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Matters of Opinion

By Terry Steinwand, Director



In the February issue of *North Dakota OUTDOORS*, we published the 2020 enforcement division review. This is something we've been doing for years.

Included in the review was the 2020 summary of violations, which provided a snapshot of what North Dakota Game and Fish Department wardens encountered across the state.

These citation numbers – nearly 2,700 in total – tell just a fraction of the story. What they don't mention, as Scott Winkelman, Department chief warden, accurately pointed out in the enforcement division review, are the sacrifices the men and women wardens make in their unfailing effort to safeguard North Dakota's natural resources, while ensuring the safety of the many who recreate outdoors. The numbers say nothing about forfeited weekends and holidays, lost family time and hunting season openers spent wearing a badge instead of a game vest and their favorite hunting boots.

What's interesting, and certainly provides more insight into the lives of Department wardens and the impact they have in the field, are the number of people simply contacted by wardens when there was no wrongdoing.

Winkelman said in the enforcement division review that, for instance, between

Sept. 1, 2020 and Dec. 31, 2020, wardens made nearly 12,000 contacts – public safety calls, wildlife issues, license checks, the list goes on – compared to about 1,000 citations written during the same time period.

I've long touted the accomplishments of all Game and Fish Department staff. I am often impressed by the quality and quantity of work realized by our personnel, especially when you consider the size of our agency – one of smallest in terms of employee numbers in the country.

The Game and Fish Department's enforcement division, for example, consists of just 39 full-time staff, 31 of which are on-the-ground wardens.

Roll those numbers around in your head just a bit, while also envisioning the vastness of North Dakota and the undertaking demanded to patrol a state of this size and patrol it well.

Impressive.

As I write this in late February, we're still weeks away from fishing open waters across the state. I'm at a loss when winter will give way to spring. I also don't know if you will, while on the water or fishing from shore, be contacted by one of our game wardens. If and when that happens, remember that these people are as passionate about safeguarding North Dakota's great outdoors as you are.

Terry Steinwand

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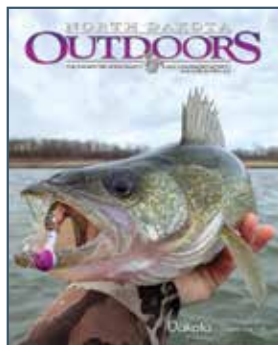
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North Dakota offers many fishing opportunities around the state for walleye and other fish species. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department today manages more than 400 waters. *Photo by Brian Schaffer, Bismarck.*

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A man wearing a white t-shirt and a light blue baseball cap is sitting in a bright green kayak on a calm body of water. He is holding a fishing rod that is bent, indicating he has caught a fish. The kayak has the brand name "sundolphin" visible on its side. The background shows a line of trees and their reflection in the water.

FISHING AROUND COVID

*Fishing for northern pike
on Cottonwood Park Pond
in Burleigh County.*



To say the past year has been challenging is a bit of an understatement. I know firsthand this was the case in all the mechanics of providing and improving North Dakota fishing opportunities in spring 2020.

Ongoing coronavirus concerns have affected all of mankind, and though its consequences have been dramatic, many of its affects have been a surprise. One of these impacts has been the role the outdoors has had on our society. Outdoor participation in a myriad of activities has skyrocketed throughout the U.S. and world in the last many months. Camping, biking, hunting and fishing are just a few of the benefits being experienced by the public. Connecting or reconnecting with the outdoors has rewarded many (millions)

with improvements to their mental health.

In North Dakota, we've also witnessed an uptick in outdoor activities in the last year, and this includes angling. In fact, the 2020-21 fishing season has been record-setting in terms of license sales, participation and effort. However, if you turn the clock back to a year ago, there was talk concerning whether we'd have a fishing season.

The following is intended to provide some background information of this past year, as well as what may be expected for the upcoming fishing season.

On March 2020, North Dakota's governor, along with state leaders across the nation, took a series of steps toward protecting their citizenry.

Mike Johnson, Department fisheries biologist in Jamestown, with some of the nearly 11,000 pounds of yellow perch trapped and transported in 2020.



MIKE ANDERSON

At the time, there was a major knowledge void when it came to COVID and the “better safe than sorry” approach was adopted by most.

When it came to fishing, all state game and fish agencies struggled in determining the best path forward. While trying to decide the best course to open/maintain fishing seasons safely, there were also discussions regarding what work activities (including face-to-face interactions) would be allowed.

Various measures were considered, and some implemented throughout the U.S. regarding public fishing seasons, with the most dramatic being closing fishing seasons altogether. In addition, extremes existed between states regarding their workforces. Some states, like North Dakota, remained essentially open as all state employees (including Game and Fish) worked near normal hours. (Note: I use “near normal” as teleworking has become the new normal for some). On the

other side of the coin, other states decided that it would be best that most (and in some cases, virtually all) of their government employees worked from home.

After several COVID “safety first” precautions were adopted, North Dakota Game and Fish Department fisheries field staff treated 2020 spring activities no different than years past. And in the end, they accomplished a lot in a narrow window (approximately a six-week period).

Northern pike spawning efforts yielded 10.4 million eggs and walleye spawning brought in around 70.3 million eggs for the two federal hatcheries. Department fisheries staff were able to trap and transport close to 11,000 pounds of yellow perch, about 2,200 pounds of catchable channel catfish, 2 tons of catchable northern pike and about 1,000 pounds of adult bluegill. These fish were stocked into more than 60 waters across the state. In addition, more than 77,000 catchable trout were stocked into 55 waters and 425,000 chinook salmon smolts into Lake Sakakawea.

