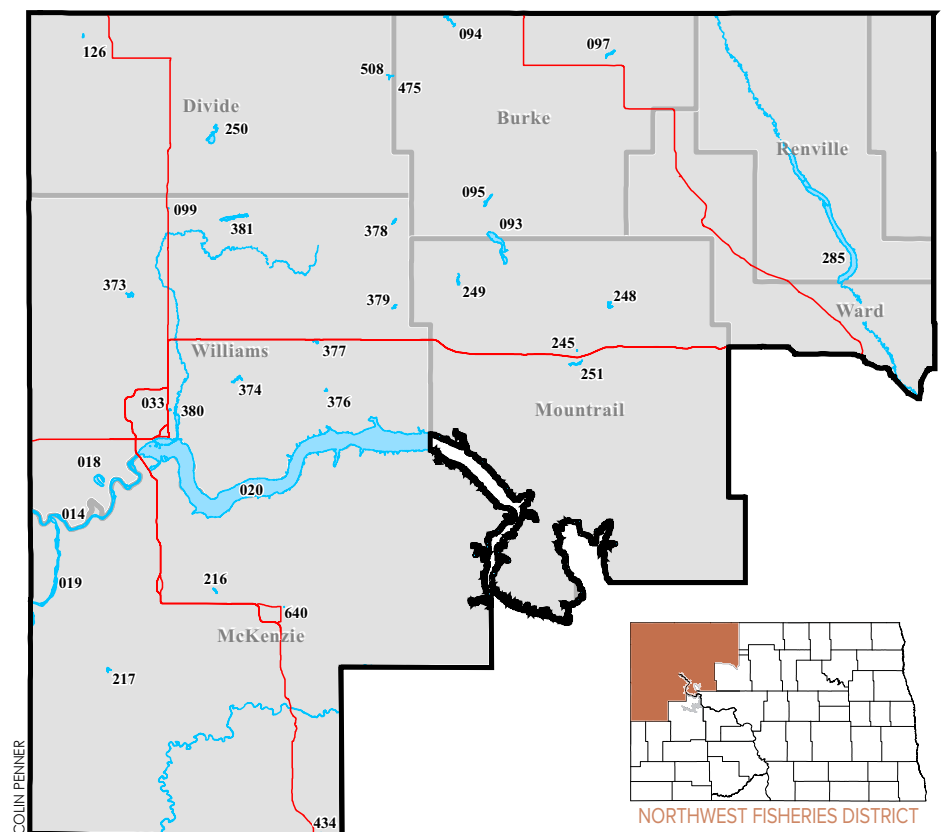
Skjermo Lake (126) – 3 miles west, 4 miles northwest of Fortuna. Good perch population, with some nice fish. Northern pike and bluegill in low numbers. (Fishing pier).

MCKENZIE COUNTY

Arnegard Dam (216) – .5 miles west, 2 miles north, 1.5 miles west of Arnegard. Good number of northern pike. Yellow perch present, but most are smaller. Abundant black bullhead population. Stocked with adult catfish in 2019. (Fishing pier).

Glovatsky Pond (434) – .5 miles east, .5 miles south, .5 miles east of the junction of U.S. Highway 85 and ND Highway 200. New pond. Bluegill stocked in 2019. Catchable-sized rainbow trout will be stocked annually, beginning in 2020. (No ramp).

Sather Dam (217) – 11 miles south, 8 miles west of Alexander. Total winterkill in





MIKE ANDERSON

Curly leaf pondweed, an aquatic nuisance species, is present in several North Dakota waters. Be sure to remove all vegetation from equipment prior to leaving a lake or river.

2019. Stocked with adult bluegill in spring 2019. (Fishing pier).

Watford City Park Pond (640) – Southeast side of Watford City. All fish lost to winterkill nearly every winter. Stocked annually in spring with adult channel catfish and catchable-sized rainbow trout. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

MOUNTRAIL COUNTY

Clearwater Lake (248) – 2 miles east, 3.8 miles north, .5 miles east, 3 miles north-northeast, .5 miles east of Stanley. Decent number of 13- to 17-inch walleye, small northern pike abundant, yellow perch in low numbers.

Stanley Pond (245) – Northeast side of Stanley. Significant winterkill most winters. Stocked annually in spring with adult channel catfish and catchable-sized rainbow trout. (Fishing pier).

Stanley Reservoir (251) – 1 mile south of Stanley. Total winterkill in 2019. Stocked with fingerling northern pike in spring 2019.

White Earth Dam (249) – 6 miles north, 8.5 miles east, 2 miles south of Tioga. Fair numbers of walleye and northern pike. Low numbers of yellow perch, black crappie and some large bluegill. White

suckers fairly abundant and a management problem. (Fishing pier).

RENVILLE COUNTY

Lake Darling (285) – 16 miles north, 13 miles west of Minot. Strong northern pike, walleye and yellow perch populations, and a few smallmouth bass. Black bullheads abundant and a serious management problem. (Fishing pier).

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Blacktail Dam (373) – 5 miles north, 5 miles west, 1 mile north of the junction of U.S. highways 2 and 85. Good numbers of walleye and northern pike, with some bigger fish. Small yellow perch and bluegill abundant, with some bigger bluegill in low numbers. Low number of smallmouth bass. White suckers are fairly abundant and remain a management concern. (Fishing pier).

Cottonwood Lake (381) – 1 mile east, .5 miles north of Alamo. Total winterkill in 2019. Stocked with adult perch and walleye fingerlings in spring 2019. (Fishing pier).

East Spring Lake Pond (380) – North side of Williston. Winterkills every year. Fishing opportunities reliant on annual

stocking of adult northern pike. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

Epping-Springbrook Dam (374) – 1.5 miles east of Springbrook. Fair northern pike and walleye populations. Small yellow perch abundant. Black bullheads and white suckers abundant and a serious management problem. (Fishing pier).

Kettle Lake (099) – 3 miles east, 2.5 miles north of Zahl. Stocked annually with rainbow trout. Largemouth bass and bluegill present. (Fishing pier).

Kota-Ray Dam (376) – 5 miles south, .5 miles east, 2 miles south of Ray. Good number of nice largemouth bass. Small yellow perch abundant. Walleye, bluegill and smallmouth bass present. Rainbow trout stocked annually. (Fishing pier).

Little Muddy River (393) – East edge of Williston. Highly dependent on high water levels and fish movement from upper Missouri River. Fair populations of northern pike and channel catfish, with many other species present. (Fishing pier).

McGregor Dam (378) – 1 mile south of McGregor. Total winterkill in 2019.

Stocked with catchable-sized rainbow trout, adult bluegill and adult crappie in spring 2019. (Fishing pier).

McLeod (Ray) Reservoir (377) – Southwest side of Ray. Northern pike abundant. Walleye, yellow perch and bluegill in low numbers. (Fishing pier).

Tioga Dam (379) – North side of Tioga. Northern pike abundant. Stocked with adult perch and adult bluegill in 2019. (Fishing pier).

Trenton Lake (018) – South side of Trenton. Good crappie population. Decent numbers of walleye, northern pike and catfish. Due to periodic interconnection with the Missouri River, many other species present. (Fishing pier).

West Spring Lake Pond (033) – North edge of Williston. Stocked annually with rainbow trout and adult catfish. Black bullheads abundant and a serious management problem. (No ramp).

RIVERS AND LAKES

Upper Missouri River (014) – Missouri River from Williston to Montana state

line. Primarily a spring and fall fishery for sauger and walleye. Abundant channel catfish. Many other species present.

Yellowstone River (019) – Near the towns of Buford, Cartwright and Fairview. Primarily a spring and fall fishery for sauger and walleye. Channel catfish abundant. Many other species present. (Fishing pier).

SOUTHWEST FISHERIES DISTRICT

Jeff Hendrickson, district fisheries supervisor, Dickinson

ADAMS COUNTY

Mirror Lake (040) – South side of Hettinger. Bullheads up to a half-pound abundant. Some northern pike up to 8 pounds. Good number of channel catfish up to 5 pounds. (Fishing pier).

North Lemmon (042) – 5 miles north of Lemmon, South Dakota. Rainbow trout

stocked annually. Some brown trout up to 2 pounds. Small yellow perch abundant. Fair number of bluegill, with some up to three-quarters of a pound. Fair number of largemouth bass, mostly 1-4 pounds. Good number of walleye, mostly 3-10 pounds. (Fishing pier).

BOWMAN COUNTY

Bowman-Haley Dam (085) – 11 miles south, 8 miles east, 2 miles south of Bowman. Some walleye up to 5 pounds, northern pike up to 16 pounds. Good number of white bass up to 1 pound and smallmouth bass up to 2 pounds. Some yellow perch and crappie up to a half-pound. Carp up to 15 pounds abundant, good for bowfishing. (Fishing pier).

Gascoyne Lake (086) – 1.5 miles northwest of Gascoyne. Northern pike stocked annually, with some fish up to 2 pounds. Some carp up to 4 pounds. Bullheads and green sunfish abundant at times.

Kalina Dam (087) – 2 miles west, 1

mile south, 1 mile west, 1 mile south of Bowman. Good number of pike up to 7 pounds. Some small bluegill, crappie and yellow perch. Make sure to access lake from south shore. (No ramp).

Lutz Dam (519) – 2.5 miles south, 2 miles west, .75 miles north of Griffin. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Abundant small bluegill, some yellow perch and black crappie. (No ramp).

Spring Lake (088) – 1 mile south, 4 miles west of Rhame. Good number of walleye up to 2 pounds, some perch up to three-quarters of a pound and small bluegill abundant.

DUNN COUNTY

BarZ Dam (664) – 8 miles north, 3 miles west, 2 miles north, 3 miles northwest of Killdeer. Adult bluegill stocked in 2017. (No ramp).

Lake Ilo (131) – 1 mile west, 1 mile south of Dunn Center. Pike up to 10 pounds abundant, some perch up to a half-pound. (Fishing pier).

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY

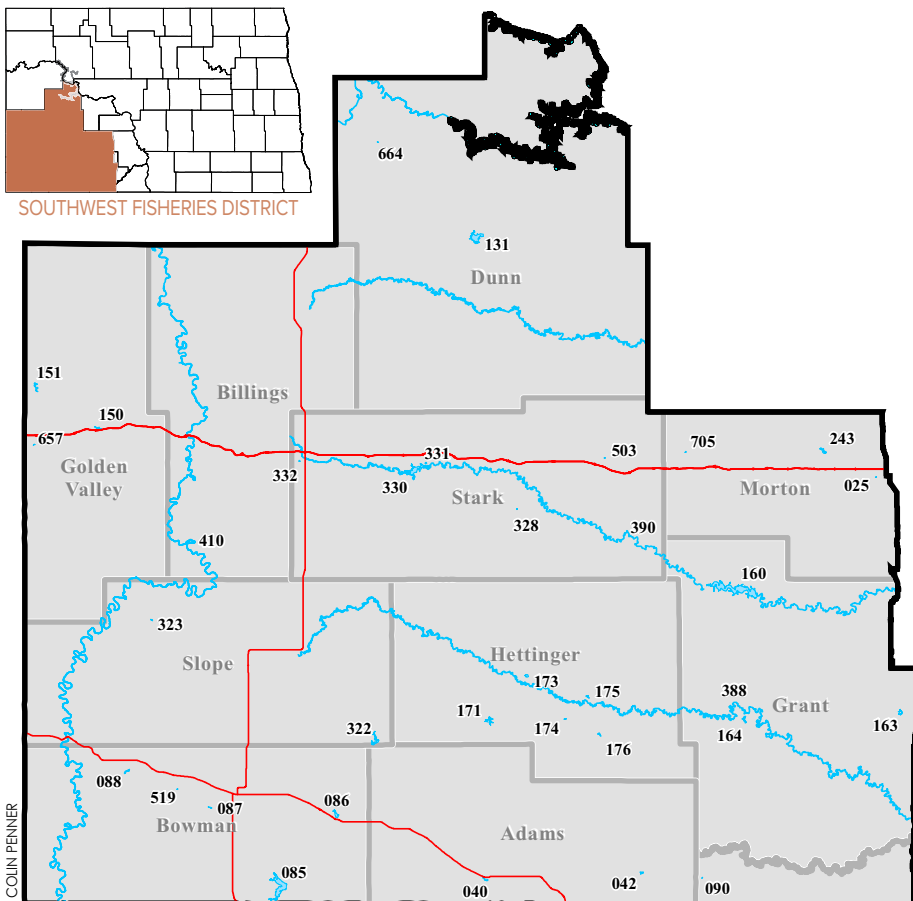
Beach City Pond (657) – Southwest side of Beach. Rainbow trout stocked annually. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

Camels Hump Lake (150) – Northeast of Sentinel Butte I-94 Exit 10. Rainbow trout stocked annually, with fish up to 2 pounds. Largemouth bass mostly 1 pound abundant, with some up to 6 pounds. Fair number of bluegill up to three-quarters of a pound. Some brown trout and smallmouth bass.

Odland Dam (151) – 7 miles north of Beach. Perch up to three-quarters of a pound abundant, some bluegill up to three-quarters of a pound and walleye up to 2 pounds. (Fishing pier).

GRANT COUNTY

Heart Butte Reservoir (160) – 15 miles south of Glen Ullin. Abundance of mostly small walleye, with some fish up to 6 pounds, catfish up to 10 pounds, pike up to 17 pounds, white bass up to 2 pounds, crappie up to 1 pound and smallmouth bass up to 3 pounds. Good number of



Fly fishing for northern pike in spring.



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perch up to 1 pound and some bluegill up to a half-pound. Abundant large buffalo up to 40 pounds and bullheads up to 1.5 pounds, some large carp up to 15 pounds. (Fishing pier).

Raleigh Reservoir (163) – 3.5 miles west, .25 miles south of Raleigh. Small bluegill abundant, with some up to a half-pound, good number of walleye up to 3 pounds and some small yellow perch. Adult largemouth bass stocked in 2019. (Fishing pier).

Sheep Creek Dam (164) – 4 miles south, .5 miles west of Elgin. Rainbow trout stocked annually, with some up to 2 pounds. Bluegill up to three-quarters of a pound abundant. Fair number of largemouth bass up to 4 pounds. Some mostly small walleye, crappie and brown trout. (Fishing pier).

HETTINGER COUNTY

Blickensderfer Dam (176) – 4 miles south, 1 mile east, .5 miles south of Mott.

Some small bluegill and yellow perch. Some northern pike up to 5 pounds. Stocked adult largemouth bass in 2017. (No ramp).

Castle Rock Dam (174) – 2 miles west, 1.5 miles south, 1.5 miles west of Mott. Rainbow trout stocked annually, with some up to 2 pounds.

Indian Creek Dam (171) – 1.5 miles west, 2 miles south, 2 miles west, 3 miles south of Regent. Good number of walleye up to 8 pounds, small perch abundant, with some up to a half-pound and a fair number of bluegill up to 1 pound. Some smallmouth bass up to 2 pounds and largemouth bass up to 1 pound. (Fishing pier).

Larson Lake (173) – .5 miles north and 2 miles east of Regent. Stocked adult yellow perch in spring 2019. Good number of yellow perch up to three-quarters of a pound.

Mott Watershed Dam (175) – North side of Mott. Total winterkill in 2019. Stocked

rainbow trout and adult bluegill up to a half-pound in spring 2019. (Fishing pier).

MORTON COUNTY

Danzig Dam (243) – 2 miles north, 1.4 miles west, .2 miles north of I-94 Exit 120. Good number of northern pike up to 10 pounds and walleye up to 4 pounds, some small perch and bluegill. Carp up to 2 pounds and bullheads up to a half-pound abundant.

Gaebe Pond (025) – 1.5 miles west of New Salem. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Adult catfish up to 5 pounds stocked most years. Some small perch and bluegill. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

Krieg's Pond (705) – .5 miles east of Hebron. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Adult perch stocked most years. Adult catfish stocked 2015-19. (No ramp).

SIOUX COUNTY

Larson Lake (090) – 4 miles north, 1 mile west of Thunderhawk, South Dakota. Possible total winterkill in 2019. (No ramp).

SLOPE COUNTY

Cedar Lake (322) – 8 miles south, 5 miles west of the junction of ND highways 21 and 22. Some pike up to 8 pounds, good number of walleye up to 2 pounds, some carp up to 3 pounds, bullheads up to 1 pound abundant.

Davis Dam (323) – 16 miles west, 4 miles north of Amidon. Rainbow trout stocked annually, with some fish up to 1.5 pounds. Good number of bluegill up to a half-pound and largemouth bass up to 3 pounds.

STARK COUNTY

Belfield Pond (332) – Southwest side of Belfield. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Total winterkill in 2019. Adult channel catfish up to 8 pounds and adult yellow perch up to a half-pound in 2019. (Fishing pier).

Dassinger Pond (328) – 8 miles south, 1 mile east, .8 miles north of Exit 72. Walk through the gate 500 yards northwest. Adult largemouth bass and bluegill stocked as needed. (No ramp).

Dickinson Dike (331) – Southwest side of Dickinson. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Total winterkill in 2019. Adult channel catfish up to 8 pounds, adult bluegill up to a half-pound and adult crappie up to a half-pound in 2019. (Fishing pier).

Dickinson Reservoir (330) – 2 miles west of Dickinson. Good number of walleye up to 4 pounds, good number of bluegill up to 1 pound, good number of pike up to 18 pounds, good number of yellow perch up to 1 pound, some crappie up to a half-pound and catfish up to 24 pounds. Abundant bullheads up to 1 pound. (Fishing pier).

Slater Pond (503) – From I-94 Exit 84, .75 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles north, .5 miles east. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Abundant small perch. (No ramp).

RIVERS AND LAKES

Cannonball River (388) – In Slope, Hettinger, Grant and Sioux counties. Carp abundant most of the time. Some walleye, northern pike and catfish during spring spawning. (No ramp).

Heart River (390) – In Stark, Grant and Morton counties. Carp and buffalo abundant most of the time. Some walleye, northern pike and catfish during spring spawning. (No ramp).

Little Missouri River (410) – Southwestern part of state. Catfish up to 10 pounds abundant. Some sauger and walleye during spring spawning. (No ramp).

Lake Metigoshe (077) – 9 miles north, 4 miles east, 1 mile north of Bottineau. Several sizes of bluegill, including some large fish, along with some nice crappie. Good number of walleye in a wide range of sizes. Good pike fishing, with some large fish. (Fishing pier).

Long Lake (078) – 8 miles north, 7 miles east, 1 mile south, 1 mile east, .5 miles south, .3 miles east of Bottineau. Decent pike and walleye populations. Lots of small perch and some nice bluegill.

Loon Lake (674) – 9 miles north, 4 miles east, 2 miles south, 2 miles east, .5 miles north of Bottineau. High number of mostly smaller perch. Good number of decent-sized walleye. (No ramp).

Pelican Lake (079) – 9 miles north, 8 miles east, .5 miles southwest of

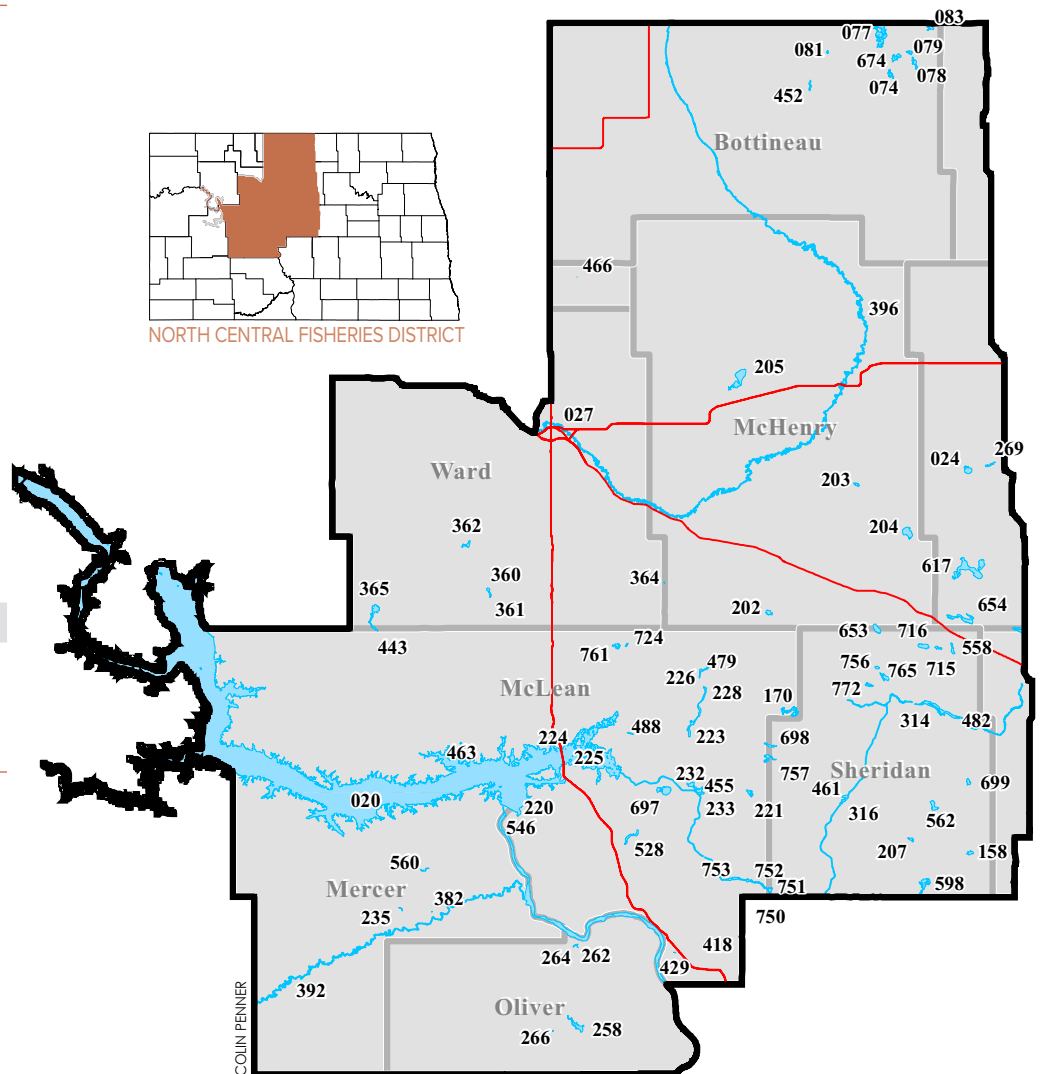
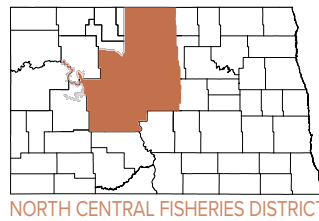
Bottineau. Decent number of northern pike.

Strawberry Lake (081) – 4 miles north, 2.5 miles east, .5 miles south of Carbury. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Some larger trout. (Fishing pier).

Thompson Lake (074) – 9 miles north, 4 miles east, 2 miles south, 1 mile east, 1 mile south of Bottineau. Mostly smaller yellow perch abundant. (No ramp).

BURLEIGH COUNTY

New Johns Lake (750) – 11.8 miles south, 3 miles east of Mercer. Decent walleye numbers, with some larger fish. Pike population increased in recent years. Good number and sizes of smallmouth bass. Periodically stocked with muskies. (Fishing pier).



NORTH CENTRAL FISHERIES DISTRICT

Jason Lee, district fisheries supervisor, Riverdale

BOTTINEAU COUNTY

Boundary Lake (083) – 9 miles north, 11 miles east, 2.5 miles north of Bottineau. Decent number of 6- to 8-inch perch. (No ramp).

Carbury Dam (452) – 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Carbury. Recent fish kills have led to low pike and perch numbers. (Fishing pier).

George Geiges, Arizona, with a McLean County walleye.



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pike. (Fishing pier).

Lake Audubon (225) – North of Cole-harbor. Good number of walleye and an excellent smallmouth bass fishery. Anglers should see good numbers of 14- to 20-inch walleye. Some large pike. (Fishing pier).

Lake Brekken (232) – 1.5 miles north of Turtle Lake. Good number of walleye, with some larger fish. Mostly smaller perch abundant. (Fishing pier).

Lake Gertie (724) – 1 mile south of Benedict. Good number of 22- to 29-inch northern pike. (No ramp).

Lake Holmes (455) – 1 mile northeast of Turtle Lake. Good number of walleye, with some larger fish. Small perch abundant.

Lightning Lake (233) – .5 miles east of Turtle Lake. A quality trout fishery, with some large fish. Stocked annually with rainbow trout. (Fishing pier).

Long Lake (228) – 13 miles north, 4 miles east, 2 miles north, 1.5 miles west of Turtle Lake. Good number of 19- to 32-inch northern pike.

Painted Woods Creek (418) – 5 miles southeast of Washburn. Fair number of northern pike. (No ramp).

Painted Woods Pond (429) – .6 miles south, .25 miles west of the junction of U.S. Highway 83 and ND Highway 1804. Stocked annually with rainbow trout. First stocked with bluegill in 2018. (No ramp).

Pelican Lake (757) – 7 miles north, 3 miles east, .4 miles north of Mercer. Good numbers of pike and smaller perch. (No ramp).

Riverdale City Pond (220) – North side of Riverdale. Popular pond for kids and family outings. Lots of small bluegill and bass. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

Schroeder East (170) – 14 miles north, 3.7 miles east of Mercer. Newer perch lake, with some decent-sized fish. (No ramp).

Scooby Lake (761) – .5 miles south, 1 mile west, .3 miles south of Benedict. Newer fishery, with a good number of 14- to 18-inch walleye. Some good-sized perch. (No ramp).

Strawberry Lake (226) – 17.5 miles

MCHENRY COUNTY

Buffalo Lodge Lake (205) – 2 miles east, 3 miles north, 2 miles east of Granville. Good numbers of northern pike and walleye. (Fishing pier).

Cottonwood Lake (202) – 2.5 miles north of Butte. Decent number of pike and a good number of 14- to 26-inch walleye. (Fishing pier).

George Lake (203) – 13 miles north, 1 mile east, 1.3 miles north, .5 miles east of the junction of U.S. Highway 52 and ND Highway 14. Good number of pike, with some large fish. (Fishing pier).

Round Lake (204) – 6 miles north, 3.7 miles east, 1 mile north of Drake. Good numbers of pike and walleye. (No ramp).

MCLEAN COUNTY

Brush Lake (221) – 3 miles north of Mercer. Good numbers of walleye and smaller perch. Good pike population, with some larger fish. (Fishing pier).

Camp Lake (479) – 17.5 miles north, 2

miles east of Turtle Lake. Decent number of pike and lots of small perch. (No ramp).

Camp Loop Pond (546) – 3 miles southwest of Riverdale on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' downstream campground. Rainbow trout stocked annually. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

Coal Lake (528) – 3 miles south, 1.5 miles east, .75 miles north of Underwood. Severe winterkill in 2018-19. Restocked with walleye fingerlings in 2019. (No ramp).

Crooked Lake (223) – 10 miles north, .2 miles east, .1 mile south of Turtle Lake. High number of 18- to 32-inch pike, some walleye, and mostly smaller perch. (Fishing pier).

Custer Mine (224) – 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Garrison. A good put-and-take rainbow trout fishery in a small, easy-to-fish pond.

East Park Lake (752) – 9 miles south of Mercer. Decent walleye numbers, with some larger fish. Fair number of northern

north, 2 miles east of Turtle Lake. Good pike and walleye populations. Lots of small perch and bluegill.

Triangle Y Pond (463) – 4 miles west, 1.5 miles south, 1 mile west, 1 mile south, 1 mile west, .5 miles south of Garrison. Small pond stocked with perch, used mostly by Triangle Y kids. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

Turtle Lake (697) – 4.5 miles west, 1 mile north of Turtle Lake. Decent number of northern pike, with some larger fish. (No ramp).

Weishaar WPA (488) – 8 miles north, 8 miles west, 1 mile north of Turtle Lake. Winter perch fishery for mostly smaller perch. (No ramp).

West Park Lake (753) – 9 miles south, 3 miles west of Mercer. Fair numbers of walleye and small perch. Good number of pike, with some larger fish. (No ramp).

MERCER COUNTY

Beulah Mine Pond (235) – 2 miles north, 2.5 miles east, .5 miles north of Beulah. Some pike and perch. (No ramp).

Harmony Lake (560) – 6 miles north, 1 mile west of Hazen. Fair number of bluegill, with some quality-sized fish. (Fishing pier).

Hazen Creek (382) – West end of Hazen. Rainbow trout stocked annually in spring. (No ramp).

OLIVER COUNTY

East Arroda Dam (262) – 1 mile east of Fort Clark ND Highway 200A. Pike and perch numbers increased in recent years, with mostly smaller fish. Earthen fishing piers available for shore-fishing access.

Nelson Lake (258) – 5 miles east, 3 miles south of Center. Best large-mouth bass lake in the

state. Open water year-round allows warmwater fish to grow better than in other lakes. Quality-sized bluegill and crappie abundant. (Fishing pier).

Oliver County Sportsmen's Pond (266) – 4 miles south, .5 miles west of Center. Rainbow trout stocked annually. (No ramp).

West Arroda Dam (264) – 1 mile east of Fort Clark ND Highway 200A. Stocked with adult bluegill, crappie and rainbow trout in spring 2019. Earthen fishing piers available for shore-fishing access.

PIERCE COUNTY

Antelope Lake (617) – 6.7 miles north, 3 miles east, 1 mile north, 2 miles east, 2 miles south of Anamoose. Nice-sized perch abundant. Good number of walleye from 16-26 inches.

Balta Dam (269) – .5 miles south of Balta. Recent winterkill reduced northern pike population.

Clear Lake (654) – 6 miles east, .7 miles south of Anamoose. Good number of

quality-sized walleye from 14-27 inches. (No ramp).

Davis Lake (024) – 2 miles west, 1.5 miles south of Balta. Good number of small northern pike.

RENVILLE COUNTY

Glenburn Pond (466) – North side of Glenburn. Small pond stocked annually with trout. Perch and bluegill stocked periodically. (No ramp).

SHERIDAN COUNTY

Barreth Lake (158) – 2 miles south, 2 miles east, 2 miles south, .6 miles west of Goodrich. Newer perch lake, with some keeper-sized fish. (No ramp).

Bender Lake (715) – .5 miles south, 4 miles west, .5 miles south of Martin. Fair number of mostly small perch. (No ramp).

Cherry Lake (698) – 7 miles north, 3 miles east, 2 miles north, .3 miles west of Mercer. Fair number of small perch. (No ramp).

Coal Mine Lake (482) – 14 miles south,



Jumbo yellow perch.

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5 miles east of Anamoose. Significant winterkill greatly reduced northern pike numbers. (Fishing pier).

Davis WPA (598) – 8 miles south, 1 mile east of Denhoff. Decent number of walleye, with some larger fish. Mostly smaller-sized perch. (No ramp).

Doctor Lake (207) – 2 miles south of Denhoff. Newer perch lake, with some keeper-sized fish. (No ramp).

Heckers Lake (751) – 9 miles south, 2.4 miles east of Mercer. Fair number of walleye, with some quality-sized fish. Decent numbers of pike and smallmouth bass. (No ramp).

Hinsz Lake (765) – 8 miles south, 3 miles west, 1 mile south, .6 miles west, .7 miles northwest of Anamoose. Good number of 14- to 21-inch walleye.

Kaibel Lake (756) – 10.2 miles south of Drake. Lots of perch, but many are smaller-sized. (No ramp).

Lake Richard (653) – 4.5 miles south of Drake. Good number of 14- to 27-inch walleye. (No ramp).

Miller Lake (772) – 18 miles north, 2 miles east, .2 miles south of McClusky. Newish perch lake. (No ramp).

Mud Lake (716) – 4.5 miles south of Anamoose. Newer perch lake, with a fair number of fish. (No ramp).

North (Hoffer) McClusky (461) – 2 miles north, 1 mile west of McClusky. Recent fish kills greatly reduced northern pike numbers. (No ramp).

Sheyenne Lake (314) – 13.5 miles south, 1.5 miles east, .4 miles north of Anamoose. Pike stocked periodically. (No ramp).

South (Hoffer) McClusky (316) – 2 miles north, 1 mile west of McClusky. Decent numbers of perch, walleye and pike. Some bluegill and crappie. (Fishing pier).

Stober Lake (562) – 9 miles east, 2 miles north, 2 miles east of McClusky. Fair numbers of walleye and perch, with some larger fish.

Vollrath Lake (699) – 5.5 miles north, 1 mile east, 1 mile south of Goodrich. Good number of perch, with some quality-sized fish. (No ramp).

Wolf Lake (558) – .5 miles south, 1.8 miles west of Martin. Restocked with pike fingerlings in spring 2018. (No ramp).

WARD COUNTY

Hiddenwood Lake (443) – 8 miles south of Makoti. Decent numbers of yellow perch, walleye, smallmouth bass and pike. (Fishing pier).

Makoti Lake (365) – 6 miles south of Makoti. High number of 24- to 34-inch northern pike. (No ramp).

North Carlson Lake (360) – 10 miles east of Ryder. Good number of northern pike and mostly small perch.

Rice Lake (362) – 4 miles north, 7 miles east, 2 miles north of Ryder. Pike abundant, ranging from 18-37 inches. (Fishing pier).

South Carlson Lake (361) – 10 miles east of Ryder. Fair number of mostly smaller pike. Bluegill numbers increasing. (Fishing pier).

State Fair Pond (027) – North end of state fair grounds. Small pond stocked annually with trout and panfish. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

Velva Sportsmen's Pond (364) – 7 miles south, 1.5 miles west, 1 mile south, .5 miles west of Velva. Consistently a quality fishery for nice-sized rainbow and brown trout.

RIVERS AND LAKES

Knife River (392) – In Dunn and Mercer counties. Connected to the Missouri River, so a variety of fish species available. (No ramp).

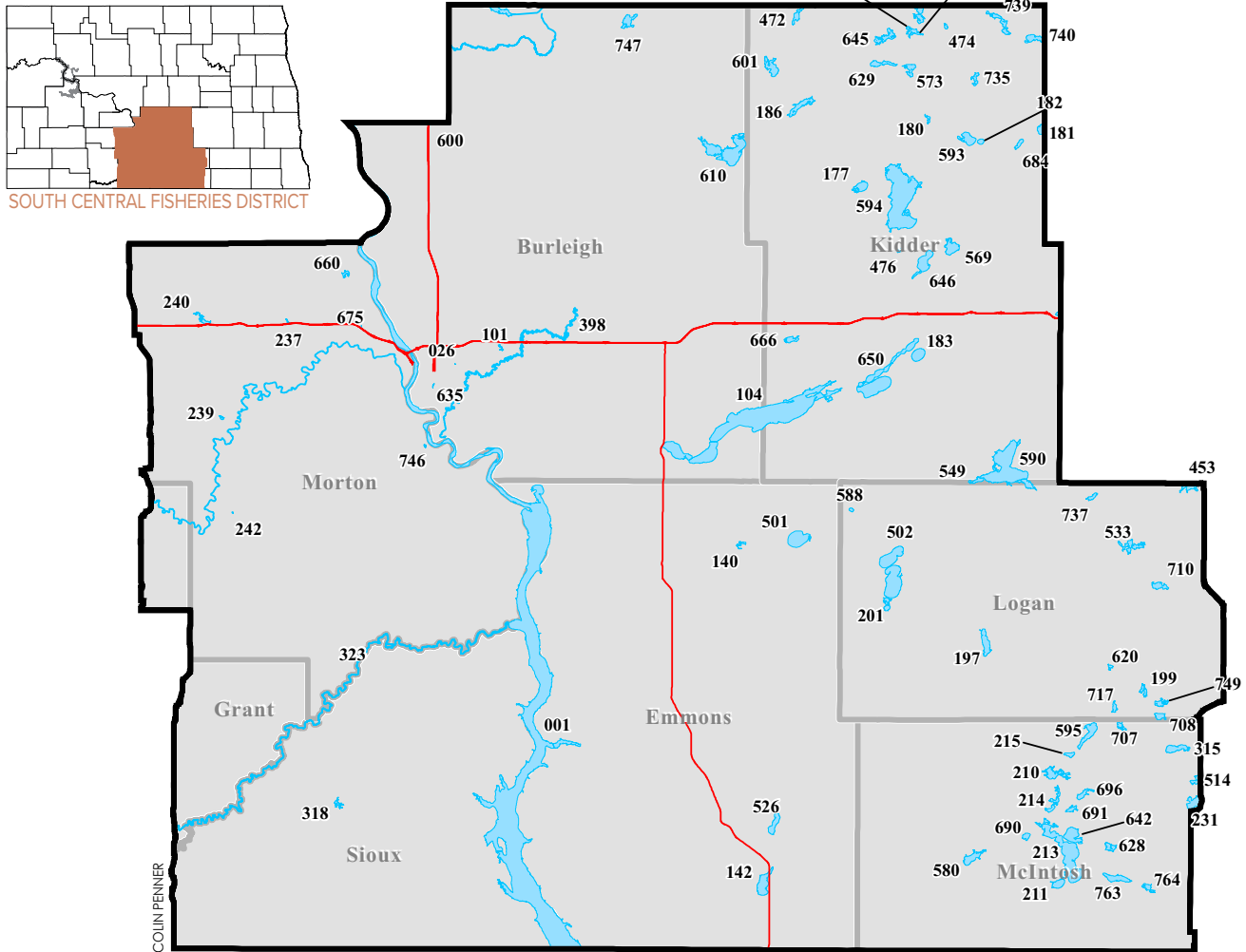
Souris River (Mouse River) (396) – North central part of state. Good numbers of pike, walleye and perch. (Fishing pier).

McClusky Canal (464) – Central part of state in McLean, Burleigh and Sheridan counties. Excellent smallmouth bass fishery, with some larger fish. Variety of fish species available. (No ramp).



CRAIG BIHRLE

Shore-fishing on Lake Oahe.



SOUTH CENTRAL FISHERIES DISTRICT

Paul Bailey, district fisheries supervisor, Bismarck

BURLEIGH COUNTY

Apple Creek (398) – South central part of state. Good for northern pike, walleye, crappie and catfish. (No ramp).

Cottonwood Park Pond (635) – On west side of Cottonwood soccer complex in south Bismarck. Adult northern pike, and other species, may be stocked in spring. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

Crimmins WPA (747) – 3 miles west, 11 miles north, .5 miles west of Wing. Walleye abundant and low numbers of perch present. (No ramp).