Further, tagging projects for northern pike (lakes Oahe and Sakakawea) and walleye (lakes Sakakawea and Josephine) continued. Some staff were able to conduct a handful of winterkill assessment surveys shortly after ice-out (thankfully, winterkill throughout the state in 2019-20 was rather minimal). Staff were also able to continue zebra mussel early detection and adult settlement sampling on the Red and Sheyenne rivers, as well as Baldhill and Valley City National Fish Hatchery ponds. In addition, various aquatic nuisance species inspections continued, including barges/tugboats on Lake Sakakawea. And to prevent undesirable carp invasions, a fish barrier was installed downstream of Rice Lake in Emmons County.

And lastly, development and Save Our Lakes staff were able to deliver and install 11 new courtesy docks, distribute portions of several fishing piers, install dozens and dozens of COVID physical distancing signs, complete several dozen maintenance projects on roads, ramps and docks, and initiate another lake rehabilitation project.

That's a lot to accomplish in six weeks, given the Department's fisheries division is amongst the smallest staffed in the nation. And consider this work all occurred during a time when society (and our staff) was dealing with many COVID uncertainties.

If it all sounds like I'm bragging, it's because I am. Absolutely I am. Even in a normal spring, most of our fisheries staff work long hours and in some very unpleasant conditions, especially when it comes to the weather. Over the years, the only thing I've ever heard from staff is "What's next?" No complaining, no saying no – rather it's a 100% can-do spirit that is exhibited. Factor in legitimate COVID concerns, and what they collectively accomplished safely last spring was beyond outstanding.

Again, North Dakota did not close its fishing season to residents or nonresidents due to COVID worries. However, there was some fallout. First, the paddlefish harvest season was canceled due to the potential of crowding conditions of snaggers. Even so, a modified snag-and-release season did occur in mid-May.

All fishing tournaments scheduled in April and May (2020) were also canceled, again due to physical distancing concerns at boat ramps, during rules meetings and so on. Tournaments were able to resume beginning in June, with the Department providing sponsors a list of recommendations to minimize COVID from spreading.

Physically distancing signs were

developed and installed at virtually all high-use fishing waters in the state. These signs remain in place, but assuming COVID conditions become minimal, they will likely be removed by fall 2021.

Early last spring, the Department recommended to its partners (park boards, water boards, the list goes on) to postpone placing fishing piers into waters and opening fish cleaning stations due to potential congestion issues. By late-May, most piers and fish cleaning stations were opened, but all included COVID-related signs that emphasized precautions that should be taken.

Game and Fish never closed nor recommended the closure of any public boat ramps and all remained open. Again, physically distancing signs were posted at many ramps to minimize congestion problems.

Residents and nonresidents alike fished a lot in North Dakota in 2020-21. Beginning at ice-out (March-April 2020) and continuing through summer, fishing license sales exploded. Not only was the past year a record for resident license sales, but for the tens of thousands of anglers who were repeat licensed anglers, most bought licenses much sooner in the year. North Dakota never witnessed more active anglers participating in fishing or more fishing effort as we had this past summer. And this fishing interest carried over into the ice fishing season. Good fish populations, very good lake access and generally nice weather resulted in record ice fishing participation and effort. Whether it was ice fishing or open-water fishing, much of this increase (compared to past years) is likely related to COVID fatigue causing new or renewed interest in the outdoors.

Because anglers spend far more time looking forward versus back,


expectations are central to angling. Often, fishing expectations are based on an individual's past experiences, "hot" fishing reports and forecasts made by fisheries managers. From both a professional biologist's and an active angler's perspective, having relatively high hopes and expectations for the 2021 fishing season seems realistic.

The overall health of our states fisheries remains in good shape. The focus of many North Dakota anglers has been and will be walleye fishing on lakes Sakakawea and Oahe, Missouri River and Devils Lake. In all cases, the walleye forecast is favorable. Further, we now have a record number of other walleye fishing waters scattered across the state. In most cases, many of these new walleye fisheries are young, but populations are very healthy.

And don't limit your outings to just walleye. Panfish numbers are in decent shape in our smaller waters. Northern pike populations remain robust, especially in our larger, natural lakes. Bass fishing opportunities, especially for smallmouth bass, are found throughout most of the state, and in most cases, these fisheries are overlooked. Channel catfish numbers and size in the Red and Missouri rivers (including Sakakawea and Oahe) remain strong, but again often discounted. And trout are found in more than 60 waters and offer some fun angling for all ages.

2021 will again have a lot to offer if you're a North Dakota angler. Let's all hope we can relax and enjoy our fishing outings with our collective COVID concerns now in the rearview mirror. The future does remain bright.

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

A man wearing a brown puffy jacket, a brown beanie, and camouflage pants is sitting in the driver's seat of a white boat. He is looking down at a fish finder screen mounted on the dashboard. The boat is moving across a body of water, leaving a white wake. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, indicating sunset or sunrise. The water reflects the colors of the sky. The title "2021 NORTH DAKOTA Fishing Waters" is overlaid on the right side of the image in a large, white, serif font.

2021 NORTH DAKOTA Fishing Waters

JUSTIN MATSON

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 a record number of 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 under the fishing tab 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 populations of walleye, bluegill and crappie. 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 walleye fingerlings in 2019 and 2020. (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 and walleye populations. Abundant small yellow perch and bluegill. Largemouth bass present. (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.

Fritz Slough (050) — 6 miles east, 6 miles north, .5 miles east, 1.25 miles north of Wildrose. New lake stocked with adult perch in 2020. (No ramp).

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 also present. (Fishing pier).

Willy's Slough (057) — 5.5 miles south, 1 mile east of Noonan. New lake stocked with adult perch in 2020. (No ramp).

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 2020. (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 rainbow

trout stocked annually, beginning in 2020. (No ramp).