Lake Harriet (Arena Lake) (610) – 8 miles west, 1 mile south of Tuttle. Impacted by partial winterkill in 2018-19, but a fair number of northern pike

present. (No ramp).

Long Lake (104) – 1 mile south, 2.5 miles east of Moffit. Northern pike abundant. Contact refuge for specific angling regulations. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

McDowell Dam (101) – 4 miles east, 1 mile north of Bismarck on ND Highway 10. Bluegill and largemouth bass abundant. Catchable-sized rainbow trout stocked in spring. (Fishing pier).

OWLS Pond (026) – Just west of Bismarck Game and Fish office. Catchable-sized rainbow trout stocked in spring and fall. Other species (bluegill, perch, catfish and white bass) may be stocked. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

Wilton City Pond (600) – South side of Wilton. Catchable-sized rainbow trout stocked in spring. (No ramp).

EMMONS COUNTY

Braddock Dam (140) – 2 miles southwest

of Braddock. Fair numbers of northern pike, walleye and yellow perch. Bluegill, channel catfish and black bullheads present.

Goose Lake (501) – 3 miles east of Braddock. Northern pike up to 8 pounds abundant and a low number of perch. (No ramp).

Rice Lake (142) – 8 miles south of Strasburg. Walleye abundant and occasionally over 25 inches. Northern pike and perch in low numbers.

Senger Lake (526) – 1 mile north, 6 miles east of Strasburg. Low number of perch up to 13 inches. (No ramp).

KIDDER COUNTY

Alkaline Lake (590) – 15 miles south, 7 miles east, 1.4 miles southeast of Dawson. Walleye abundant. Fair pike numbers, with fish occasionally over 10 pounds. Large perch in low numbers.

Walleye fishing in fall.



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Cherry Lake (177) – 15 miles north, 3 miles east of Steele. Small northern pike abundant. Low number of perch.

Des Moines Lake (593) – 5.5 miles east of Robinson. Northern pike up to 3 pounds abundant. (No ramp).

Etta-Alkaline Complex (650) – 1 mile south, 2.5 miles west, 3 miles south of Dawson. Impacted by winterkill in 2018-19, but small northern pike remain abundant. (No ramp).

Fresh Lake (549) – 15 miles south, 7 miles east, 1 mile south of Dawson. Walleye abundant. Pike and perch present. (No ramp).

Frettim Lake (180) – 2 miles east, 1 mile north of Robinson. Good numbers of walleye, northern pike, perch and bluegill.

Geier Lake (740) – 12 miles east, 9.5 miles north of Robinson. Walleye abundant and a fair number of perch. (No ramp).

Helen Lake (601) – 2.5 miles west, 6 miles north of Tuttle. An excellent northern pike fishery, with fish occasionally over 8 pounds. Perch present. (No ramp).

Horsehead Lake (594) – 2 miles west, 8 miles south, .25 miles east of Robinson. Northern pike abundant. (No ramp).

Jasper Lake (573) – 7 miles north, .5 miles east of Robinson. Walleye abundant and fish occasionally over 25 inches. Perch present.

Koenig North (676) – 12.25 miles north, 1.5 miles east of Robinson. Small walleye abundant and perch present. (Winter access only, no ramp).

Koenig South (677) – 12.25 miles north, 1.5 miles east of Robinson. Multiple perch year-classes present. (Winter access only, no ramp).

Lake Geneva (666) – 2 miles south, .5 miles east of I-94 Exit 195. Quality walleye and perch fishery. (No ramp).

Lake Isabel (183) – 2 miles south, .5 miles east, .75 miles south of Dawson. Small northern pike abundant.

Lake Josephine (186) – 2 miles north of Tuttle. Walleye abundant, with fish occasionally over 25 inches. Fair number of perch and low numbers of northern pike. (Fishing pier).

Lake No. 5 (476) – 3.5 miles west, 7.5 miles north, 1.5 miles east, 1 mile south of Dawson. Northern pike abundant, but the lake frequently winterkills. (No ramp).

Lake Williams (182) – Just south of the town of Lake Williams. Fair numbers of walleye, northern pike and smallmouth bass.

Long Alkaline Lake (629) – 3 miles west, 7 miles north of Robinson. Northern pike up to 4 pounds abundant. (No ramp).

McPhail WMA (569) – 7 miles north, 2 miles west of Tappen. Perch up to 10 inches abundant. Low number of walleye. (No ramp).

Pelican Lake (474) – 3 miles east, 11 miles north, 1 mile east of Robinson. Walleye and small perch in fair numbers. (No ramp).

Plowe Lake (735) – 6 miles east, 5 miles north, 1 mile east of Robinson. Walleye, northern pike and perch in fair numbers. (No ramp).

Ranch Lake (684) – 1 mile west of Pettibone. Northern pike abundant and perch present. (No ramp).

Round Lake (181) – 1 mile north, 1.5 miles east of Pettibone. Winterkilled in 2017-18 and primarily impacted walleye. Walleye restocked in 2018. Currently holds fishable populations of northern pike and perch. (No ramp).

Seil Lake (739) – 6 miles east, 10 miles north, 4.25 miles east of Robinson. Yellow perch abundant. (No ramp).

Sibley Lake (646) – 7 miles north, 2 miles east, 1 mile south of Dawson. Small walleye abundant, but some fish over 20 inches. Multiple perch year-classes in good numbers.

Swan Lake (678) – 10.5 miles north of Robinson. Small perch abundant, but fish up to 12 inches present. Low number of walleye. (No ramp).

Willow Lake (645) – 9 miles north, 3 miles west of Robinson. Perch and small walleye in fair numbers. (No ramp).

Woodhouse Lake (472) – 12 miles north, 12 miles east of Wing. Walleye up to 28 inches abundant. Fair number of small perch. (No ramp).

LOGAN COUNTY

Beaver Lake (197) – 8 miles south, 8 miles east of Napoleon. Northern pike abundant, with fish occasionally over 10 pounds.

Braun Lake (588) – 18 miles south, 1 mile east of Steele. Walleye and small perch abundant. (No ramp).

Kleingartner Lake (710) – 10 miles south, 5 miles west of Gackle. Fair number of northern pike and low numbers of perch. (No ramp).

Lepp Lake (717) – 1 mile east, 1 mile north of Lehr. Fair numbers of pike and perch. (No ramp).

Logan Lake (453) – 1 mile west of Gackle. Walleye abundant. Fair number of small perch. (No ramp).

Marvin Miller Lake (533) – 6.5 miles south, 8 miles west, .5 miles north of Gackle. Excellent walleye fishery, with fish occasionally over 25 inches. Fair number of perch and a low number of northern pike.

Mundt Lake (199) – 3 miles east, 4 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles south of Lehr. Walleye abundant, with perch and smallmouth bass in fair numbers. (Fishing pier).

North Napoleon Lake (502) – 4.5 miles west, 1 mile north, 1 mile east of Napoleon. Northern pike and small perch abundant. (No ramp).

Ost Lake (749) – 7 miles east, 1 mile north, 1 mile west, .5 miles north of Lehr. Small walleye abundant. Fair number of perch. (No ramp).

Railroad Lake (708) – 5.5 miles east of Lehr. Fair numbers of walleye and perch. (No ramp).

Thurn Lake (620) – 5 miles north of Lehr, .5 miles east. Fair number of walleye up to 24 inches. Low number of perch. (No ramp).

West Lake Napoleon (201) – 1 mile west of Napoleon. Northern pike abundant and a fair number of large perch. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

Wetzel Lake (737) – 11 miles west, 1 mile south of Gackle. Small northern pike abundant. (No ramp).

MCINTOSH COUNTY

Becker-Schlepp Lake (628) – 3 miles north, 1 mile east, 1 mile north, .5 miles east of Ashley. Small perch abundant. (No ramp).

Clear Lake (215) – 6 miles east, 2 miles south of Wishek. Small northern pike abundant. (No ramp).

Dollinger-Schnabel Lake (580) – 2 miles north, 5 miles west, 3 miles north of Venturia. Fair number of perch up to 12 inches and small walleye abundant. (No ramp).

Dorfman Lake (642) – 5 miles north, 2 miles west of Ashley. Walleye abundant, along with a fair number of pike and perch. (No ramp).

Dry Lake (213) – 5 miles west, 4 miles north, 2 miles east, .5 miles south of Ashley. Excellent walleye and pike fishery, with a low number of large perch.

Green Lake (210) – 2 miles east, 4 miles south, 1 mile east of Wishek. Quality walleye and perch fishery, with a low number of pike. (Fishing pier).

Harr Lake (514) – 10 miles east, 12 miles north of Ashley. Walleye abundant and low numbers of large yellow perch. (No ramp).

Homestead Lake (696) – 8 miles south, 8 miles east, 2 miles north of Wishek. Small northern pike abundant. (No ramp).

Kislingbury Lake (763) – .5 miles east, 1.5 miles north of Ashley. Walleye abundant and perch in low numbers.

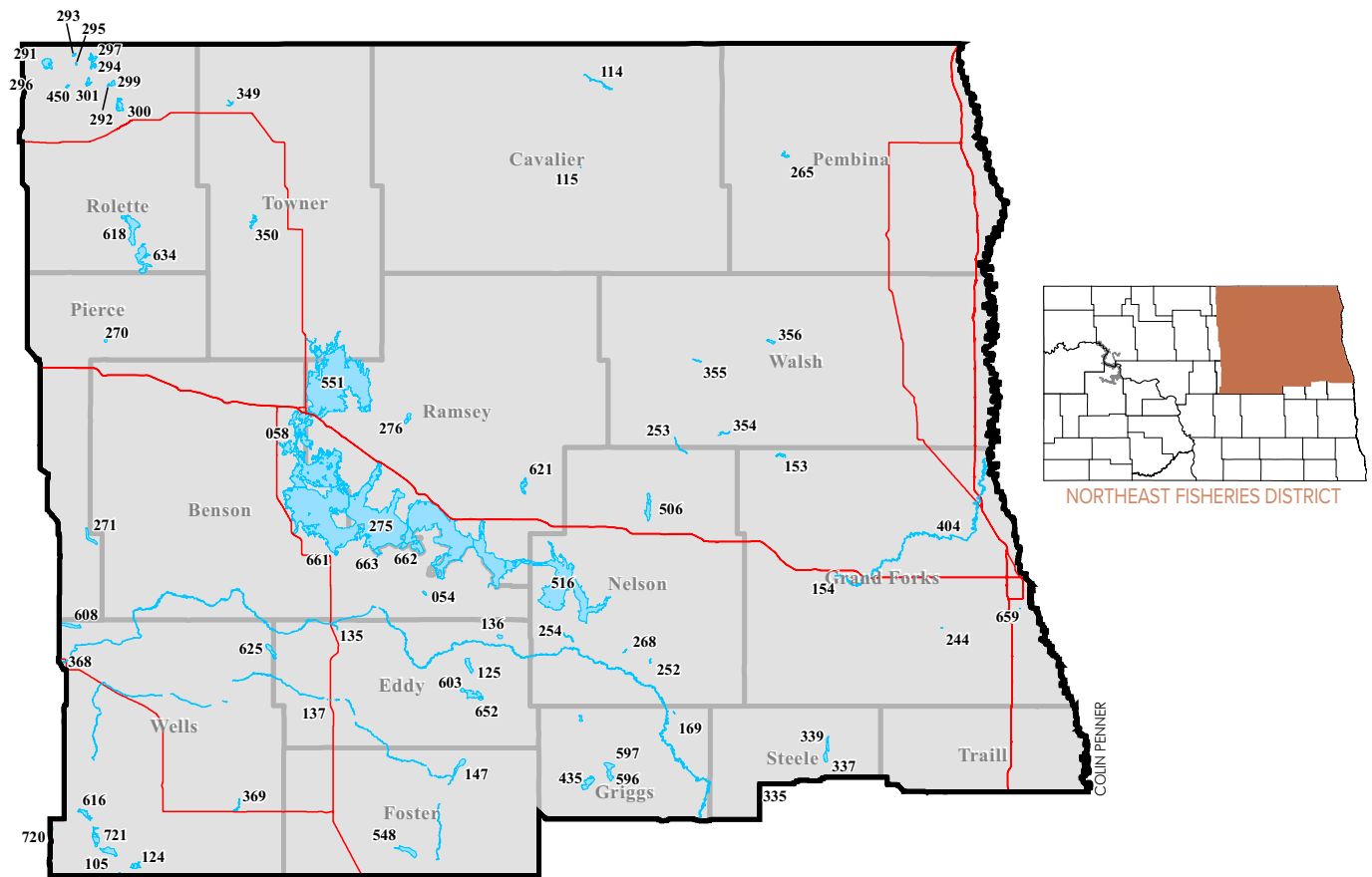
Lake Hoskins (211) – 3 miles west of Ashley. Fair numbers of walleye, northern pike and yellow perch. (Fishing pier).

McIntosh WMA (231) – 10 miles east, 9 miles north of Ashley. Low numbers of



Lake Oahe sees its share of anglers in spring when the walleyes are biting.

CRAIG BIRLE



perch and walleye. (No ramp).

Miller Lake (315) – 7.5 miles east, 2.5 miles south of Lehr. Fair numbers of northern pike and small perch. (No ramp).

Mudd Lake (595) – 1 mile west of Lehr. Fair number of northern pike and a low number of perch. (No ramp).

Nagel Lake (Koeplin WPA) (707) – 1.5 miles east, .5 miles south of Lehr. Walleye abundant and a low number of perch. (No ramp).

Pfeifle Lake (690) – 10 miles south, 2 miles east of Wishek. Northern pike, perch and walleye in fair numbers. (No ramp).

Pintail Lake (764) – 5 miles east of Ashley. Low number of perch. (No ramp).

Pudwill Lake (214) – 9 miles south, 4 miles west, 1 mile north, .5 miles west of Lehr. Low numbers of northern pike, walleye and perch. (No ramp).

Rueb-Eszlinger (691) – 7.5 miles north, 2 miles west of Ashley. Multiple perch year-classes abundant. (No ramp).

MORTON COUNTY

Crown Butte Dam (237) – 4 miles west

on access road on north side of I-94 Exit 147. Complete winterkill in 2019. Catchable-sized trout and bluegill stocked. (Fishing pier).

Fish Creek Dam (239) – 8 miles south, 2 miles east, 1 mile south of I-94 Exit 134. Largemouth bass and rainbow trout abundant. Smallmouth bass, brown trout and crappie in lower numbers. (Fishing pier).

Harmon Lake (660) – 8 miles north of Mandan on ND Highway 1806. Largemouth bass, bluegill and crappie abundant. Rainbow trout and northern pike in lower numbers. (Fishing pier).

Little Heart Pond (746) – 11 miles south of Mandan on ND Highway 1806. Catchable-sized rainbow trout stocked in spring. (No ramp).

Nygren Dam (242) – 6 miles north, 1 mile east, 3 miles north, .5 miles east of Flasher. Catchable-sized trout stocked in spring, small bluegill and 10- to 14-inch largemouth bass abundant. (Fishing pier).

Porsborg Dam (675) – Northwest Mandan. Rainbow trout (and other species) may be stocked in spring. (No ramp).

Sweet Briar Lake (240) – 18 miles west of Mandan I-94 Exit 134. Fair numbers of walleye, pike, perch, bluegill, crappie and largemouth bass. (Fishing pier).

SIOUX COUNTY

Froelich Dam (318) – 9 miles north, 2 miles west of Selfridge. Walleye and northern pike abundant. Yellow perch, crappie, bluegill and largemouth bass present.

NORTHEAST FISHERIES DISTRICT

Randy Hiltner, district fisheries supervisor, Devils Lake

BENSON COUNTY

Fort Totten Dam (663) – .5 miles east of Fort Totten. No recent information. Managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. (No ramp).

Gravel Pit Lake (661) – 4.5 miles west of Fort Totten. No recent information. Managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. (No ramp).

Mission Lake (662) – 5 miles south, 1.5 miles east, 2 miles south of Devils Lake. No recent information. Lake managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. (No ramp).

Wood Lake (054) – 2 miles west, 1 mile south of Tokio. Bluegill numerous, but most are about 7 inches. Decent number of walleye and pike.

CAVALIER COUNTY

Langdon City Pond (115) – South side of Langdon. Put-and-take trout lake, with most fish caught in May. (Fishing pier).

Mount Carmel Dam (114) – 9 miles north, 2 miles east, 2 miles north of Langdon. Fair number of perch, with most under 8 inches. Walleye numbers fair, with several sizes available, including some big fish. Decent number of nice-sized pike. Increasing crappie numbers, with most under 9 inches. (Fishing pier).

EDDY COUNTY

Adams Lake (603) – 10 miles south of Warwick. Lots of smaller perch around 7 inches, with some up to 10 inches, and a few walleye. (No ramp).

Lake Coe (652) – 10 miles south of Warwick on east side of Eddy County Road 8. Good number of walleye, with several size classes. Fish longer than 18 inches common.

New Rockford Reservoir (137) – North side of New Rockford. Winterkilled in 2019, but adult northern pike were stocked in spring for an instant fishery. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

North Lake Washington (125) – 6 miles south of Warwick. Good walleye population, with fish up to 21 inches. Some keeper-sized perch, but most still too small.

Warsing Dam (135) – 1 mile northeast of Sheyenne. Partial winterkill in 2019. Spring netting survey sampled pike, perch and bullheads. Northern pike adults were stocked in spring 2019 to establish an instant fishery. (Fishing pier).

FOSTER COUNTY

Dry Lake (548) – 7 miles east, 5 miles

south, 2 miles east of Carrington. Fair number of walleye, with most fish about 18 inches. Low perch numbers. (No ramp).

GRAND FORKS COUNTY

English Coulee Pond (244) – 5 miles south, 3 miles east, 1 mile south, .5 miles east of Emerado. No recent information. (No ramp).

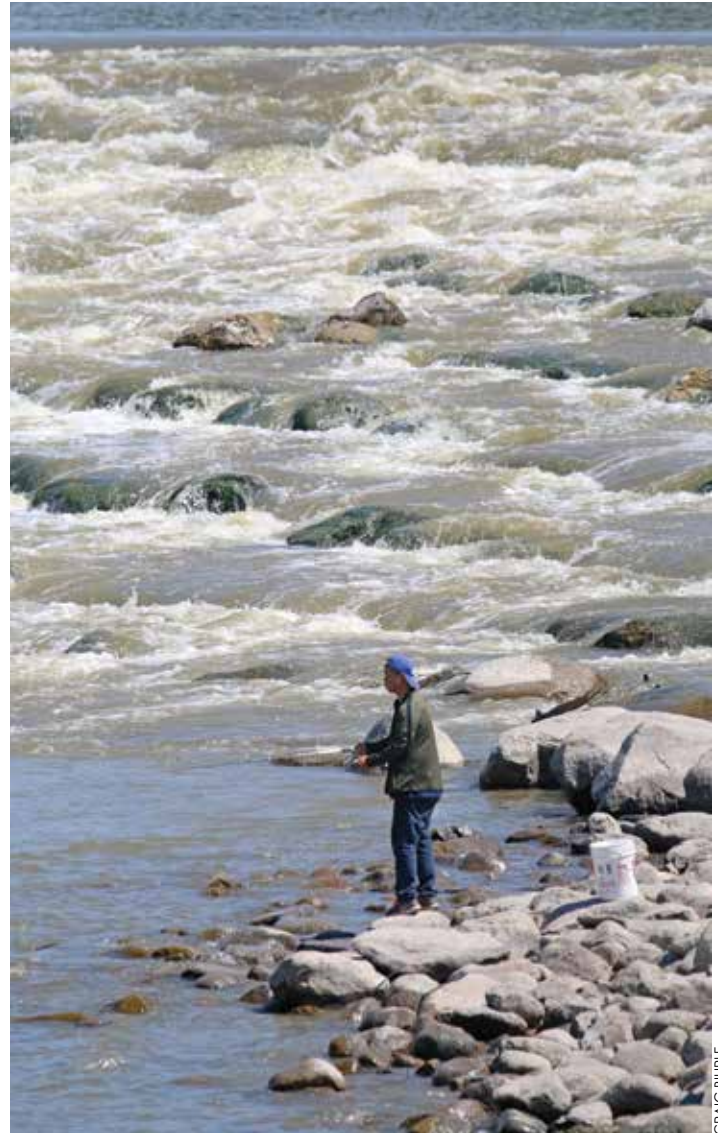
Fordville Dam (153) – 5 miles west, 1 mile north, .5 miles west, .5 miles north of Inkster. Fair numbers of eating-sized walleye and larger pike, with a fair number of perch under 10 inches. Bluegill numbers increasing, with fish up to 8 inches. Bullheads and suckers remain a management issue. (Fishing pier).