Sather Dam (217) — 11 miles south, 8 miles west of Alexander. Total winterkill in 2019. Stocked with adult bluegill in 2019 and adult largemouth bass in 2020. (Fishing pier).

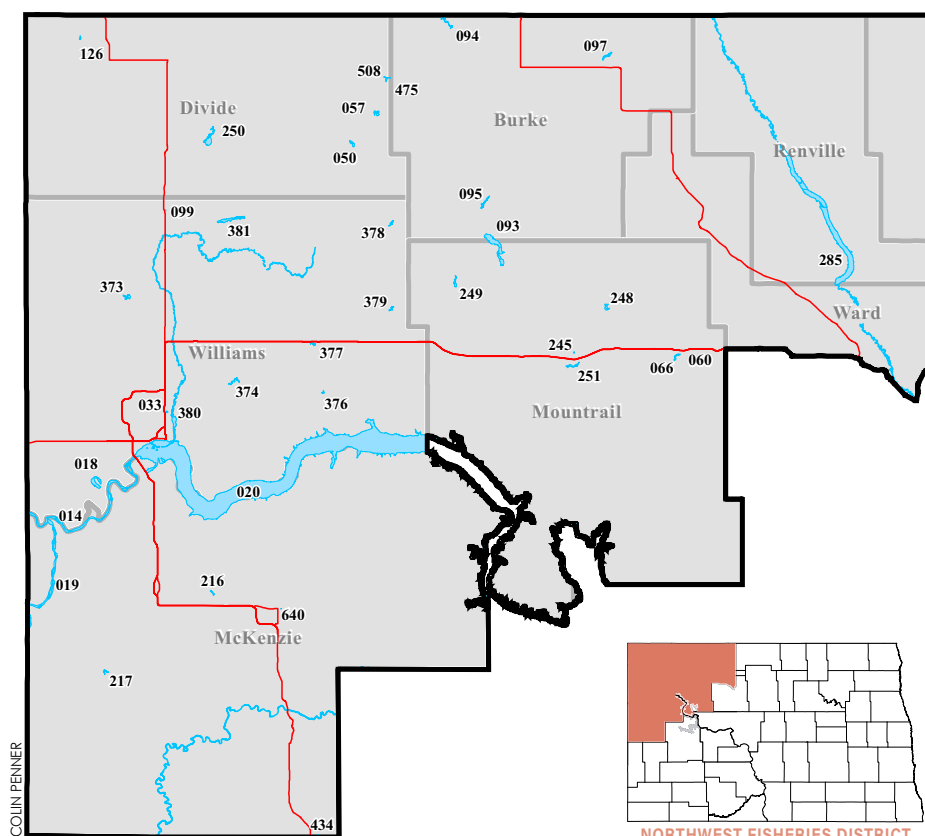
Watford City Park Pond (640) — Southeast side of Watford City. All fish lost to winterkill nearly every winter. Stocked annually in spring with adult channel catfish and catchable-sized rainbow trout. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

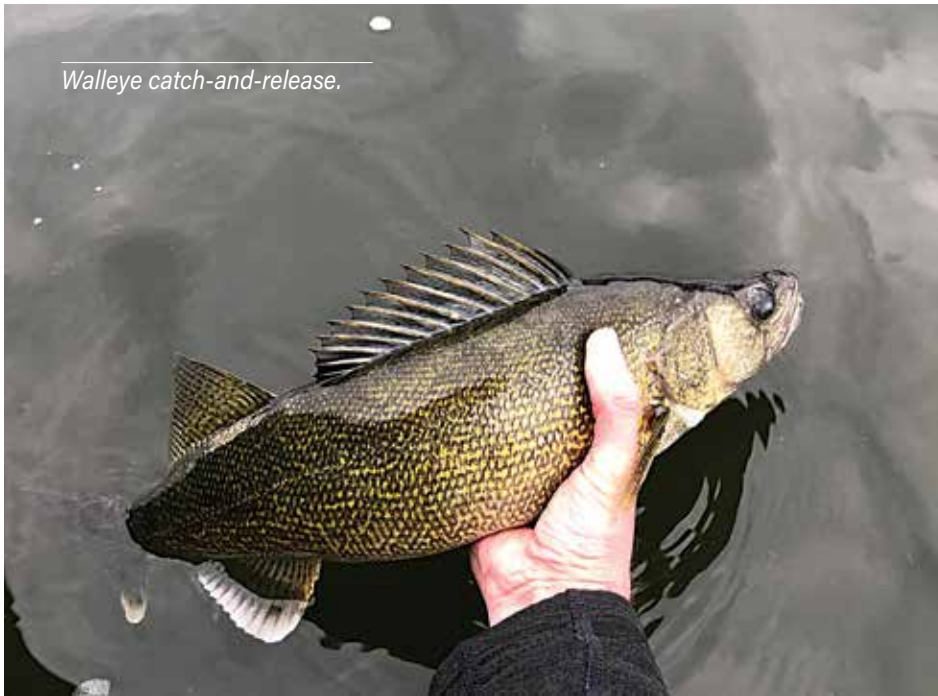
MOUNTRAIL COUNTY

Clearwater Lake (248) — 2 miles east, 3.8 miles north, .5 miles east, 3 miles north-northeast, .5 miles east of Stanley. Decent walleye population. Northern pike and yellow perch present.

East Bieri Lake (060) — 1.5 miles south of Blaisdell. New lake stocked with adult perch in 2020. (No ramp).

Stanley Pond (245) — Northeast side of Stanley. Significant winterkill most winters. Stocked annually in spring with adult channel catfish and





Walleye catch-and-release.

PAUL BAILEY

catchable-sized rainbow trout. (Fishing pier).

Stanley Reservoir (251) — 1 mile south of Stanley. Total winterkill in 2019. Pike fingerlings stocked in 2019 and 2020.