Kolding Dam (155) – 5 miles southeast, 1 mile south of Niagara on U.S. Highway 2. Adult pike stocked following winterkill in 2018-19.

Larimore Dam (154) – 2 miles northeast of Larimore. Walleye, pike, largemouth bass, perch, crappie and bluegill provide angling opportunities. Various sizes of walleye and pike, with some bigger fish. Crappie and bluegill are smaller, but also some nice fish. Most perch less than 9 inches. (Fishing pier).

Niagara Dam (156) – North of Niagara. Probable winterkill in 2019, but adult pike were stocked in spring.

Ryan Park Pond (659) – South side of



Fishing from shore on the Red River at Grand Forks.

CRAIG BIRLIE

Grand Forks. Small urban fishery that is a good place to take a kid fishing and is stocked annually with trout. Bluegill also introduced. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

GRIGGS COUNTY

Carlson-Tande Dam (169) – 1 mile south, 5 miles west of Aneta. 2019 netting survey showed small perch, bluegill and pumpkinseeds, along with a few nice walleye and pike.

Lake Addie (596) – 4 miles east, 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Binford. Managed as a walleye and perch fishery. Several sizes of walleye available. Most perch smaller. (No ramp).

Lake Jessie (597) – 4 miles east, 1 mile



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North Dakota is home to more than 400 fishing waters.

south, 1 mile west of Binford. Primarily an ice fishing lake for pike that average about 28 inches. A few perch that may reach 9 inches. (No ramp).

Red Willow Lake (168) – 6 miles north, 2 miles west of Binford. Walleye, pike, perch and bluegill common. Nice walleye around 20 inches available. Pike abundant and in many sizes. Bluegill common and mostly smaller, but some up to 11 inches. Perch typically small.

Sibley Lake (435) – 1 mile west, 3 miles south of Binford. Good pike population, with fish averaging about 5 pounds. Some perch available. (No ramp).

NELSON COUNTY

Lake Laretta (506) – 2 miles west, 2 miles north of Michigan. Fair number of medium-sized pike. Perch that survive predation are large, but uncommon. Good number of walleye over 20 inches. (No ramp).

McVile Dam (252) – 1 mile east of McVile. Some larger walleye and pike, but at low densities. Perch and bluegill abundant, but most typically less than 8 inches. (Fishing pier).

Silver Creek Dam (268) – 4 miles west, .5 miles south of McVile. Small reservoir with a winter pike fishery. Perch present, but usually less than 9 inches. Bullheads and suckers abundant and a management problem. (No ramp).

Tolna Dam (254) – 1 mile south, 2 miles

east of Tolna. Fair walleye and pike densities, several sizes present, with some big fish. Perch numbers fairly low. Some smallmouth bass.

Whitman Dam (253) – 1.5 miles north, 3 miles east of Whitman. Keeper-sized perch, with most fish under 10 inches. Fair fishing for pike and walleye. Crappie population is good, with some larger fish. (Fishing pier).

PEMBINA COUNTY

Renwick Dam (265) – 6 miles west, 1 mile north of Cavalier. Mostly pike for a predator fish. Perch and crappie abundant, with most under 8 inches. White suckers and bullheads abundant and a management problem. (Fishing pier).

PIERCE COUNTY

Sand Lake (270) – 4 miles north of Pleasant Lake. Good pike fishery, with fish commonly up to 5 pounds. Perch numbers good, but most fish less than 8 inches.

RAMSEY COUNTY

Cavanaugh Lake (276) – 9 miles north, 1 mile west, .5 miles north of Devils Lake. Winterkills often, but fish repopulate during high spring runoff. No game fish sampled in 2019 netting survey. (No ramp).

Fenster Lake (621) – 3 miles north, 4 miles east of Crary. Pike in fair numbers,

with most fish more than 5 pounds. Low density perch population. (No ramp).

ROLETTE COUNTY

Belcourt Lake (300) – 2 miles north of Belcourt. Yellow perch and northern pike abundant, with some larger keeper-sized fish. Black bullheads abundant.

Cain Lake (450) – 2 miles south, 9 miles west, .5 miles north of St. John. No recent information. Managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. (No ramp).

Carpenter Lake (291) – 12 miles west of St. John. Good pike population, with most fish longer than 25 inches. Recently stocked walleye are about 15 inches. A few perch, but most are under 8 inches.

Dion Lake (293) – 10 miles west, 2 miles north, 1 mile east of St. John. Walleye densities lower than recent years, but there are fish up to 20 inches. Perch numbers are decent, with most fish under 10 inches. Illegally stocked pike common, with some fish longer than 30 inches. (Fishing pier).

Gordon Lake (299) – 4.5 miles north, 1 mile west, .25 miles northwest of Belcourt. Walleye and yellow perch abundant, with some larger fish. Northern pike and bluegill in good numbers.

Gravel Lake (294) – 6 miles west, .5 miles north of St. John. Pike, bluegill and perch fishery. Pike average about 24 inches, with some up to 36 inches. Most perch under 10 inches. Bluegill mostly under 7 inches. (Fishing pier).

Hooker Lake (295) – 8 miles west of St. John. One of a few rainbow trout lakes in the district. Trout stocked annually and reach maximum size in fall. Some older, larger trout available. (Fishing pier).

Island Lake (634) – 3 miles west, 2 miles south of Mylo. Partial winterkill in 2018-19, yet there are still good numbers of 24-inch-plus pike.

Jarvis Lake (301) – .75 miles southwest, 6 miles west of St. John. Yellow perch abundant, with a few larger fish. Walleye ranging from 12-18 inches abundant. Bluegill and northern pike present. (No ramp).

Long Lake (618) – 2 miles south, 5.3 miles east of Rolette. Good number of

pike, with the average fish more than 5 pounds. (No ramp).

Upsilon Lake (297) – 6 miles west, 1 mile north of St. John. Partial winterkill in 2019. Annual netting survey in June 2019 sampled good pike numbers of all sizes and some large fish. Some nice walleye sampled, along with many smaller bluegill and some smaller perch. Larger perch and bluegill at low densities. (Fishing pier).

Wheaton Lake (292) – 4.5 miles north, 2 miles west of Belcourt. Northern pike and yellow perch fishery, with some decent keeper-sized fish.

STEELE COUNTY

Finley Dam (Lynch Lake) (335) – 1 mile south of Finley. Pike stocked regularly and provide fishing opportunities. Most pike around 20-26 inches. High bullhead population and stunted perch are management problems. (No ramp).

North Golden Lake (339) – 10 miles east, 4 miles north, .5 miles west of Finley. Perch numbers down, with most fish less than 10 inches. Fair numbers of keeper-sized pike and walleye. Walleye longer than 20 inches and pike up to 10 pounds. Low number of bluegill, but decent-sized. Bullheads a serious fish management problem.

South Golden Lake (337) – 10 miles east, 3 miles north, .5 miles west of Finley. Primarily a walleye and perch fishery, with some pike and bluegill. Walleye do get large, with fish up to 8 pounds. Fair number of 20-inch-plus fish. Perch numbers relatively low. Pike numbers low, but bigger fish available. Some nice bluegill. Bullheads abundant and a management problem. (Fishing pier).

TOWNER COUNTY

Armourdale Dam (349) – 9 miles east, 1.5 miles north of Rolla. Netting survey in 2019 showed walleye up to 16 inches, with most being smaller. Nice pike from 18-36 inches. Perch up to about 9 inches. (Fishing pier).

Bisbee Dam-Big Coulee (350) – 1

mile east of Bisbee. Pike, walleye, perch, bluegill and crappie. Most walleye over 16 inches. Good pike numbers, with some fish up to about 6 pounds. Most perch are 8-9 inches. Also, the occasional large bluegill and crappie. (Fishing pier).

WALSH COUNTY

Bylin Dam (355) – 3 miles east, 3 miles south of Adams. Nice population of pike, with some keeper-sized walleye. Perch mostly smaller. (Fishing pier).

Homme Dam (356) – 2 miles west of Park River. High perch numbers, with many in the 8- to 10-inch range. Crappie abundant, with most 6-9 inches, along with some bigger fish. Lower densities of pike and walleye. White suckers and bullheads abundant and problematic. (Fishing pier).

WELLS COUNTY

Georgeson Lake (625) – 3 miles north, 3 miles east, .25 miles north of Bremen. Perch population is mostly fish less than 8 inches. Few larger perch remain. (No ramp).

Goose Lake (608) – 3 miles north, 3 miles east, 1 mile north of Harvey. Fair

number of pike, with increasing size structure. Walleye population in fine shape, with a good number of fish longer than 17 inches. Nice perch, but low numbers and not common.

Hurdsfield-Tuffy Lake (616) – 3.5 miles east of Hurdsfield. Lots of eating-sized walleye, ranging from 15-20 inches, with some big fish. Perch numbers fair, with most less than 11 inches. Carp are reproducing and may become a management problem. (No ramp).

Silver Lake (105) – 1 mile west, 7.5 miles south, 2 miles west, 2 miles north of Bowdon. No recent information. (No ramp).

Silver Lake WMA (721) – 3 miles south of Chaseley. Fair number of 9- to 12-inch perch, with the occasional jumbo. Fast-growing walleye around 15-20 inches. (No ramp).

Sykeston Dam (369) – Northwest side of Sykeston. There were low oxygen levels in winter 2019, but a spring netting survey revealed pike, perch and bullheads. (Fishing pier).

RIVERS AND LAKES

Turtle River (404) – In Grand Forks County. Rainbow trout stocked twice



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More anglers target walleye in North Dakota than any other fish species.

in spring and once in fall to provide a unique riverine trout fishery. Mostly a put-and-take fishery. (No ramp).

SOUTHEAST FISHERIES DISTRICT

Brandon Kratz, district fisheries supervisor, Jamestown

BARNES COUNTY

Blumers Pond (023) – 1 mile south of Valley City. Perch and bluegill abundant. (No ramp).

Clausen Springs (051) – 3 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles north of the junction of ND highways 46 and 1. Largemouth bass and bluegill abundant. Occasional perch. (Fishing pier).

Clauson Lake (704) – 4 miles west, .5 miles south, .5 miles east of Nome. Low density perch population. (No ramp).

Eckelson Lake North (605) – 3 miles north, .5 miles east, 1 mile north, .5 miles east of Eckelson. Perch abundant, with some larger fish. (No ramp).

Eckelson Lake South (671) – 4 miles south, 1.5 miles east of Eckelson. Low number of pike. Moderate number of perch. (No ramp).

Fox Lake (586) – 1 mile north, .75 miles west of Eckelson. Walleye and perch abundant, with some larger fish.

Hatchery Kids Pond (064) – 2 miles northwest of Valley City. Various fish species, including rainbow trout stocked in spring. (No ramp).

Hobart Lake North (636) – 3.5 miles northwest of I-94 Exit 288. Perch abundant, with some large fish. (No ramp).

Hobart Lake South (532) – 1.4 miles south, 3.4 miles west of I-94 Exit 288. Perch abundant. (No ramp).

Island Lake (672) – 3 miles south, .5 miles east of Urbana. Walleye abundant. Moderate number of perch. Seasonal boat use restrictions. (No ramp).

Kee Lake (606) – 7 miles south, 2 miles east of Eckelson. Walleye abundant. Moderate number of perch. Occasional pike. (No ramp).

Koebnick Pond (602) – 1 mile north, 4

miles west, 1 mile north of Rogers. Moderate number of perch. (No ramp).

Lake Ashtabula (046) – 10 miles north of Valley City. Walleye, pike and smallmouth bass abundant. Good number of larger fish. Moderate number of perch. Occasional crappie, white bass and bluegill. Muskellunge present. (Fishing pier).

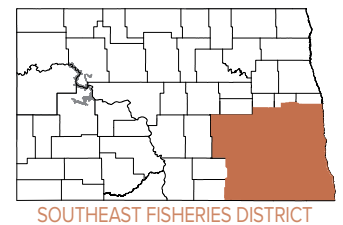
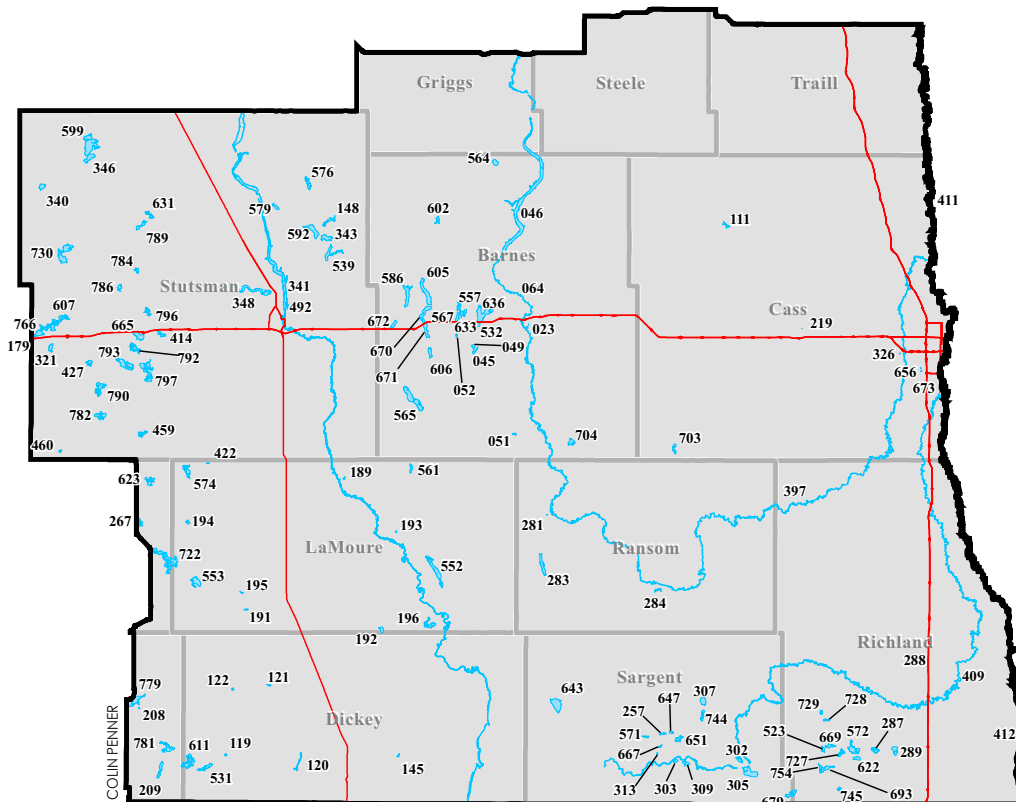
Meadow Lake (565) – 6 miles west, 6 miles north of Litchville. Moderate number of perch, with some larger fish. Low density walleye population. (No ramp).

Middle Eckelson (670) – 2 miles east of Eckelson. Low density pike population. Moderate number of perch. (No ramp).

Moon Lake (049) – 2 miles west, 5.5 miles south, 4 miles west, 2 miles north of Valley City. Walleye and perch abundant. Occasional smallmouth bass, brown and/or rainbow trout.

Mosher WPA (564) – 2.5 miles north, 4.5 miles east of Dazey. Walleye abundant. (No ramp).

Olson WPA (633) – 1.5 miles north of I-94 Exit 283. Moderate number of perch. (No ramp).



Sanborn Lake (557) – 2 miles east, 1 mile north, .5 miles east of Sanborn. Moderate number of pike. (No ramp).

Sanborn WPA (567) – 1 mile east of Sanborn. Moderate numbers of pike and perch. (No ramp).

St. Mary's Lake (045) – 2 miles west, 5.5 miles south, 4 miles west, 1 mile north of Valley City. Walleye and perch abundant. (No ramp).

Sweetwater Lake (052) – 4 miles south, 1 mile east of Sanborn. Moderate numbers of crappie, perch and walleye. (No ramp).

CASS COUNTY

Brewer Lake (111) – 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Erie. Largemouth bass and bluegill abundant. Some larger bass. Occasional walleye and crappie. (Fishing pier).

Brooks Harbor (326) – .5 miles south, .5 miles west of I-94 Exit 346. Rainbow trout and perch present. (No ramp).

Casselton Pond (219) – Southeast corner of Casselton. Rainbow trout stocked annually in late spring. (No ramp).

Lindemann Lake (703) – 2 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles north of Enderlin. Walleye and perch abundant. (No ramp).

North Woodhaven Pond (656) – 2.25 miles south, .25 miles east of I-94 Exit 348. Rainbow trout stocked annually in spring. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

South Woodhaven Pond (673) – 2.8 miles south, .25 miles east of I-94 Exit 348. Perch present. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

DICKEY COUNTY

Heinrich Lake (611) – 17.5 miles east, 1 mile south of Ashley. Low density perch population. (No ramp).

Hofer Lake (145) – 7 miles east, 1.75 miles north of Ellendale. No recent information. (No ramp).

Moore's Lake (119) – 18.5 miles west, 1 mile north of Ellendale. Moderate numbers of pike and perch. (No ramp).

Pheasant Lake (120) – 6 miles west of Ellendale.

Moderate number of pike, perch, bluegill, crappie, catfish and walleye. (Fishing pier).

Shimmin Lake (531) – 20.5 miles west, 1 mile south of Ellendale. Pike abundant. (No ramp).

Whitestone Lake (122) – .5 miles south, 1.5 miles west, 1 mile south of Merricourt. Abundant perch. Occasional bluegill. (No ramp).

Wilson Dam (121) – 7.5 miles west of Monango. Moderate numbers of perch, pike and bluegill. (Fishing pier).

LAMOURE COUNTY

Alfred Lake (574) – 7 miles east, 1.5 miles south of Gackle. Low pike and perch populations. (No ramp).

Boom Lake (Marion Lake) (561) – .5 miles west of Marion. Moderate numbers of pike and walleye.

Cottonwood Lake (192) – 5 miles west, 5 miles south, 1 mile west of LaMoure. Moderate number of pike. (No ramp).

Diamond Lake (553) – 5 miles north of Kulm. Walleye and perch abundant. Moderate number of pike.

Heinrich-Martin Dam (189) – .75 miles east, .5 miles south of Adrian. Largemouth bass and bluegill abundant. Moderate numbers of crappie, perch and pike.