West Bieri Lake (066) — 1.5 miles south of Blaisdell. New lake stocked with adult perch in 2020. (No ramp).

White Earth Dam (249) — 6 miles north, 8.5 miles east, 2 miles south of Tioga. Decent walleye population. Black crappie, bluegill, northern pike and yellow perch present. 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 of both species.

Small yellow perch and bluegill abundant, with some bigger bluegill in low numbers. Smallmouth bass present in low numbers. White suckers fairly abundant and remain a management concern. (Fishing pier).

Cottonwood Lake (381) — 1 mile east, .5 miles north of Alamo. Decent yellow perch population, with some quality-sized fish. (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. Decent walleye population. Northern pike and yellow perch also present. 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 annually with catchable-sized rainbow trout. Adult bluegill and adult crappie stocked in 2019. Walleye fingerlings stocked in 2020. (Fishing pier).

McLeod (Ray) Reservoir (377) — Southwest side of Ray. Northern pike abundant. Walleye, yellow perch and bluegill present. (Fishing pier).

Tioga Dam (379) — North side of Tioga. Good northern pike population. Yellow perch and bluegill present. (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. Channel catfish abundant. 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 5 pounds. Good number of channel catfish up to 6 pounds. Some small yellow perch and bluegill. (Fishing pier).

North Lemmon (042) — 5 miles north of Lemmon, S.D. Rainbow trout stocked annually. Some brown trout up to 2 pounds. Small yellow perch abundant. Fair number of bluegill, with some up to a three-quarters of a pound. Fair number of largemouth bass, mostly 2-4 pounds. Good number of walleye, mostly 3-9 pounds. (Fishing pier).

BOWMAN COUNTY

Bowman-Haley Dam (085) — 11 miles south, 8 miles east, 2 miles south of

Bowman. Some walleye up to 7 pounds and northern pike up to 13 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 8 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. Small bluegill abundant, with 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 3 pounds, some perch up to 1 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. Half-pound largemouth bass abundant, with some up to 6 pounds. Abundant bluegill up to three-quarters of a pound. Some brown trout and smallmouth bass.

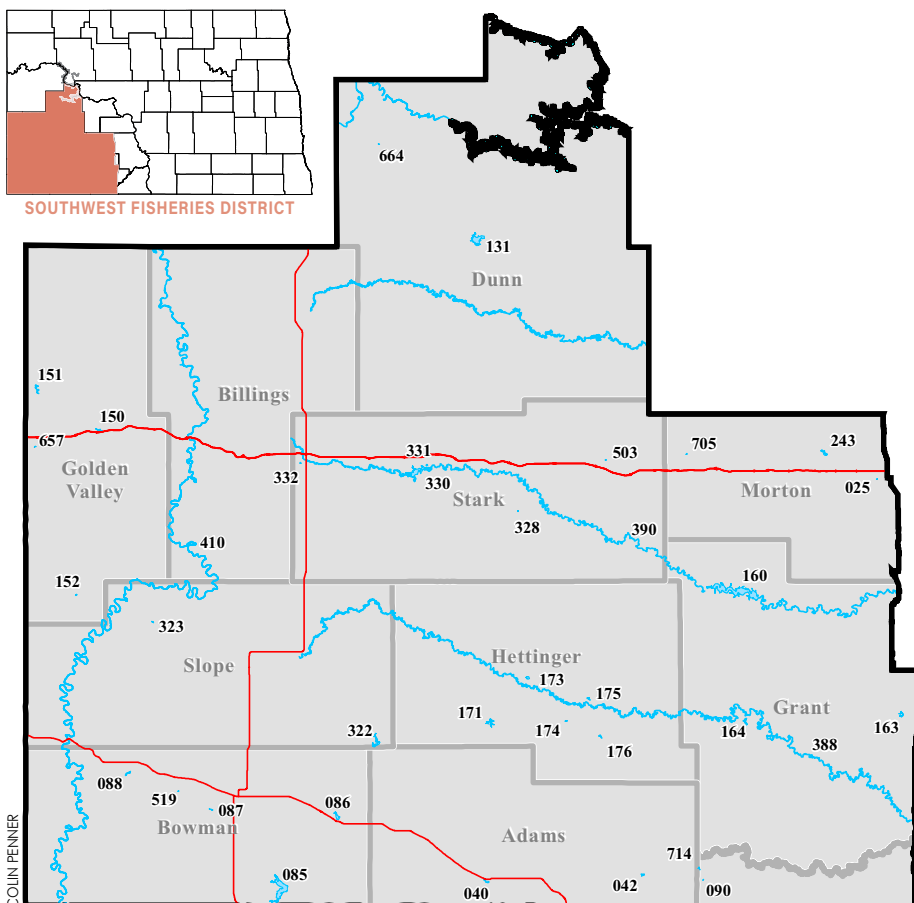
Odland Dam (151) — 7 miles north of Beach. Perch up to three-quarters of a pound abundant, some bluegill up to 1 pound and walleye up to 3 pounds. (Fishing pier).

Williams Creek Dam (152) — 7 miles south, 5 miles east, 2 miles south of Golv. Winterkilled in 2018 and restocked in 2019. (No ramp).

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 2 pounds. Good number of 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 and some large carp up to 15 pounds. (Fishing pier).

Raleigh Reservoir (163) — 3.5 miles



COLIN PENNER



Julie Skunberg of Jamestown with a nice northern pike from a North Dakota lake.

BRANDON KRAIZ

west, .25 miles south of Raleigh. Small bluegill abundant, with some up to a half-pound, good number of walleye up to 4 pounds and some mostly 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 3 pounds. Fair number of bluegill up to a half-pound. Fair number of largemouth bass up to 5 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 and walleye up to 2 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 trout 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, fair number of small perch, with some up to a half-pound. Some small bluegill and smallmouth bass up to 2 pounds. (Fishing pier).