Kalmbach Lake (194) – .5 miles south,

4.5 miles west, .5 miles south of Jud. Pike abundant.

Kulm-Edgeley Dam (191) – 4 miles west, 2 miles south of Edgeley. Moderate numbers of pike, bluegill and perch. Low number of walleye.

Lake LaMoure (196) – 1 mile south, 1 mile east, 2.5 miles south, 1 mile west, .5 miles south of LaMoure. Pike and crappie abundant. Moderate numbers of walleye and perch. Occasional bluegill. (Fishing pier).

Limesand-Seefeldt Dam (193) – 8 miles south, 3 miles west of Marion. Pike abundant. Moderate numbers of bluegill, perch and crappie.

Schlecht-Thom Dam (195) – 5 miles west, .5 miles north of Edgeley. Moderate numbers of pike and bluegill.

Schlenker Dam (Lehr Dam) (422) – 11 miles west, .5 miles south of the junction of U.S. Highway 281 and ND Highway 46. Moderate numbers of pike and bluegill.

Twin Lakes (552) – 4 miles north of LaMoure. Walleye, pike and perch abundant. Some larger fish.

LOGAN COUNTY

Arnie's Lake (623) – 1.5 miles south of Gackle, 2 miles east, 1 mile south. Moderate numbers of pike, perch and walleye. (No ramp).

Erickson Lake (722) – 8.5 miles north, 3 miles west, 1 mile north, 1.5 miles west, .5



BRIAN SCHAFER

While North Dakota has many newish prairie walleye lakes, places like the Missouri River System still attract the bulk of the attention from anglers.

Brian Schaffer, Bismarck, with a nice North Dakota northern pike.



JON WILLIAMS

miles south of Kulm. Perch abundant, with some larger fish. (No ramp).

Oriole Lake (267) – 8.25 miles south of Gackle. Pike abundant. (No ramp).

MCINTOSH COUNTY

Berlin Lake (779) – 9.5 miles east, 7 miles north, 2 miles east, 2 miles north of Ashley. Perch present. (No ramp).

Blumhardt Dam (208) – 9.5 miles east, 7 miles north, 1.5 miles east of Ashley. Brown and rainbow trout.

Coldwater Lake (209) – 15.5 miles east, 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Ashley. Moderate numbers of walleye and pike, with some larger fish. (Fishing pier).

Serpent Lake (781) – 13.5 miles east, 2 miles north, 1 mile east of Ashley. Moderate numbers of pike and perch. (No ramp).

RANSOM COUNTY

Dead Colt Creek (284) – 5 miles south, 1 mile east, .5 miles north, .5 miles east of Lisbon. Largemouth bass, bluegill and crappie abundant. Some larger bass. (Fishing pier).

Lone Tree Lake (Englevale) (283) – .5 miles north, 2 miles west of Englevale. Moderate number of perch. Pike present. Substantial winterkill 2018-19. (No ramp).

Moorings Pond (281) – .75 miles west of the city of Fort Ransom. Rainbow trout stocked annually in late spring. (No ramp).

RICHLAND COUNTY

Elm Lake (693) – .5 miles east, 3.5 miles south of Lidgerwood. Walleye abundant. Moderate number of pike. (No ramp).

Four Corners Lake (727) – 3.5 miles east, 2 miles south, .5 miles west of Lidgerwood. Low density walleye and perch populations. (No ramp).

Gullys Slough (572) – 4 miles east, 1 mile south of Lidgerwood. Moderate numbers of pike and walleye. (No ramp).

Haus Lake (745) – 2 miles east, 7 miles south, .25 miles east of Lidgerwood. Moderate number of walleye. Occasional perch. (No ramp).

Horseshoe Lake (287) – 4 miles west, 1 mile south of Hankinson. Moderate numbers of pike, perch, bluegill and walleye.

Some larger walleye.

Lake Elsie (289) – 1 mile south, 1.5 miles west of Hankinson. Walleye and crappie abundant. Moderate numbers of small-mouth bass, bluegill and perch. Occasional catfish. 14-inch minimum length limit on walleye. (Fishing pier).

Lueck Lake (622) – 6 miles east, 2.5 miles south of Lidgerwood. Walleye abundant, with some larger fish. (No ramp).

Mooreton Pond (288) – 2 miles east of Mooreton. Rainbow trout stocked annually in late spring. Moderate number of walleye. Occasional perch, bass, crappie and channel catfish. (Fishing pier).

Reiland Lake (729) – 3 miles north, .5 miles east of Lidgerwood. Walleye abundant. Moderate number of perch. (No ramp).

Shriner Lake (754) – 4.5 miles south, .25 miles east of Lidgerwood. Moderate numbers of pike and perch. Occasional walleye and crappie. (No ramp).

Vislissel Lake (728) – 1 mile north, 2 miles east, 1 mile north, 1 mile west of Lidgerwood. Walleye and perch abundant. (No ramp).

Wahl Lake (523) – 1 mile east, 2 miles south of Lidgerwood. Walleye and bluegill abundant. Occasional pike. (No ramp).

West Moran Lake (669) – 2 miles east, .5 miles south of Lidgerwood. Walleye abundant. (No ramp).

SARGENT COUNTY

Alkali Lake (302) – 3 miles south of Cayuga. Low density walleye population. Crappie abundant.

Bergh Slough (647) – 1 mile south, 2.5 miles east of Forman. Perch and pike present. (No ramp).

Buffalo Lake (307) – 6 miles north, 1 mile east of Rutland. Moderate numbers of walleye and pike, and the occasional crappie. 14-inch minimum walleye length limit.

Consolidated Lake (651) – 2 miles south, 3 miles east of Forman. Moderate numbers of pike, walleye and largemouth bass. Crappie present. (No ramp).

Deuce Lake (257) – 1.5 miles south, 1 mile east, .25 miles south of Forman.

Moderate numbers of pike and crappie. Minor winterkill in 2018-19. (No ramp).

Fiala Lake (571) – 1 mile west, 2 miles south of Forman. Moderate number of pike, with some larger fish. Winterkilled 2018-19. (No ramp).

Kraft Slough (643) – 1 mile south, 9 miles east, 2.5 miles north of Oakes. Walleye and perch abundant.

Lake Tewaukon (305) – 5 miles south of Cayuga. Contact Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge for most recent information. (Fishing pier).

Lake Walstead (667) – 4 miles south, 1 mile east, 1 mile north of Forman. Walleye abundant. Moderate number of pike. (No ramp).

Nelson Lake (313) – 4.5 miles south, .5 miles east of Forman. Pike abundant. Moderate numbers of perch and walleye. (No ramp).

Ole Breum Lake (744) – 5 miles north, 1 mile east of Rutland. Moderate number of pike. Low number of perch. Occasional walleye and crappie. (No ramp).

Silver Lake (303) – 3 miles west, 2 miles south of Rutland. Moderate number of walleye. (Fishing pier).

Sprague Lake (309) – 6 miles west, 4 miles south, 1.5 miles west of Cayuga. Fair number of walleye.

Tosse Slough (679) – 7.5 miles south, 1 mile east, 2 miles south, 1 mile east of Geneseo. Low numbers of pike and walleye. Some larger pike.

STUTSMAN COUNTY

Alkali Lake (539) – 11 miles north, 5 miles east, .5 miles south of Jamestown. Good numbers of pike, perch and walleye. Some larger walleye and pike. (No ramp).

Bader Lake (427) – 4 miles south, 1 mile east of I-94 Exit 230. Moderate numbers of walleye and pike.

Barnes Lake (346) – 1 mile east, 6 miles north of Woodworth. Walleye abundant. Moderate number of pike.

Big Mallard Marsh (599) – 9 miles north, 2.5 miles east of Woodworth. Walleye abundant. Low pike density.

Brooks Complex (797) – 4 miles south, 2 miles east, 2 miles south, .5 miles west of Cleveland. (No ramp).

Clark Lake (340) – 1 mile west, 3 miles north, 4 miles west of Woodworth. Moderate numbers of walleye and pike. Occasional perch.

Cleveland Slough (665) – .5 miles south of Cleveland along County Road 67. Perch abundant. Occasional large pike. (No ramp).

Crystal Springs (179) – 1 mile east of Crystal Springs. Walleye and pike abundant.

Cysewski Lake (148) – 11 miles north, 4 miles east, 2 miles north, .5 miles east, 1 mile north of Jamestown. Perch abundant. Pike present. (No ramp).

East Easter Lake (782) – 5 miles north, 4 miles east, 1 mile south of Streeter. Perch abundant, with some larger fish. (No ramp).

Foot Lake (321) – 2 miles south, 4 miles west of Medina. Walleye abundant. Perch present. (No ramp).

Gaier Lake (784) – 8.5 miles north, 1 mile west of Cleveland. Low density perch population. (No ramp).

Hehn-Schaffer Lake (459) – 4 miles north of Gackle. Moderate numbers of pike, perch and walleye. (Fishing pier).

Hieb Lake (786) – 3.5 miles east, 6 miles north, 1 mile east of Medina. Moderate number of perch. (No ramp).

Hoggarth Dam (576) – 3 miles west, 3 miles south of Courtenay. Walleye

abundant, with the occasional perch. (No ramp).

Jamestown Reservoir (341) – 2 miles north of Jamestown. Moderate numbers of pike and walleye. Crappie abundant. Occasional perch and smallmouth bass. 14-inch minimum walleye length limit. (Fishing pier).

Little Britches Pond (492) – Next to Jamestown Reservoir marina. Late spring rainbow trout, crappie and perch. Occasional walleye and pike. (No ramp).

Manley Lake (631) – 4 miles south, 9 miles west, .25 miles north of Pingree. Moderate number of perch. (No ramp).

Mud and Pearl Lakes (730) – 10 miles north, 2.5 miles west of Medina. Perch abundant, with some larger fish. Small walleye. (No ramp).

Paris Lake (789) – 8 miles east, 3.5 miles south of Woodworth. Moderate number of perch. (No ramp).

Pipestem Reservoir (348) – 5 miles northwest, .8 miles west, 1 mile south of Jamestown. Severe winterkill in 2018-19.

R and M Lake (579) – 4 miles east, 5 miles north of Buchanan. Walleye abundant. Moderate number of perch. (No ramp).

Reule Lake (607) – 2 miles north, 5 miles west, 1.7 miles south of Medina. Walleye abundant. Moderate number of perch. (No ramp).



Catch-and-release muskie fishing on Lake Audubon.

BRIAN SCHAFER



CRAIG BIRBLE

Heading back to the ramp at sunset on Lake Sakakawea.

MISSOURI RIVER SYSTEM

Dave Fryda, Missouri River System supervisor, Riverdale

NORTHERN PIKE

Lake Sakakawea/ Lake Oahe – Northern pike abundance in Lake Sakakawea has declined from record highs the last couple years, but still remains exceptional. However, the population is maturing and average size is increasing. Pike exceeding 15 pounds will become more common in 2020 and the next few years. Pike abundance has declined in Lake Oahe from recent years, but average size is excellent, with fish occasionally over 20 pounds.

Schock Lake (592) – 11 miles north, 3.5 miles east, 1 mile north, .5 miles west of Jamestown. Perch abundant. (No ramp).

School Lake (790) – 5 miles north, 5 miles east, 3 miles north of Streeter.

Perch abundant. (No ramp).

Spiritwood Lake (343) – 11 miles north, 4 miles east of Jamestown. Smallmouth bass abundant. Moderate numbers of walleye and perch. Low number of pike. (Fishing pier).

Stink Lake (766) – 2.5 miles east of Crystal Springs. Walleye and perch abundant. Occasional large pike. (No ramp).

Stirton Lake (792) – 3 miles south of Cleveland. Walleye abundant. Some perch present. (No ramp).

Streeter Lake (460) – South side of Streeter. Low density large pike population.

Trautman Slough (793) – 4 miles south, 2 miles west, 1 mile south of Cleveland. Walleye abundant. Occasional perch. (No ramp).

Wanzek Slough (414) – .5 miles west, 1 mile south, .75 miles west of Windsor. Pike, perch and small walleye present.

(No ramp).

Zimmerman Lake (796) – 2 miles north of Cleveland. Perch abundant. (No ramp).

RIVERS AND LAKES

Bois de Sioux River (412) – Southeast corner of state in Richland County. Good catfish and walleye populations. (No ramp).

James River (400) – Southeastern part of state. Shore-fishing opportunities where lowhead dams and bridge crossings congregate pike and walleye.

Red River (411) – Eastern edge of state. Catfish abundant. Some larger fish common. Moderate number of walleye, with some larger fish. (Fishing pier).

Sheyenne River (397) – Southeastern part of state. Smallmouth bass abundant. Moderate numbers of walleye and catfish. (Fishing pier).

Wild Rice River (409) – Southeastern part of state. Moderate numbers of catfish, walleye and pike. (No ramp).

WALLEYE

Lake Sakakawea – Walleye fishing was good in 2019 and should remain so in 2020. High forage abundance and good habitat conditions have allowed Sakakawea walleye to maintain good body condition, good growth rates and high abundance. Overall walleye abundance is the highest documented in the last 45 years due to several recent strong year-classes. Anglers will find excellent numbers of 15- to 20-inch fish in 2020, with good numbers of larger fish.

Missouri River/Lake Oahe – The fishery downstream of Garrison Dam to the South Dakota border was greatly impacted following the flood of 2011. The Garrison Reach of the Missouri River upstream of Bismarck has been slow to recover and still suffers from depressed forage conditions. Walleye reproduction was good from 2014-16, so smaller walleye are present in good numbers and this fishery continues to

provide opportunity for trophy-sized fish. Fortunately, the upper Oahe fishery recovered much better than the Garrison Reach. Forage conditions have improved and walleye growth rates have followed. Walleye reproduction was very good from 2014-16, so smaller walleye are abundant and larger fish present.

CATFISH

Upper Lake Sakakawea, Missouri River and Yellowstone River – A strong catfish population, with some fish exceeding 10 pounds.

Lake Sakakawea – Good population of catfish throughout the reservoir, but the best numbers and fishing success are in the upper end.

Garrison Dam Tailrace – Provides some good fishing for smaller catfish, especially in summer. Cats from this area are great table fare due to the relatively cold water throughout summer.

Missouri River, south of Garrison Dam – Channel catfish are abundant and underutilized throughout the entire reach.

SALMON

Missouri River System – The Missouri River salmon fishery was greatly affected by high water in 2011, but recovered and salmon fishing in 2016-17 was good, but somewhat slower in 2019. Fall spawning operations in 2019 found low numbers of fish in Sakakawea, but very high numbers in the Garrison Tailrace. Extremely high releases from the dam, and with the emergency spillway running well into fall 2019, resulted in very high entrainment of salmon and other fish through Garrison Dam. It is unknown how this high entrainment will impact Sakakawea's salmon fishery in 2020 and the next couple years.

SMALLMOUTH BASS

Lake Sakakawea – The smallmouth bass population remains good and anglers will continue to encounter good numbers of fish. The population also contains good numbers of whopper-sized fish.

TROUT

Garrison Dam Tailrace – Continues to produce trophy brown and rainbow trout. The Tailrace is a diverse quality fishery, not only for trout, but for walleye and salmon.

DEVILS LAKE BASIN

Randy Hiltner, district fisheries supervisor, and Todd Caspers, fisheries biologist, both Devils Lake

WALLEYE

Devils Lake – Walleye population continues to do well. Reproduction in recent years has generally been good and there are many fish less than 15 inches. The number of 15- to 20-inch walleye is below average due to three consecutive year-classes that were relatively low from 2013-15. There are still fish in this size range, but anglers will have to fish longer to catch them. The number of walleye longer than 20 inches is similar to the long-term average.

Stump Lake – Walleye population is doing well. There are a variety of sizes available, with good numbers of fish. The numbers of fish from 15-20 inches is a bit below average, but other size groups that anglers would be interested in are all above average.

Lake Irvine – Boat access conditions currently very poor, as the makeshift boat launch site a few miles north of Church's Ferry is essentially unusable and likely will remain so unless water levels rise significantly. Walleye population continues to do relatively well, but the number of 15- to 25-inch fish is below average.

NORTHERN PIKE

Devils Lake – Northern pike will continue to provide good angler opportunities in 2020. Pike continue to reproduce naturally, are relatively abundant and can be found throughout the lake, particularly in shallower areas. Most fish are between 24-30 inches, but trophy-sized pike are available. Pike are underutilized, so anglers should not be shy about keeping

their limit.

Stump Lake – Northern pike numbers are below average, but fish are still relatively abundant. Most pike are between 26-30 inches, but there are smaller and larger fish present.

Lake Irvine – Northern pike numbers are below average, but fish are still abundant. Most pike are medium-sized, but there are some larger fish. Pike in Lake Irvine are underutilized, so anglers should not be shy about keeping their limit. In fact, pike seem to be too abundant, as their body condition has declined, so keeping pike from this lake would be beneficial for the population as it may help reduce competition for food.

YELLOW PERCH

Devils Lake – The number of catchable-sized yellow perch is lower than last year. The number of perch from 8-12 inches is below the long-term average. The number of jumbos over 12 inches is also below average. The number of perch smaller than 8 inches is below average as well. Overall, there should be perch for anglers to pursue in 2020, but numbers are below average.

Stump Lake – Yellow perch numbers seem to be lower. All size-classes that anglers would be interested in seem to be below average. Overall, there should still be perch fishing opportunities in 2020, but fishing may be slower than usual.

Lake Irvine – Yellow perch numbers are low, but the few perch in the lake tend to be larger.

WHITE BASS

Devils Lake – White bass numbers are high. Most were hatched in 2015 and will likely be between 13-15 inches in 2020.

Stump Lake – White bass numbers seem to be lower than the last couple of years, but fish are still relatively abundant. Most bass will likely be between 14-16 inches in 2020.

Lake Irvine – White bass numbers are low, but they tend to be good sized.

2019 FISH STOCKING REPORT

All numbers more than 1,000 are rounded to the nearest 1,000. Stocked fish are fingerlings unless otherwise noted.

MIKE ANDERSON

BLACK CRAPPIE

Olson WPA, Barnes County (adult).....	200
Diamond Lake, LaMoure County (adult).....	359
Schlecht-Thom Dam, LaMoure County (adult).....	100
Crown Butte Dam, Morton County (adult).....	50
Clearwater Lake, Mountrail County (adult).....	320
East Arroda Dam, Oliver County (adult).....	93
West Arroda Dam, Oliver County (adult).....	109
Lake Elsie, Richland County (adult).....	34
Dickinson Dike, Stark County (adult).....	37
McGregor Dam, Williams County (adult).....	306

BLUEGILL

Kalina Dam, Bowman County (adult).....	297
Short Creek Dam, Burke County (adult).....	384
BarZ Dam, Dunn County (adult).....	196
Mott Watershed Dam, Hettinger County (adult).....	482
Glovatsky Pond, McKenzie County (adult).....	414
Leland Dam, McKenzie County (adult).....	124
Sather Dam, McKenzie County (adult).....	122
Riverdale City Pond, McLean County (adult).....	147
Harmony Lake, Mercer County (adult).....	610
Crown Butte Dam, Morton County (adult).....	1,000
Tolna Dam, Nelson County (adult).....	5,000
West Arroda Dam, Oliver County (adult).....	526
Glenburn Pond, Renville County (adult).....	120
Lake Elsie, Richland County (adult).....	2,000
Belcourt Lake, Rolette County (adult).....	493
Dickinson Dike, Stark County (adult).....	986
State Fair Pond, Ward County (adult).....	1,000
McGregor Dam, Williams County (adult).....	800
Tioga Dam, Williams County (adult).....	812

BROWN TROUT

North Lemmon, Adams County.....	350
Moon Lake, Barnes County.....	700
Camels Hump Lake, Golden Valley County.....	350
Blumhardt Dam, McIntosh County.....	700
Fish Creek Dam, Morton County.....	700
Nygren Dam, Morton County.....	700
Missouri River.....	21,000
Velva Sportsmen's Pond, Ward County.....	350

CHANNEL CATFISH

Mirror Lake, Adams County (adult).....	97
Braddock Dam, Emmons County (adult).....	210
Arnegard Dam, McKenzie County (adult).....	100
Watford City Park Pond, McKenzie County (adult).....	100
Camp Loop Pond, McLean County (adult).....	60
Gaebe Pond, Morton County (adult).....	100
Krieg's Pond, Morton County (adult).....	114
Stanley Pond, Mountrail County (adult).....	100
Glenburn Pond, Renville County (adult).....	60
Belfield Pond, Stark County (adult).....	129
Dickinson Dike, Stark County (adult).....	187
Dickinson Reservoir, Stark County (adult).....	338
State Fair Pond, Ward County (adult).....	60
Epping-Springbrook Dam, Williams County (adult).....	298
West Spring Lake Pond, Williams County (adult).....	67

CUTTHROAT TROUT

OWLS Pond, Burleigh County (adult).....	351
Brooks Harbor, Cass County (adult).....	138
Mooreton Pond, Richland County (adult).....	607
Little Britches Pond, Stutsman County (adult).....	100

CHINOOK SALMON

Lake Sakakawea (smolt).....	551,000
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LARGEMOUTH BASS

Lake Ashtabula, Barnes County (adult).....	40
Lake Ashtabula, Barnes County.....	22,000
New Johns Lake, Burleigh County.....	6,000
Raleigh Reservoir, Grant County (adult).....	66

PURE MUSKELLUNGE

Wood Lake, Benson County.....	103
New Johns Lake, Burleigh County.....	2,000
Larimore Dam, Grand Forks County.....	115
Red Willow Lake, Griggs County.....	104
Whitman Dam, Nelson County.....	113

TIGER MUSKELLUNGE

Lake Ashtabula, Barnes County.....	5,000
Lake Audubon, McLean County.....	4,000

NORTHERN PIKE

Lake Ashtabula, Barnes County.....	532
Eckelson Lake South, Barnes County.....	26,000
Carbury Dam, Bottineau County.....	16,000
Gascoyne Lake, Bowman County (adult).....	74
Powers Lake, Burke County.....	114,000
Cottonwood Park Pond, Burleigh County (adult).....	934
Lake Harriet (Arena Lake), Burleigh County... ..	93,000
Lake Harriet (Arena Lake), Burleigh County (fry).....	360,000
Mount Carmel Dam, Cavalier County.....	22,000
Moore's Lake, Dickey County.....	2,000
Wilson Dam, Dickey County.....	4,000
New Rockford Reservoir, Eddy County (adult).....	102
Warsing Dam, Eddy County (adult).....	183
Braddock Dam, Emmons County.....	9,000
Fordville Dam, Grand Forks County.....	17,000
Kolding Dam, Grand Forks County (adult).....	50
Kolding Dam, Grand Forks County.....	1,000
Larimore Dam, Grand Forks County.....	8,000
Niagara Dam, Grand Forks County (adult).....	67
Niagara Dam, Grand Forks County.....	1,000
Carlson-Tande Dam, Griggs County.....	2,000
Cherry Lake, Kidder County.....	28,000
Etta-Alkaline Complex, Kidder County.....	49,000
Etta-Alkaline Complex, Kidder County (fry).....	240,000
Helen Lake, Kidder County.....	50,000
Horsehead Lake, Kidder County (fry).....	240,000
Lake Isabel, Kidder County.....	23,000
Lake No. 5, Kidder County.....	4,000
Long Alkaline Lake, Kidder County.....	50,000
Cottonwood Lake, LaMoure County.....	27,000
Kalmbach Lake, LaMoure County.....	5,000
Schlecht-Thom Dam, LaMoure County.....	2,000
Schlenker Dam (Lehr Dam), LaMoure County... ..	1,100
North Napoleon Lake, Logan County (fry).....	120,000
West Lake Napoleon, Logan County (fry).....	120,000
Wetzel Lake, Logan County.....	19,000

Homestead Lake, McIntosh County.....	16,000
Lake Hoskins, McIntosh County.....	17,000
Serpent Lake, McIntosh County.....	47,000
Arnegard Dam, McKenzie County.....	7,000
Camp Loop Pond, McLean County (adult).....	28
Stanley Reservoir, Mountrail County.....	25,000
Silver Creek Dam, Nelson County.....	3,000
Tolna Dam, Nelson County.....	15,000
East Arroda Dam, Oliver County.....	3,000
Renwick Dam, Pembina County.....	18,000
Balta Dam, Pierce County.....	10,000
Sand Lake, Pierce County.....	9,000
Lone Tree Lake (Englevale), Ransom County... ..	73,000
Bergh Slough, Sargent County (fry).....	120,000
Fiala Lake, Sargent County (fry).....	240,000
Sprague Lake, Sargent County.....	20,000
Tosse Slough, Sargent County.....	36,000
Coal Mine Lake, Sheridan County.....	48,000
North (Hoffer) McClusky, Sheridan County.....	10,000
Cysewski Lake, Stutsman County (adult).....	125
Homme Dam, Walsh County.....	19,000
Makoti Lake, Ward County.....	34,000
Sykeston Dam, Wells County.....	9,000
East Spring Lake Pond, Williams County (adult).....	107

RAINBOW TROUT

North Lemmon, Adams County.....	3,000
Hatchery Kids Pond, Barnes County.....	350
Moon Lake, Barnes County.....	3,000
Strawberry Lake, Bottineau County.....	700
Lutz Dam, Bowman County.....	200
Northgate Dam, Burke County.....	5,000
McDowell Dam, Burleigh County.....	700
OWLS Pond, Burleigh County.....	1,000
Wilton City Pond, Burleigh County.....	200
Brooks Harbor, Cass County.....	700
Casselton Pond, Cass County.....	500
North Woodhaven Pond, Cass County.....	700
Langdon City Pond, Cavalier County.....	350
Beach City Pond, Golden Valley County.....	350
Camels Hump Lake, Golden Valley County.....	3,000
Ryan Park Pond, Grand Forks County.....	653
Sheep Creek Dam, Grant County.....	3,000
Castle Rock Dam, Hettinger County.....	700
Mott Watershed Dam, Hettinger County.....	700
Watford City Park Pond, McKenzie County.....	350
Camp Loop Pond, McLean County.....	350
Custer Mine, McLean County.....	700
Lightning Lake, McLean County.....	700
Painted Woods Pond, McLean County.....	700
Riverdale City Pond, McLean County.....	700
Harmony Lake, Mercer County.....	700
Hazen Creek, Mercer County.....	200
Crown Butte Dam, Morton County.....	1,000
Fish Creek Dam, Morton County.....	4,000
Gaebe Pond, Morton County (adult).....	120
Gaebe Pond, Morton County.....	350
Harmon Lake, Morton County.....	5,000
Krieg's Pond, Morton County.....	700
Little Heart Pond, Morton County.....	700
Porsborg Dam, Morton County (adult).....	120
Porsborg Dam, Morton County.....	1,000
Stanley Pond, Mountrail County.....	700



Missouri River.....17,000
 Turtle River 3,000
 Oliver County Sportsmen's Pond, Oliver County .. 200
 West Arroda Dam, Oliver County.....700
 Mooringstone Pond, Ransom County 150
 Glenburn Pond, Renville County.....350
 Mooreton Pond, Richland County 2,000
 Hooker Lake, Rolette County1,000
 Davis Dam, Slope County.....1,000
 Belfield Pond, Stark County (adult).....120
 Belfield Pond, Stark County700
 Dickinson Dike, Stark County (adult).....120
 Dickinson Dike, Stark County 2,000
 Little Britches Pond, Stutsman County 150
 State Fair Pond, Ward County350
 Velva Sportsmen's Pond, Ward County.....700
 Kettle Lake, Williams County700
 Kota-Ray Dam, Williams County 2,000
 McGregor Dam, Williams County 2,000
 West Spring Lake Pond, Williams County (adult) .. 120
 West Spring Lake Pond, Williams County.....350

SMALLMOUTH BASS

Moore's Lake, Dickey County (adult)100
 Kulm-Edgeley Dam, LaMoure County (adult)..... 182
 Tolna Dam, Nelson County (adult).....221
 Epping-Springbrook Dam, Williams County (adult) 153
 McLeod (Ray) Reservoir, Williams County (adult) 142

WALLEYE

Mirror Lake, Adams County..... 3,000
 North Lemmon, Adams County.....7,000
 Lake Ashtabula, Barnes County2,000,000
 Lake Ashtabula, Barnes County (fry) 1,900,000
 Clausen Springs, Barnes County 5,000
 Fox Lake, Barnes County41,000
 Island Lake, Barnes County38,000
 Kee Lake, Barnes County31,000
 Moon Lake, Barnes County16,000
 Mosher WPA, Barnes County 25,000
 St. Mary's Lake, Barnes County.....16,000
 Sweetwater Lake, Barnes County 5,000
 Wood Lake, Benson County15,000
 Boundary Lake, Bottineau County.....14,000
 Long Lake, Bottineau County.....12,000
 Loon Lake, Bottineau County.....13,000
 Lake Metigoshe, Bottineau County 35,000
 Northgate Dam, Burke County14,000
 Short Creek Dam, Burke County18,000
 Smishek Lake, Burke County7,000
 Crimmins WPA, Burleigh County 30,000
 Mount Carmel Dam, Cavalier County.....51,000
 Pheasant Lake, Dickey County..... 25,000
 Baukol-Noonan Dam, Divide County.....7,000
 Lake Ilo, Dunn County.....123,000
 Lake Coe, Eddy County.....70,000
 North Lake Washington, Eddy County.....51,000
 Warsing Dam, Eddy County 9,000
 Rice Lake, Emmons County 80,000
 Dry Lake, Foster County.....75,000
 Fordville Dam, Grand Forks County.....25,000
 Heart Butte Reservoir, Grant County321,000
 Raleigh Reservoir, Grant County12,000
 Lake Addie, Griggs County 25,000
 Red Willow Lake, Griggs County21,000
 Blickensderfer Dam, Hettinger County..... 5,000
 Alkaline Lake, Kidder County 201,000
 Des Moines Lake, Kidder County 50,000
 Geier Lake, Kidder County 30,000
 Lake Geneva, Kidder County.....24,000
 Jasper Lake, Kidder County40,000
 Lake Josephine, Kidder County.....40,000

Koenig North, Kidder County 25,000
 Pelican Lake, Kidder County 8,000
 Round Lake, Kidder County 20,000
 Sibley Lake, Kidder County101,000
 Swan Lake, Kidder County 30,000
 Willow Lake, Kidder County 50,000
 Woodhouse Lake, Kidder County..... 30,000
 Boom Lake (Marion Lake), LaMoure County .. 29,000
 Diamond Lake, LaMoure County 76,000
 Kulm-Edgeley Dam, LaMoure County 4,000
 Lake LaMoure, LaMoure County..... 49,000
 Twin Lakes, LaMoure County 100,000
 Braun Lake, Logan County 8,000
 Logan Lake, Logan County60,000
 Marvin Miller Lake, Logan County.....15,000
 Mundt Lake, Logan County20,000
 Ost Lake, Logan County 29,000
 Railroad Lake, Logan County15,000
 Thurn Lake, Logan County.....10,000
 West Lake Napoleon, Logan County.....106,000
 Buffalo Lodge Lake, McHenry County.....153,000
 Round Lake, McHenry County (fry)300,000
 Coldwater Lake, McIntosh County..... 52,000
 Dollinger-Schnabel Lake, McIntosh County..... 34,000
 Dry Lake, McIntosh County.....190,000
 Green Lake, McIntosh County 39,000
 Harr Lake, McIntosh County21,000
 Kislingbury Lake, McIntosh County.....60,000
 Miller Lake, McIntosh County64,000
 Coal Lake, McLean County40,000
 Coal Lake, McLean County (fry)100,000
 Crooked Lake, McLean County.....96,000
 Scooby Lake, McLean County.....45,000
 Danzig Dam, Morton County.....20,000
 Sweet Briar Lake, Morton County20,000
 Clearwater Lake, Mountrail County.....14,000
 White Earth Dam, Mountrail County.....20,000
 McVile Dam, Nelson County.....6,000
 Stump Lake, Nelson County550,000
 Tolna Dam, Nelson County 25,000
 Whitman Dam, Nelson County.....22,000
 Devils Lake900,000
 Lake Sakakawea1,900,000
 Sheyenne River18,000
 Souris River (Mouse River) (fry) 300,000
 Antelope Lake, Pierce County101,000
 Lake Darling, Renville County500,000
 Elm Lake, Richland County (fry).....400,000
 Lake Elsie, Richland County.....40,000
 Four Corners Lake, Richland County10,000
 Four Corners Lake, Richland County (fry) 100,000
 Gullys Slough, Richland County 100,000
 Haus Lake, Richland County 5,000
 Horseshoe Lake, Richland County.....11,000
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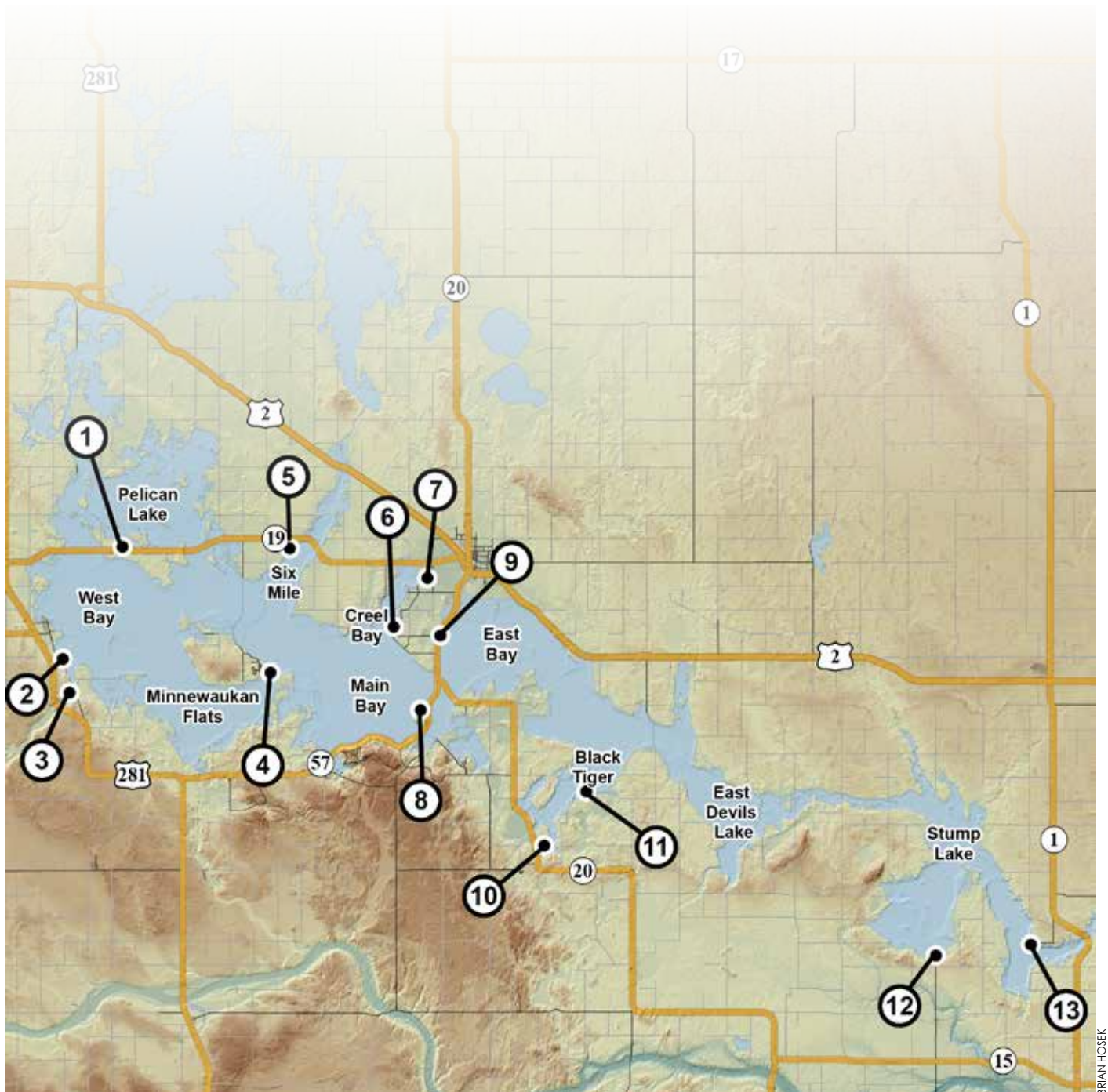
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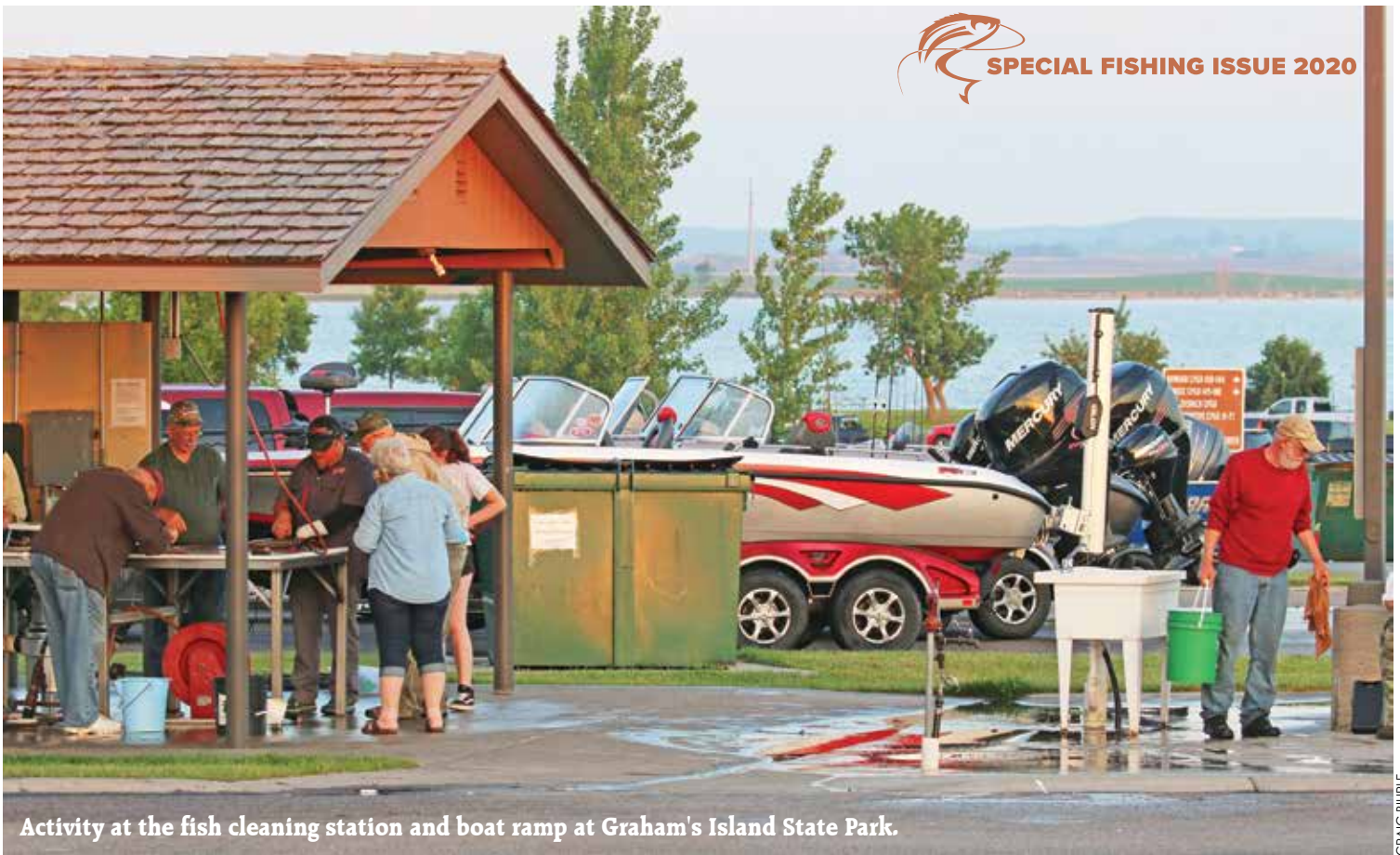
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BOAT ACCESS FOR DEVILS LAKE