Larson Lake (173) — .5 miles north and 2 miles east of Regent. Good number of yellow perch up to 1 pound.

Mott Watershed Dam (175) — North side of Mott. Total winterkill in 2019. Stocked rainbow trout and adult bluegill in spring 2019 and 2020. Stocked adult largemouth bass spring 2020. Currently, some bluegill up to three-quarters of a pound and large-

mouth bass up to a half-pound. (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 15 pounds and walleye up to 3 pounds, some small perch and bluegill. Abundant carp up to 9 pounds and some bullheads up to a half-pound.

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, crappie 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

Labow Lake (714) — 4 miles north, 3 miles west, 1 mile north, 1 mile east of Thunderhawk, S.D. Small bluegill and largemouth bass. (No ramp).

Larson Lake (090) — 4 miles north, 1 mile west of Thunderhawk, S.D. 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 9 pounds, good number of walleye up to 3 pounds, some catfish up to 7 pounds, some carp up to 10 pounds and bullheads up to a half-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 4 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

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. Adult channel catfish up to 8 pounds and adult yellow perch up to a half-pound in 2020. Currently, mostly small largemouth bass abundant and bluegill present. (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 8 pounds, good number of yellow perch up to 1 pound, some crappie up to a half-pound and catfish up to 24 pounds. Abundant bull-heads 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. Small perch abundant. (No ramp).

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).

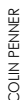
Little Missouri River (410) — Southwestern part of state. Catfish up to 10 pounds abundant. Some sauger and walleye during spring spawning. (No ramp).

*Jason Lee, district fisheries supervisor,
Riverdale*

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. Good number of 14- to 18-inch northern pike. (Fishing pier).

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).





Walleye are the fish of choice for the majority of anglers in North Dakota.

BRIAN SCHAFER

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. Good number and sizes of smallmouth bass. Periodically stocked with muskies. (Fishing pier).

MCHEMERY 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 walleye, with some larger fish. (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) — 10 miles north, 1.5 miles west of Anamoose. Decent numbers of pike and walleye.

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 and 2020. Some 13- to 15-inch walleye. (No ramp).

Crooked Lake (223) — 10 miles north, .2 miles east, .1 mile south of Turtle Lake. High number of 18- to 35-inch pike, some walleye and mostly smaller perch.

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 pike. (Fishing pier).

Lake Audubon (225) — North of Cole harbor. Good number of walleye and an excellent smallmouth bass fishery. Good number of 14- to 20-inch walleye. Some large pike and good-sized muskie. (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 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 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 catch-

able-sized rainbow trout. (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 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. Decent numbers of walleye and small perch. Some larger northern pike. (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, mostly smaller 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. Fair numbers of pike and perch, with mostly smaller perch. 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. Some nice-sized perch. Good number of walleye from 13-27 inches.

Balta Dam (269) — .5 miles south of Balta. Recent winterkill reduced northern pike population. Restocked with pike in 2019.

Clear Lake (654) — 6 miles east, .7 miles south of Anamoose. Good number of quality-sized walleye from 14-25 inches. Some larger-sized perch. (No ramp).

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

RENNVILLE 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



Largemouth bass caught by a couple of anglers fishing Nelson Lake in Oliver County.



Jerad Bluem, Department warden from Steele, checks an angler's catch for the day.

MIKE ANDERSON

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 perch, with some larger fish. (No ramp).

Cherry Lake (698) — 7 miles north, 3 miles east, 2 miles north, .3 miles west of Mercer. Fair number of perch and northern pike, with some quality-sized fish. (No ramp).

Coal Mine Lake (482) — 14 miles south, 5 miles east of Anamoose. Good number of hammer-handle-sized northern pike. (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).

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. Fair numbers of walleye and northern pike.

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 17- to 24-inch walleye. (No ramp).

Miller Lake (772) — 18 miles north, 2 miles east, .2 miles south of McClusky. Newer perch lake, with mostly smaller fish. (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.

Wolf Lake (558) — .5 miles south, 1.8 miles west of Martin. Restocked with pike fingerlings in spring 2018 and 2020. (No ramp).

WARD COUNTY

Hiddenwood Lake (443) — 8 miles south of Makoti. Good numbers of walleye and smallmouth bass. Some larger-sized bass. (Fishing pier).

Makoti Lake (365) — 6 miles south of Makoti. High number of 22- to 36-inch northern pike. (No ramp).

North Carlson Lake (360) — 10 miles east of Ryder. Fair numbers of northern pike and mostly small perch.

Rice Lake (362) — 4 miles north, 7 miles east, 2 miles north of Ryder. Pike abundant, mostly ranging from 24-39 inches. (Fishing pier).

South Carlson Lake (361) — 10 miles east of Ryder. Fair number of northern 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. Abundant largemouth bass.

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).

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).

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



Brandon Kratz of Jamestown and a nice largemouth bass from Heinrich-Martin Dam.

BRANDON KRATZ

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.

Cherry Lake (177) — 15 miles north, 3 miles east of Steele. Small northern pike abundant, along with a fair number of perch.

Deer Lake (685) — 8 miles east of Robinson. Small perch abundant. (No ramp).

Des Moines Lake (593) — 5.5 miles east of Robinson. Northern pike up to 5 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 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. Suffered a complete winterkill in 2019-20. Small bluegill and walleye fingerlings stocked in 2020

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. Good numbers of northern pike and walleye. (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. Perch and walleye present.

Lake Josephine (186) — 2 miles north of Tuttle. Walleye abundant, with fish occasionally over 25 inches. Fair number of perch and low number 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, perch and smallmouth bass.

Lee Leno Lake (134) — 3.5 miles west, 3 miles south of Tuttle. Small northern pike abundant. (No ramp).

Leno Lake (604) — 1 mile east, 7 miles north of Tuttle. Small northern pike abundant. (No ramp).

Long Alkaline Lake (629) — 3 miles west, 7 miles north of Robinson. Small northern pike abundant. (No ramp).

McPhail WMA (569) — 7 miles north, 2 miles west of Tappen. Good number of perch up to 10 inches and a low number of walleye. (No ramp).

Pelican Lake (474) — 3 miles east, 11 miles north, 1 mile east of Robinson. Walleye and small perch present 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).

Remmick Lake (731) — 3 miles east, 6 miles north of Robinson. Partial winterkill in 2019. Walleye and perch in low numbers. (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).

Schumacher Lake (702) — 7 miles north, 1 mile east, .2 miles northeast of Robinson. Yellow perch and walleye abundant. Walk-in access on state land at northwest part of lake. (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. Walleye and perch abundant.

Swan Lake (678) — 10.5 miles north of Robinson. Small perch abundant, but fish up to 10 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. Access may currently be difficult to Woodhouse Lake due to flooded roads. (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 a low number of perch. (No ramp).

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

Logan (Mueller) WMA (613) — 8 miles north, 5 miles west, .5 miles south of Lehr. Severe winterkill in 2019, but a fair number of walleye and perch remain. (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. Small walleye present in good numbers. (No ramp).

Wentz WPA (632) — 12 miles east of Napoleon. 8- to 15-inch walleye abundant. (No ramp).

West Lake Napoleon (201) — 1 mile west of Napoleon. Northern pike abundant. Low numbers of walleye and perch. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

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



Department fisheries personnel have been tagging trophy pike from the Missouri River System for a number of years.



A nice crappie falls prey to a jig.

BRIAN SCHAFER

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. Low number of northern pike. (No ramp).

Dollinger-Schnabel Lake (580) — 2 miles north, 5 miles west, 3 miles north of Venturia. Perch and 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 fishery, with a low number of pike and 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).

Lehr WMA (570) — 2 miles east, 1 mile south of Lehr. Complete winterkill in 2019. Small walleye and perch abundant and some adult walleye immigrated from adjoining Nagel Lake.

McIntosh WMA (231) — 10 miles east, 9 miles north of Ashley. Fair numbers of 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. Low number of walleye present. (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. Frequently winterkills, but low numbers of northern pike, walleye and perch may be present. (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).

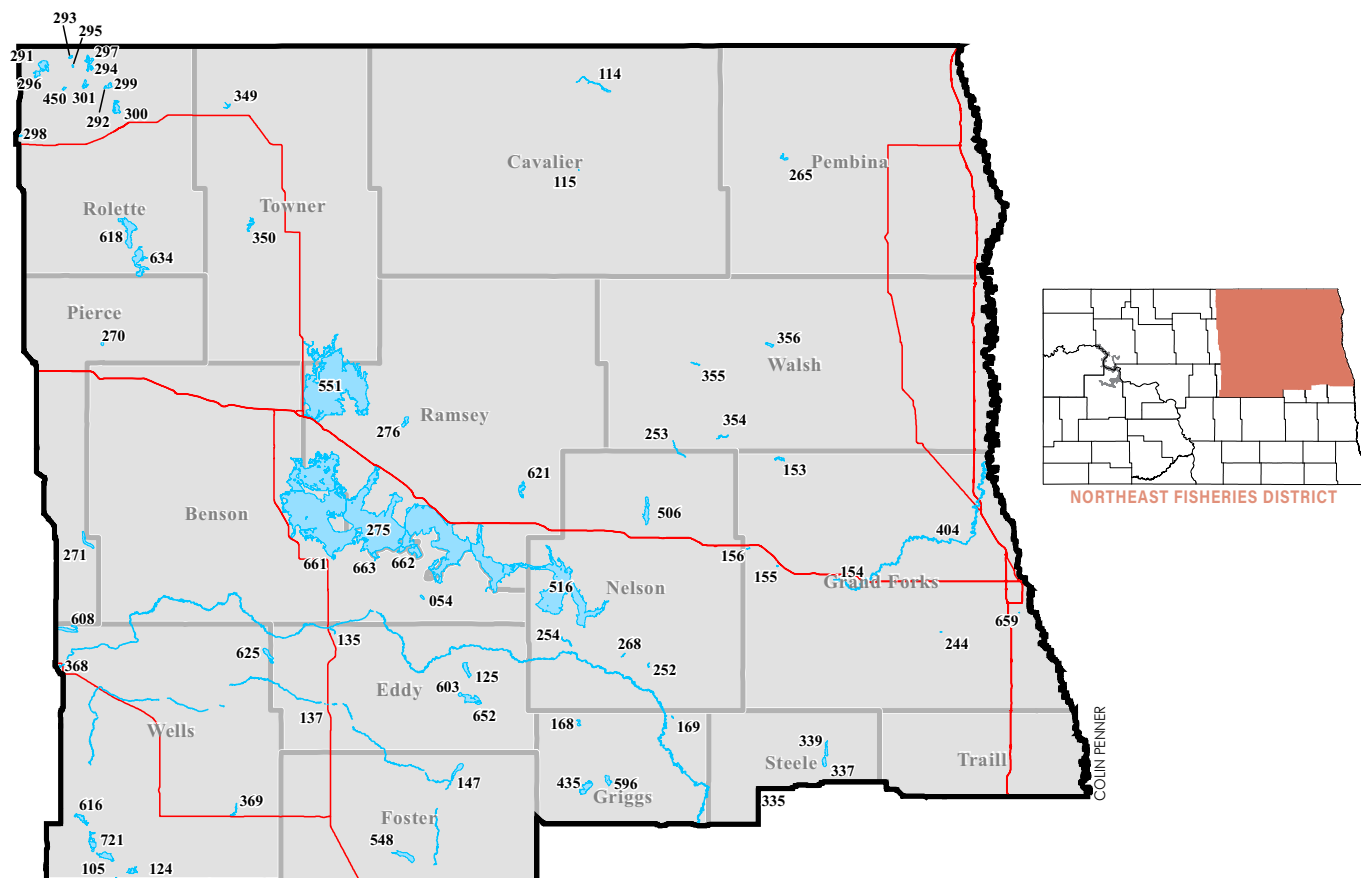
Harmon Lake (660) — 8 miles north of Mandan on ND Highway 1806. Largemouth bass, bluegill and crappie abundant. Rainbow trout and northern pike in lower numbers. (Fishing pier).