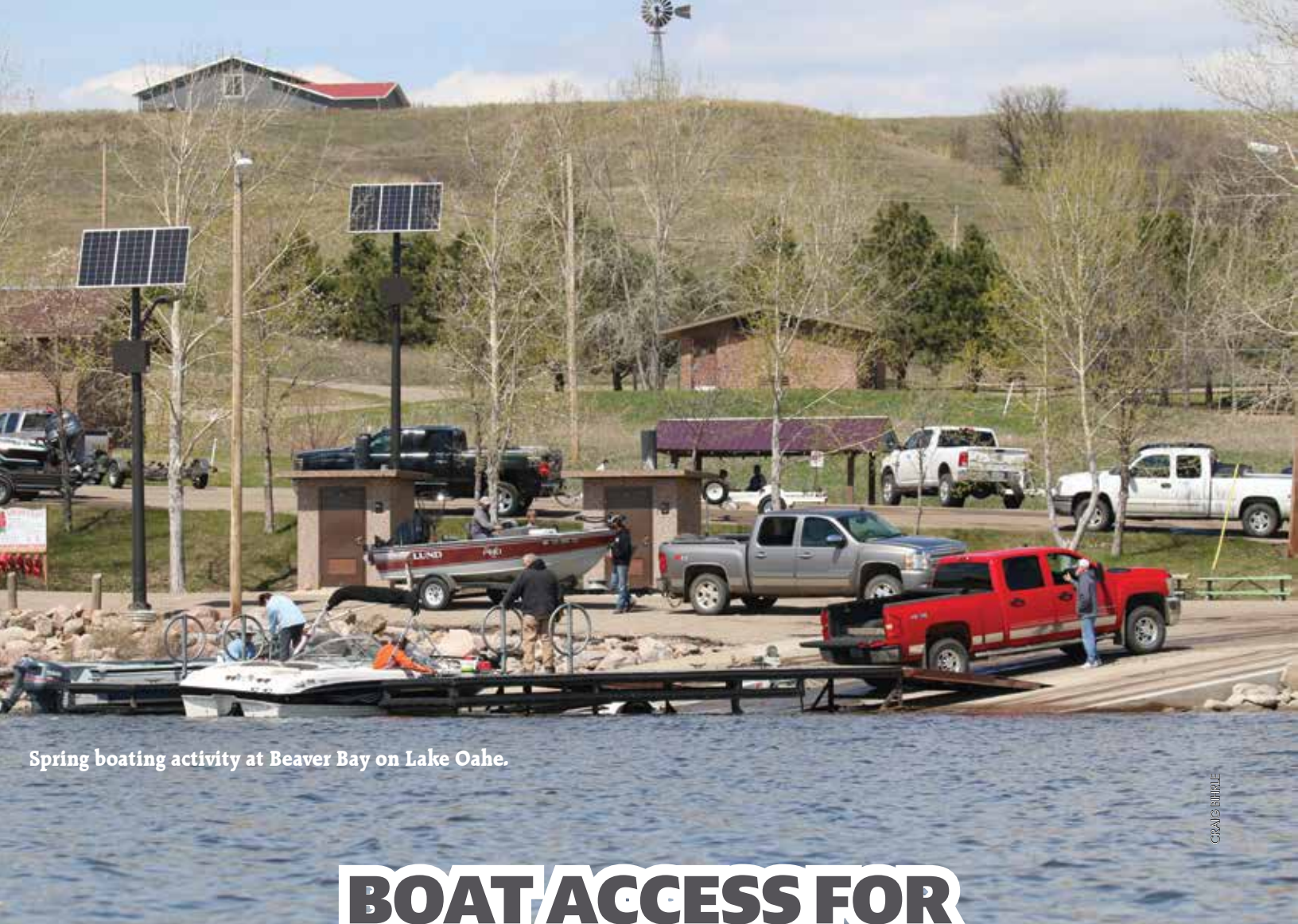


Activity at the fish cleaning station and boat ramp at Graham's Island State Park.

CRAIG BIRHLE

Following is a list of boat access sites in the Devils Lake Basin (Lake Irvine, Devils Lake, and Stump Lake) in North Dakota. All sites have a boat ramp, courtesy dock and restrooms unless otherwise noted. For updated information, check the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's website (gf.nd.gov) or contact the appropriate managing authority at the end of each listing.

- 1. PELICAN LAKE BAY** – 15 miles west of Devils Lake on ND Highway 19. Paved access road, trash receptacles – North Dakota Game and Fish Department.
- 2. MINNEWAUKAN DUMPGROUND** – 1.5 miles south of Minnewaukan on old U.S. Highway 281. Gravel access road – Minnewaukan Community Club.
- 3. ROUND LAKE BAY** – 3 miles south of Minnewaukan on U.S. Highway 281. Paved access road, trash receptacles – Minnewaukan Community Club.
- 4. GRAHAMS ISLAND STATE PARK** – 10 miles west of Devils Lake on ND Highway 19, then 6 miles south. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, access fee, RV dump station – North Dakota Parks and Recreation.
- 5. SCHWAB LANDING** – 7 miles west of Devils Lake on ND Highway 19. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, RV dump station – North Dakota Game and Fish Department.
- 6. CREEL BAY** – 3 miles south of Devils Lake on ND Highway 20, then 2 miles west and .25 miles north. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, RV dump station – Ramsey County Park Board.
- 7. HENEGAR LANDING** – 1 mile west of Devils Lake on ND Highway 19, then .75 miles south. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, security lights, trash receptacles – Ramsey County Park Board.
- 8. SPIRIT LAKE CASINO** – 6 miles south of Devils Lake on ND Highway 20/57. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental, RV dump station – Spirit Lake Casino.
- 9. EAST BAY** – 3 miles south of Devils Lake on ND Highway 20. Paved access road, security lights, trash receptacles – North Dakota Game and Fish Department.
- 10. ESTENSON LANDING** – 15 miles south of Devils Lake on ND Highway 20. Paved access road, trash receptacles – North Dakota Game and Fish Department.
- 11. BLACK TIGER BAY** – 16.5 miles south of Devils Lake on ND Highway 20, then 4 miles north-northeast. Gravel access road, no restrooms – North Dakota Parks and Recreation.
- 12. TOLNA LANDING (STUMP LAKE)** – 3 miles north of Tolna. Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Tolna Community Club.
- 13. STUMP LAKE PARK** – 11 miles south, 1 mile west of Lakota. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, RV dump station – Nelson County Park Board.



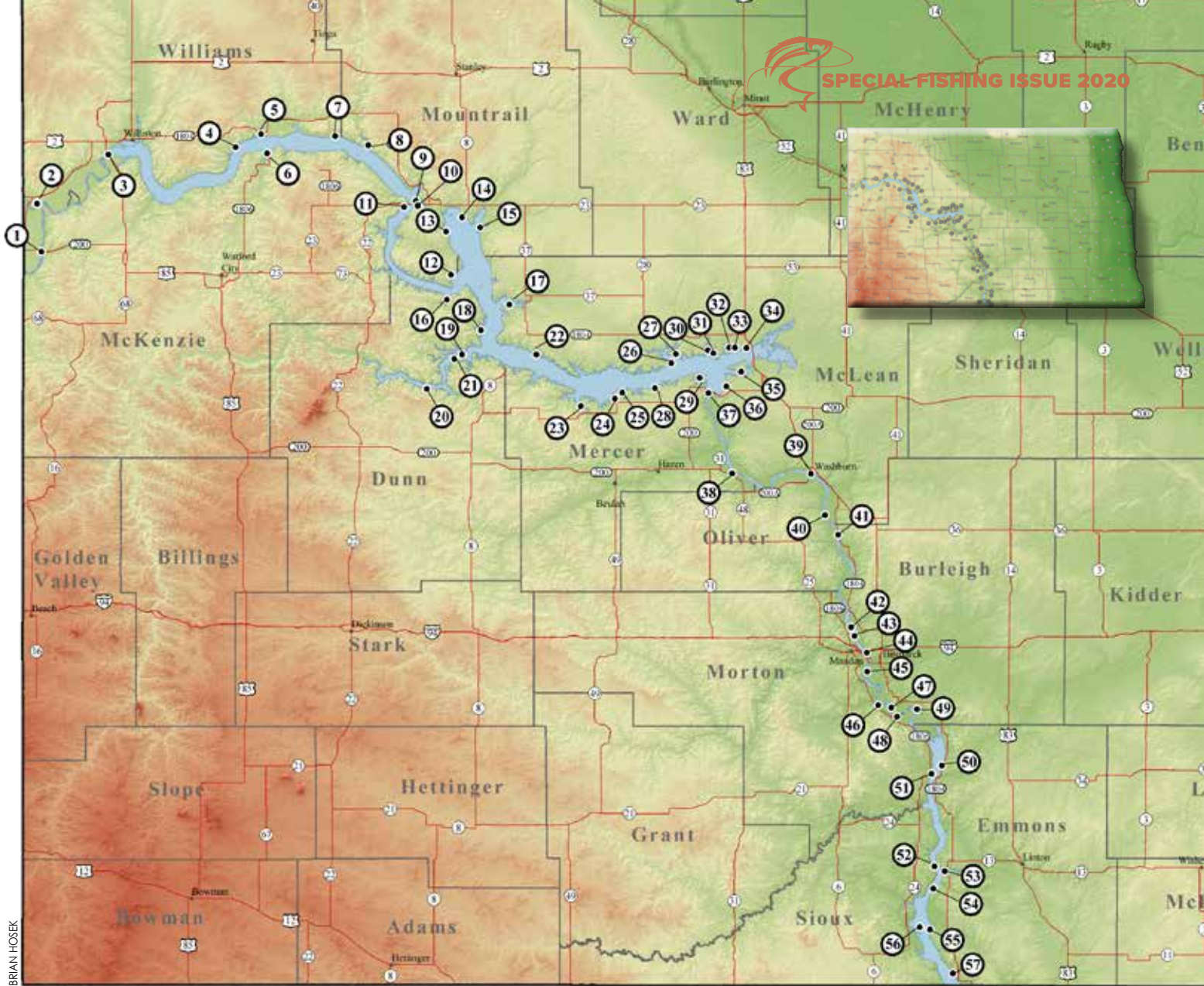
Spring boating activity at Beaver Bay on Lake Oahe.

CRAGG RUTHELL

BOAT ACCESS FOR MISSOURI RIVER SYSTEM

Following is a list of boat access sites on the Missouri River System in North Dakota. All sites have a boat ramp, courtesy dock and restrooms unless otherwise noted. For updated information, check the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's website (gf.nd.gov) or contact the appropriate managing authority at the end of each listing.

- 1. SUNDHEIM PARK** – 2 miles west of Cartwright on ND Highway 200, on west side of Yellowstone River and south side of ND Highway 200. Paved access road, no courtesy docks, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Yellowstone Township.
- 2. CONFLUENCE AREA** – 1.5 miles south of Buford on ND Highway 1804. Paved access road, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Williams County WRD.
- 3. LEWIS AND CLARK BRIDGE** – 4 miles west of Williston on U.S. Highway 2, 3 miles south on U.S. Highway 85, on south side of Missouri River, and east side of U.S. Highway 85. Paved access road, security lights, picnic shelter – Williams County WRD.
- 4. LEWIS AND CLARK STATE PARK** – 16 miles east of Williston on ND Highway 1804, then 3 miles south. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, access fee, RV dump station – North Dakota Parks and Recreation.
- 5. WHITETAIL BAY (LUND'S LANDING)** – 22 miles east of Williston on ND Highway 1804. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental – Williams County WRD.
- 6. TOBACCO GARDEN CREEK BAY** – 2 miles east of Watford City on ND Highway 23, then 25 miles north and east on ND Highway 1806. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, RV dump station – McKenzie County Park Board.
- 7. LITTLE BEAVER BAY** – 32 miles



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northwest of New Town on ND Highway 1804, then 3 miles south. Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Williams County WRD.

- 8. WHITE EARTH BAY** – 28 miles northwest of New Town on ND Highway 1804, then 2 miles south, 1 mile east, 3 miles south, 3 miles east. Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, RV dump station – Mountrail County Park Board.
- 9. SANISH BAY (AFTEM)** – 1 mile north, 2 miles west of New Town. Gravel access road, no restrooms –

New Town Park Board/Aftem Development.

- 10. NEW TOWN MARINA** – 2 miles west of New Town on ND Highway 23. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, RV dump station – New Town Marina Association.
- 11. FOUR BEARS** – 4 miles west of New Town on ND Highway 23. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, RV dump station – Three Affiliated Tribes.
- 12. POUCH POINT** – 7 miles south, 2

miles east, 2 miles south, 1 mile east, 3 miles south of New Town. Paved access road, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession – Three Affiliated Tribes.

- 13. LITTLEFIELD BAY** – 5 miles south, 2 miles east of New Town. Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks – North Dakota Game and Fish Department.
- 14. VAN HOOK** – 5 miles east of New Town on ND Highway 23, then 2 miles south. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, RV dump station – Mountrail County Park Board.
- 15. PARSHALL BAY** – 3 miles west,

1 mile south, 3 miles west, 1 mile south, 2 miles west of Parshall. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, boat rental, RV dump station – Mountrail County Park Board.

- 16. SKUNK BAY** – 14 miles northeast of Mandaree. Gravel access road, developed and primitive camping, concession, lodging – Three Affiliated Tribes/Roads Maker, Inc.
- 17. DEEP WATER CREEK BAY** – 14 miles south of Parshall on ND Highway 37, then either 1 mile south to the corps ramp or 2.5 miles west and .5 miles south to the county ramp. Gravel access road, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/McLean County Park Board.
- 18. HALE MARINA** – 18 miles southeast of Mandaree. Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks – Three Affiliated Tribes.
- 19. MCKENZIE BAY** – 22 miles southeast of Mandaree. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, RV dump station – Watford City Park Board.
- 20. LITTLE MISSOURI BAY** – 16 miles northeast of Dunn Center. Gravel access road, security lights – Dunn County Park Board.
- 21. CHARGING EAGLE BAY** – 12 miles north of Halliday on ND Highway 8, then 10 miles west on BIA No. 22. Gravel access road, no restrooms, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, trash receptacles – Three Affiliated Tribes.
- 22. INDIAN HILLS RESORT** – 11 miles west of White Shield on ND Highway 1804, then 3 miles south. Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash

receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental, RV dump station – North Dakota Parks and Recreation/Three Affiliated Tribes.

- 23. BEAVER CREEK BAY** – 12 miles north of Zap. Paved access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Zap City Park Board.
- 24. DAKOTA WATERS RESORT** – 15 miles north of Beulah. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental, RV dump station – Dakota Waters Resort.
- 25. BEULAH BAY** – 17 miles north of Beulah. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, lodging, RV dump station – Beulah City Park Board.
- 26. DOUGLAS CREEK BAY** – 11 miles west of Garrison on ND Highway 37, 5 miles south, 5 miles east to corps ramp or 11 miles west of Garrison on ND Highway 37, 2 miles south, 1 mile east, 1 mile south to county ramp. Gravel access road, primitive camping, trash receptacles – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/McLean County Park Board.
- 27. CAMP OF THE CROSS** – 4 miles west, 1.5 miles south, 1 mile west, 1 mile south, 1 mile west, .5 miles south of Garrison. Gravel access road, no restrooms – Camp of the Cross.
- 28. HAZEN BAY** – 14 miles north of Hazen. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, RV dump station – Hazen City Park Board.
- 29. LAKE SAKAKAWEA STATE PARK** – Just east and north of Pick City. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shel-

ter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental, access fee, RV dump station – North Dakota Parks and Recreation.