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. Abundant bluegill and largemouth bass. (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. 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 largemouth bass, walleye and pike.

CAVALIER COUNTY

Langdon City Pond (115) — South side of Langdon. Rainbow trout stocked annually, 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 9 inches. Walleye numbers fair, with several sizes available, including some big fish. Decent number of nice-sized pike. Increasing crappie numbers, with most fish 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 available. Fish longer than 18 inches common. Fair perch numbers, with most less than 8 inches.

New Rockford Reservoir (137) — North side of New Rockford. Winter-killed in 2019, but adult northern pike were stocked in spring 2019. Currently, fair numbers of pike and a few walleye present. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

North Lake Washington (125) — 6 miles south of Warwick. Decent walleye population, with fish averaging 18 inches. Some keeper-sized perch, but most are around 8 inches.

Warsing Dam (135) — 1 mile northeast of Sheyenne. Partial winterkill in 2019. Spring netting survey sampled pike, perch and bullheads. Adult northern pike stocked in spring 2019. (Fishing pier).

FOSTER COUNTY

Dry Lake (548) — 7 miles east, 5 miles south, 2 miles east of Carrington.



A yellow perch is released back into Devils Lake during Department fish sampling efforts.

Fair number of walleye, with several size-classes and some nice keepers. Low perch numbers. (No ramp).

Juanita Lake (147) — 2 miles east of Grace City. Good pike numbers, but most are smaller. Significant winterkill in 2019. (Fishing pier).

GRAND FORKS COUNTY

English Coulee Pond (244) — 5 miles south, 3 miles east, 1 mile south, .5 miles east of Emerado. Pike, bluegill and largemouth bass sampled in the northwest pond in 2020. Most fish were smaller. (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 are increasing, with fish up to 8 inches. Bullheads and suckers remain a management issue. (Fishing pier).

Kolding Dam (155) — 5 miles south-east, 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. Fair pike numbers, with some fish reaching about 6 pounds.

Ryan Park Pond (659) — South side of Grand Forks. Small urban fishery that is a good place to take a kid fishing and is stocked annually with trout. The pond was dewatered in October because zebra mussels were found. The pond will be refilled and stocked in spring. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

GRIGGS COUNTY

Carlson-Tande Dam (169) — 1 mile south, 5 miles west of Aneta. 2020 netting survey showed small perch, bluegill up to 8 inches, along with a few nice walleye and pike.

Lake Addie (596) — 4 miles east, 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Binford. Several sizes of walleye available. Numbers of larger walleye are lower than several years ago. Most perch are under 8 inches. (No ramp).

Red Willow Lake (168) — 6 miles north, 2 miles west of Binford. Walleye, pike, perch and bluegill common. Nice

walleye, averaging around 22 inches. Pike abundant and in many sizes. Bluegill common and mostly smaller, but some up to 10 inches. Perch typically small.

Sibley Lake (435) — 1 mile west, 3 miles south of Binford. Good pike population, with fish averaging near 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 that average 18 inches. Some bigger fish available. (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. Some bigger pike present. Perch present, but typically 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, most under 8 inches. White suckers and bullheads abundant and a management problem. (Fishing pier).

PIERCE COUNTY

Buffalo Lake (271) — 4 miles west, 1 mile south of Esmond. Good pike population, but most fish are less than 24 inches due to winterkill in 2019. (Fishing pier).

Sand Lake (270) — 4 miles north of Pleasant Lake. Good pike fishery, with some fish 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 up to 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 over 20 inches. Perch numbers decent, with most fish under 9 inches. Illegally stocked pike common, with some fish longer than 30 inches. Some bluegill showing up. (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 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. Currently, there are some older, larger trout available due to lack of winterkill in recent years. (Fishing pier).

Island Lake (634) — 3 miles west, 2 miles south of Mylo. Good number 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).

School Section Lake (296) — 9 miles north, 2.5 miles east of Dunseith. Total winterkill in 2019. May netting survey only showed perch that were stocked prior to the netting survey.

Shutte Lake (298) — .5 miles east of Dunseith. Pike and perch fishery. Pike numerous, with most fish between 3-5 pounds. Perch abundant, with most less than 8 inches. (No ramp).

Upsilon Lake (297) — 6 miles west, 1 mile north of St. John. Good pike numbers of all sizes, with some large fish. Fair to low numbers of nice walleye,



Urban shore-fishing in Grand Forks.



PAUL BAILEY

Carter Bailey, Bismarck, and one of Lake Audubon's trophy smallmouth bass.

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. Fair perch numbers, 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. Also, a fair number of bluegill, with some fish up to 9 inches. 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 huge problem. (Fishing pier).

TOWNER COUNTY

Armourdale Dam (349) — 9 miles east, 1.5 miles north of Rolla. Netting survey in 2020 showed walleye up to 20 inches, with most fish smaller. Fair population of nice-sized pike. Some perch up to about 9 inches. (Fishing pier).