- 30. GARRISON CREEK** – 2 miles west of Garrison on ND Highway 37, 3 miles south, 1 mile east. Gravel access road, no restrooms – Garrison Cabin Association.
- 31. FORT STEVENSON STATE PARK** – 3 miles south of Garrison. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental, access fee, RV dump station – North Dakota Parks and Recreation.
- 32. STEINKE BAY** – 3 miles west of the junction of ND Highway 37 and U.S. Highway 83, then 2 miles south. Gravel access road, primitive camping – North Dakota Game and Fish Department.
- 33. SPORTSMENS CENTENNIAL PARK** – 1 mile west of the junction of ND Highway 37 and U.S. Highway 83, then 2 miles south, 1 mile west. Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession – McLean County Park Board.
- 34. WEST TOTTEN TRAIL** – 7 miles north of Coleharbor on U.S. Highway 83, then .5 miles west, or 2 miles south of the junction of U.S. Highway 83 and ND Highway 37, then .5 miles west. Gravel access road – McLean County Park Board.
- 35. WOLF CREEK** – 1 mile east of Riverdale on ND Highway 200, then 2 miles north, 1 mile east, 1 mile north, .5 miles east. Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, RV dump station – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- 36. GOVERNMENT BAY** – Just north of Riverdale. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights,

- trash receptacles – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- 37. GARRISON DAM TAILRACE –** Directly below Garrison Dam. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed camping, security lights, trash receptacles – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- 38. UPA SITE (STANTON) –** Just west of UPA Power Plant on ND Highway 200A near Stanton. Paved access road, security lights, trash receptacles – City of Stanton.
- 39. WASHBURN –** On east side of the Missouri River near Washburn, north of ND Highway 200A bridge. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, security lights, trash receptacles, RV dump station – Washburn City Park Board.
- 40. SANGER (CROSS RANCH) –** Just east of Sanger townsite on west side of Missouri River. Gravel access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – North Dakota Parks and Recreation.
- 41. STECKEL BOAT LANDING (WILTON) –** 22 miles north of Bismarck on ND Highway 1804, or 5.5 miles west, 1 mile south, and 1.5 miles west of junction of U.S. Highway 83 and ND Highway 36. Paved access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Burleigh County Park Board.
- 42. HOGE LANDING –** On east side of the Missouri River near Bismarck, 6.4 miles north of I-94 bridge on River Road, then .7 miles west and 1.5 miles south/southwest. Gravel access road, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Bismarck Parks and Recreation.
- 43. KNIEFEL (MISTY WATERS) LANDING –** On east side of the Missouri River near Bismarck, 3 miles north of I-94 bridge on River Road, then 1 mile west. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession – Burleigh County Park Board.
- 44. GRANT MARSH BRIDGE –** On east side of the Missouri River near Bismarck, south side of the I-94 bridge on River Road. Paved access road, security lights, trash receptacles – Bismarck Parks and Recreation.
- 45. FOX ISLAND PARK –** From Washington Street, .75 miles west on Riverwood Drive (1 block south of Expressway), 1.5 miles south and .5 miles west. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, security lights, trash receptacles – Bismarck Parks and Recreation.
- 46. LITTLE HEART BOTTOMS (SCHMIDT) –** 11 miles south of Mandan on ND Highway 1806, then 1 mile north. Paved access road, trash receptacles – Morton County Park Board.
- 47. KIMBALL BOTTOMS (DESERT) –** 8 miles south of Bismarck on ND Highway 1804, then 2 miles south. Paved access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Burleigh County Park Board.
- 48. GRANER BOTTOMS (SUGAR LOAF) –** 19 miles south of Mandan on ND Highway 1806, then 1 mile east, or about 3 miles north of Huff. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, RV dump station – Morton County Park Board.
- 49. MACLEAN BOTTOMS (GUN RANGE) –** 14 miles south of Bismarck on ND Highway 1804, then 2 miles south. Paved access road, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Burleigh County Park Board.
- 50. HAZELTON –** 31 miles southeast of Bismarck on ND Highway 1804 or 13 miles west and 2 miles north of Hazelton. Campground located just south of boat ramp. Paved access road, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- 51. FORT RICE –** 28 miles south of Mandan on ND Highway 1806, then .5 miles east. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Morton County Park Board.
- 52. PRAIRIE KNIGHTS MARINA –** 10 miles south of the Cannonball River on ND Highway 1806, then 3.5 miles east. Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, lodging, RV dump station – Prairie Knights Casino.
- 53. BEAVER BAY –** 13 miles west of Linton on ND Highway 13, then 2 miles south on ND Highway 1804. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, RV dump station – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- 54. JENNERVILLE (RIVERY) –** 13 miles west of Linton on ND Highway 13, then 6.5 miles south on ND Highway 1804, and 3.5 miles west at Rivery turnoff. Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesies docks – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- 55. CATTAIL BAY (WINONA) –** 10 miles west of Strasburg, 1 mile south, 7 miles west, then 1 mile north on ND Highway 1804, 2 miles west, 2 miles south, 1 mile west. Gravel access road, primitive camping, trash receptacles, concession – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- 56. FORT YATES –** North edge of Fort Yates. Paved access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.
- 57. LANGELIERS BAY –** 10 miles west of Strasburg, 1 mile south, 7 miles west, then 11 miles south on ND Highway 1804, and .75 miles west. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, security lights, trash receptacles – Emmons County Park Board.

By Greg Freeman, Department News Editor



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2019 Bighorn Sheep, Moose and Elk Harvests

Harvest statistics released by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department show overall hunter success during the 2019 season for bighorn sheep was 100 percent, 87 percent for moose and 62 percent for elk.

The Department issued four bighorn sheep licenses and auctioned one. All five hunters harvested a bighorn ram.

The Department issued 475 moose licenses last year. Of that total, 449 hunters harvested 389 animals – 154 bulls and 235 cows/calves. Harvest for each unit follows:

Unit	Hunters	Bulls	Cow/Calf	Success Rate
M5	5	4	0	80
M6	15	10	1	73
M8	15	13	1	93
M9	114	29	61	79
M10	180	58	107	92
M11	120	40	65	88

The Department issued 487 elk licenses last year. Of that total, 449 hunters harvested 279 elk – 155 bulls and 124 cows/calves. Harvest for each unit follows:

Unit	Hunters	Bulls	Cow/Calf	Success Rate
E1E	85	22	27	58
E1W	52	15	16	60
E2	128	34	30	50
E3	150	66	46	75
E4	22	14	0	64
E6	12	4	5	75

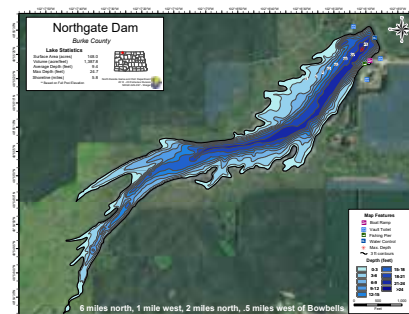
Lake Contour Maps Updated

Several lake contour maps were recently updated to include greater detail and quality and are now available on the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website.

Along with maps of fishing waters that were updated in December, new waters recently improved are Northgate Dam and Smishek Lake, Burke County; New Johns Lake, Burleigh County; Camels Hump Lake, Golden Valley County; Raleigh Reservoir and Sheep Creek Dam, Grant County; Indian Creek Dam, Hettinger County; Jasper Lake, Lake Josephine and Sibley Lake, Kidder County; Lake LaMoure, LaMoure County; Dry Lake, McIntosh County; Crooked Lake, McLean County; Crown Butte Dam, Fish Creek Dam and Sweet Briar Lake, Morton County; Lake Elsie, Richland

County; Heckers Lake, Sheridan County; Bisbee Dam-Big Coulee, Towner County; Goose Lake, Wells County; Blacktail Dam and McGregor Dam, Williams County.

All contour maps are available by accessing the fishing link at gf.nd.gov/fishing, then clicking on “where to fish.”



Whooping Crane Migration

Whooping cranes are in the midst of their spring migration and sightings will increase as they make their way into and through North Dakota over the next several weeks. Anyone seeing these endangered birds as they move through the state is asked to report sightings so the birds can be tracked.

Whooping cranes that do make their way through North Dakota are part of a population of about 500 birds that are on their way from wintering grounds at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas to their nesting grounds at Wood Buffalo National Park in Canada, a distance of about 2,500 miles.

Whoopers stand about five feet tall and have a wingspan of about seven feet from tip to tip. They are bright white with black wing tips, which are visible only when the wings are outspread. In flight they extend their long necks straight forward, while their long, slender legs extend out behind the tail. Whooping cranes typically migrate singly, or in groups of 2-3 birds, and may be associated with sandhill cranes.

Other white birds such as snow geese, swans and egrets are often mistaken for whooping cranes. The most common misidentification is pelicans, because their wingspan is similar and they tuck their pouch in flight, leaving a silhouette similar to a crane when viewed from below.

Anyone sighting whoopers should not disturb them, but record the date, time, location, and the birds' activity. Observers should also look closely for and report colored bands which may occur on one or both legs. Whooping cranes have been marked with colored leg bands to help determine their identity.

Whooping crane sightings should be reported to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offices at Lostwood, 701-848-2466, or Long Lake, 701-387-4397, national wildlife refuges; the North Dakota Game and Fish Department in Bismarck, 701-328-6300, or to local game wardens across the state. Reports help biologists locate important whooping crane habitat areas, monitor marked birds, determine survival and population numbers, and identify times and migration routes.



(Note: See the Game and Fish Department's website, gf.nd.gov, for updated information regarding the 2020 paddlefish season.)

North Dakota's paddlefish snagging season opens May 1 and is scheduled to continue through May 21. However, depending on the overall harvest, an early in-season closure may occur with a 24-hour notice issued by the state Game and Fish Department.

Legal snagging hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. One tag per snagger will be issued. Snagging is legal in all areas of the Yellowstone River in North Dakota, and in the area of the Missouri River lying west of the U.S. Highway 85 bridge to the Montana border, excluding that portion from the pipeline crossing (river mile 1,577) downstream to the upper end of the Lewis and Clark Wildlife Management Area (river mile 1,565).

If the season closes early because the harvest cap is reached, an extended snag-and-release-only period will be allowed for up to seven days immediately following the early closure, but not to extend beyond May 21. Only snaggers with a current season, unused paddlefish snagging tag are eligible to participate. In the past, a limited area at the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers was open to this extended season

snagging opportunity. This year, that open area is extended to a placed called Ryder Point a few miles downstream from the confluence.

Mandatory harvest of all snagged paddlefish is required on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. On these days, all paddlefish caught must be kept and tagged immediately. All paddlefish snagged and tagged must be removed from the river by 7 p.m. of each snagging day. Any fish left at the confluence fish cleaning caviar operation after 8 p.m. the day they were snagged will be considered abandoned and the snagger is subject to a fine.

Snag-and-release of all paddlefish is required on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays. Participants during snag-and-release-only days need to have in their possession a current season, unused paddlefish snagging tag. Use or possession of gaffs is prohibited on snag-and-release-only days, and, if it occurs, during the snag-and-release extension period.

All paddlefish snaggers must possess a paddlefish tag in addition to a valid fishing license. Cost of a paddlefish tag is \$10 for residents and \$25.50 for nonresidents.



Report Bald Eagle Nests

The state Game and Fish Department is asking for help in locating bald eagle nests in North Dakota.

Sandra Johnson, Game and Fish Department conservation biologist, said the Department is looking for locations of nests with eagles present, not individual eagle sightings.

Eagles actively incubate eggs in March and April, and it's easy to distinguish an eagle nest because of its enormous size. Johnson estimates the state has around 215 active bald eagle nests, possibly more.

Eagle nests are observed in more than three-quarters of the counties in the state, mostly near streams and mid- to large-sized lakes. However, they are also found in unique areas such as shelterbelts surrounded by cropland or pasture.

Nest observations should be reported online at the Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov, or by email at ndgf@nd.gov.

Observers are asked to not disturb the nests, and to stay away at a safe distance. Johnson said foot traffic may disturb birds, likely causing eagles to leave their eggs or young unattended.



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Nonresident Any-Deer Bow Licenses

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department will have 780 any-deer bow licenses available to nonresidents in 2020.

Applicants can apply online on the Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov. The deadline for applying is April 15.

Up to five hunters can apply together as a party. A lottery will be held if more applications are received than licenses available. A total of 1,209 people applied in 2019.

The number of nonresident any-deer bow licenses available is 15 percent of the previous year's mule deer gun license allocation.

Guide and Outfitter Exam Scheduled

The next guide and outfitter written examination is May 9 at 1 p.m. at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department office in Bismarck. The test is given periodically to anyone interested in becoming a guide or outfitter in the state.

In addition to passing a written exam, qualifications for becoming a guide include a background check for criminal and game and fish violations; certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and standard first aid; and employment by or contract with a licensed hunting outfitter.

Hunting outfitter eligibility requirements include the guide qualifications, as well as an individual must have held a hunting guide license for two years; and must have proof of liability insurance.

Interested individuals are required to preregister by calling the Game and Fish Department's enforcement office at 701-328-6604.

Game and Fish Volunteers Recognized

Volunteer instructors for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department were recently recognized at the annual recognition event in Bismarck.

William Bahm, Almont, was recognized as hunter education instructor of the year and Kevin Lech, Mandan, was named archery education instructor of the year. Dickinson resident Walter Turbiville was honored with a lifetime achievement award.

Longtime volunteers were also recognized for their service to the Game

and Fish Department:

- **30 years** – Dean Anderson, Grand Forks; Wayne Beyer, Wahpeton; Leonard Enander, Granville; Darwin Gebhardt, Lake Elmo, Minn.; Jerome Koenig, Steele; Jack Lalor, Lidgerwood; Charles Meikle, Spiritwood; David Nelson, Grand Forks; Gary Nilsson, Walhalla; David Urlacher, Belfield.
- **25 years** – Curt Beattie, Hanaford; Jay Grover, Cooperstown;

Vernon Laning, Bismarck; Eddy Larsen, Larimore; Rick Olson, Garrison; Joseph O'Meara, Hankinson; Brad Pierce, Hatton; Paul Roeder, Milnor; Robert Sanden, Barney; William Titus, Lincoln; Charles Veith, Bismarck; Larry Viall, Epping; Gary Wald, Maddock; Mark Weyrauch, Ray.

- **20 years** – Lynn Baltrusch, Fessenden; Darryl Duttonhefner, Menoken; Don Ferguson, Jamestown; Rhonda Ferguson, Jamestown;

Sean Hagan, Walhalla; Donn Hancock, Emerado; Mitchell Kallias, Minot; Gary Knotts, Fargo; Lynn Lawler, Cando; Richard Liesener, Ray; Dale Marks, Ypsilanti; Marvin Neumiller, Washburn; Jerry Rekow, Ellendale; Thomas Rost, Devils Lake; Jerry Schroeder, Horace; Rickie Theurer, Mandan; Leonard Wysocki, Grafton.

- **15 years** – Robert Bartz, Richardson; Mark Bitz, Bismarck; Steven Buchweitz, Munich; James Dusek, Grafton; Michael Erickson, Edgeley; Bradley Gregoire,

Thompson; Karl Helland, Kathryn; Jonathan Hughes, Minot; Perry Johnson, Northwood; Jeff Kapaun, Valley City; Keith Kinneberg, Wahpeton; John Kron, Enderlin; Martin Marchello, Bismarck; Jean Oster, Ft. Ransom; Kent Reiersen, Williston; David Sardelli, Hebron; Dallas Schmidt, Velva; Dan Spellerberg, Oakes; Joe Tuchscherer, Rugby; Gary Wilz, Killdeer.

- **10 years** – Travis Anderson, Grand Forks; Damon Bosche, Medina; Matthew Deal, Grace City; Curt Decker, Dickinson;

Kendon Faul, McClusky; Cassie Felber, Towner; Kevin Fire, Grand Forks; Jon Hanson, Bismarck; Kevin Harris, Watford City; Tammy Haugen, Dickinson; Connie Jorgenson, Devils Lake; Petrina Krenzel, Harvey; Michael Kroh, Surrey; Richard Lehmann, Towner; Kellen Leier, Bismarck; Jerry Lillis, Lincoln; Phil Mastrangelo, Mandan; Roger Norton, Kindred; Mike Redmond, Ray; Brian Schock, Dickinson; Antoine Smith, New Town; Paul Sperial, Fargo; Lavern Vance, Ray.



CRAIG BIHRLE

Director Terry Steinwand, left, congratulates William Bahm, Almont, hunter education instructor of the year.



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Director Terry Steinwand, left, congratulates Walter Turbiville, Dickinson, lifetime achievement award winner.



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Director Terry Steinwand, left, congratulates Kevin Lech, Mandan, archery education instructor of the year.

TOP WHOPPERS

CLUB APPLICATIONS FOR 2019



- **WALLEYE** – 12 pounds, 8 ounces, Missouri River; 12-7, Missouri River; 12-0, Lake Sakakawea; 11-14, Heart River; 11-12, Missouri River.



- **NORTHERN PIKE** – 29-0, Lake Oahe; 27-8, Lake Sakakawea; 27-3, Lake Sakakawea; 27-2, Lake Sakakawea; 25-6, Smishek Lake.



- **YELLOW PERCH** – 2-14, Devils Lake; 2-3, Devils Lake; 2-1, Brooks Complex; 2-0, Pipestem Reservoir.



- **SMALLMOUTH BASS** – 6-3, Lake Ashtabula; 5-1, New Johns Lake; 4-12, New Johns Lake; 4-9, Lake Ashtabula; 4-9, Lake Sakakawea.



- **RAINBOW TROUT** – 15-12, Missouri River; 10-4, Missouri River; 9-11, Missouri River; 9-8, Missouri River; 8-3, Missouri River.



- **BROWN TROUT** – 14-8, Missouri River; 11-8, Missouri River; 8-8, Missouri River; 8-8, Missouri River.



- **LARGEMOUTH BASS** – 6-10, Nelson Lake; 5-3, Clausen Springs.



- **PADDLEFISH** – 107-0, Missouri River; 101-0, Yellowstone River; 100-0, Missouri River; 97-0, Yellowstone River; 92-0, Yellowstone River.



- **CRAPPIE** – 2-11, Fordville Dam; 2-2, Bisbee Dam-Big Coulee; 1-12, Devils Lake; 1-12, Lake Josephine; 1-12, Heart Butte Reservoir.



- **BLUEGILL** – 1-10, Long Lake.



- **WHITE BASS** – 3-10, Devils Lake; 3-2, Lake Oahe; 3-2, Devils Lake; 3-0, Devils Lake.



- **SAUGER** – 4-8, Lake Oahe.



- **BURBOT** – 15-12, Missouri River; 13-3, Missouri River; 12-11, Missouri River; 10-13, Missouri River; 9-8, Missouri River.



- **COMMON CARP** – 26-7, Missouri River; 23-8, Lake Sakakawea; 20-7, Missouri River; 18-0, Lake Sakakawea.



- **DRUM** – 16-12, Red River; 8-8, New Johns Lake.



- **GOLDEYE** – 2-5, Riverdale Spillway Channel.



- **LAKE WHITEFISH** – 4-13, Missouri River.



- **BULLHEAD** – 3-1, Souris River; 2-1, Devils Lake.



- **BUFFALO** – 36-7, Lake Sakakawea; 28-14, James River; 28-6, James River; 26-12, James River; 26-6, James River.

BACKCAST



By Ron Wilson

We've long said that we should just once skip the spring turkey season to fish the long list of waters that we've only heard about, or revisit those we've ignored over the years.

We'd start by fishing the ones closest to home, we said, and work out from there. Our choices would be many. Because the list of waters in North Dakota numbers over 400, we would have to skip several turkey seasons to explore even a fraction.

We'd hit them right after ice out when the pike and other fish moved into the shallows where the water warmed first, putting them within casting distance from shore.

This proclamation, to purposefully waive hunting these nonnative birds as the countryside was coming to life after months of winter, was typically aired in the waning weeks of

May when we were, certainly not for the first time, eating our unfilled turkey tags.

On February 20, for the first time in several years, we were notified by the Game and Fish Department that we didn't draw spring turkey licenses for the unit we hunt close to home.

Unsuccessful, the email read.

Like the other unsuccessful applicants, I'm guessing, we were bummed, and a little surprised because drawing a license, at least in the unit we hunt, had begun to feel like a gimme.

The consolation, the silver lining for being told no, I told my teenage hunting partner, is that we could fish more, just like we talked about. Remember?

Yeah, but ... he answered.

And I get the "but."

There's something about being in the turkey woods in spring waiting for first light. When we've done our scouting and know where the birds are roosting, it's possible to make them out from a distance. In low light, they don't look like live critters, but dark, featureless nests built by raptors or squirrels on steroids.

Yet, as sunrise approaches, and with little provocation, say, the barking of a farmyard dog or the crow of a rooster pheasant, the big birds gobble in response, announcing to anyone who bothers to listen their whereabouts.

If the wind is down, and if you pay attention and listen for it, you'll sometimes hear 20 pounds of turkey gracelessly thump to the ground.

Being in the woods, leaning against a tree and hearing this, knowing that just maybe a mature tom in full display, with wings drooping to the ground and tail erect, could, with a little goading, strut by at any moment is worth getting out of bed for.

Yet, so is hooking a nice fish in shallow water on a lake that's new to us, or an old standby. The tradeoff, if you can call it that, certainly doesn't bite.

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A four-year walleye tagging study at Lake Sakakawea will allow Game and Fish Department fisheries biologists to look at, among other things, natural mortality and movements.

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