Bisbee Dam-Big Coulee (350) — 1 mile east of Bisbee. Most walleye over 16 inches. Good pike numbers, with some fish over 10 pounds. Fair number of perch, with most about 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. Fair population of pike, with some keeper-sized walleye. Perch mostly smaller, but also some decent fish. (Fishing pier).

Homme Dam (356) — 2 miles west of Park River. High perch numbers, with most fish less than 9 inches. Crappie

abundant, with most 6-9 inches, along with some bigger fish. Lower densities of pike and walleye, with some nice-sized fish. White suckers and bullheads abundant and problematic. (Fishing pier).

Matejcek Dam (354) — 6 miles south of Lankin. After recent winterkills, fish populations are comprised of some smaller perch, walleye and pike.

WELLS COUNTY

Georgeson Lake (625) — 3 miles north, 3 miles east, .25 miles north of Bremen. A light perch population, with most fish less than 8 inches. (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. Perch numbers fair, with most about 8 inches.

Harvey Dam (368) — Southeast side of Harvey. Significant winterkill in 2019 and 2020. Follow-up netting survey in 2020 sampled only bullheads. (Fishing pier).

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 down, with most less than 11 inches. Carp reproducing and may become a management problem. (No ramp).

Monson Lake (124) — 1 mile south, 1 mile east, 8 miles south, 1 mile west of Bowdon. Low perch population, with some keeper fish. Walleye population fair, with most fish over 20 inches. (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 occa-

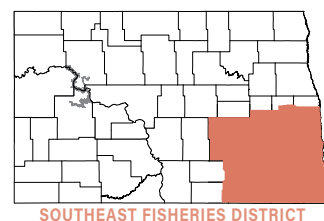
Sykeston Dam (369) — Northwest side of Sykeston. 2020 netting survey sampled mostly pike and bullheads. Pike were mostly over 24 inches. (Fishing pier).

Turtle River (404) — In Grand Forks County. Rainbow trout stocked twice in spring and once in fall to provide a unique riverine trout fishery. Mostly a put-and-take fishery. (No ramp).

Clausen Springs (051) — 3 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles north of

Hobart Lake South (532) — 1.4 miles

Middle Eckelson (670) — 2 miles





Bernard Bailey, Bismarck, caught this nice walleye at Lake Geneva.

PAUL BAILEY

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 trout and 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 and pike. (No ramp).

Round Lake (069) — 1.5 miles east, 1 mile south of Sanborn. Moderate numbers of pike and 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. Public area south end. (Fishing pier, no ramp).

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

Casselton Reservoir (106) — Just west of Casselton. Moderate numbers of pike and perch. (Fishing pier).

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 numbers 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).

TAD Lake (760) — 8 miles west of

Oakes. Walleye abundant. Moderate number of perch. (No ramp).

Whitestone Lake (122) — .5 miles south, 1.5 miles west, 1 mile south of Merricourt. Perch abundant. Occasional bluegill. (No ramp).

LAMOURE COUNTY

Alfred Lake (574) — 7 miles east, 1.5 miles south of Gackle. Low density 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.

Flood Lake (511) — 3.5 miles north of Kulm. Good number of pike. Low density perch population.

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

Arnies 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 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. (No ramp).

Mooringstone 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, perch and walleye. Occasional bluegill. (No ramp).

Hankinson Legion Memorial Pond (062) — 1.5 miles south, .5 miles west of Hankinson. Trout stocked annually in late spring. (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 smallmouth 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).

Moran Lake (563) — 6 miles west, 2 miles south of Hankinson. Pike and bluegill present. (No ramp).

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 present. (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. Some large fish present. (Fishing pier).

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 length limit on walleye.

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. (No ramp).

Fiala Lake (571) — 1 mile west, 2 miles south of Forman. Moderate numbers of pike and perch. (No ramp).

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

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 pike. (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, pike and perch.

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. Perch abundant. (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 and perch abundant. (No ramp).

Gaier Lake (784) — 8.5 miles north, 1 mile west of Cleveland. Perch abundant. (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 and perch abundant. (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) — (North access) 11 miles north, 2.5 miles west of Medina. (South access) 8 miles north, 2 miles west, 1.25 miles north of Medina. Perch and walleye abundant. (No ramp).

Paris Lake (789) — 8 miles east, 3.5 miles south of Woodworth. Perch abundant. (No ramp).

Pipestem Reservoir (348) — 5 miles northwest, .8 miles west, 1 mile south of Jamestown. Perch and pike abundant. Low number of walleye.

Pleasant Lake (788) — 4 miles south,

2 miles east, 2 miles south, 1 mile east of Cleveland. Perch abundant. (No ramp).

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).

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.

Sunday Lake (649) — 1 mile west, 3 miles north of Woodworth. Pike abundant. Low number of perch. (No ramp).

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 walleye present. Winter access only. (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, walleye and the occasional channel catfish.

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. Good number of muskies in upper reaches. (Fishing pier).

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

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 decade, but are still good. Large trophy-sized pike exceeding 15 pounds are abundant in the reservoir. Pike abundance has declined



A number of North Dakota waters provide fishing piers for anglers to get them beyond the weed line growing near shore.

JIM JOB



BILL HAASE

Salmon fishing on Lake Sakakawea.

from recent years in Oahe, but average size is excellent, with fish occasionally over 20 pounds.

WALLEYE

Lake Sakakawea — Walleye fishing was good in 2020 and should remain so in 2021. High forage abundance and good habitat conditions have allowed Sakakawea walleye to maintain good body condition, good growth rates and high abundance. Walleye abundance and size structure did moderate in the middle and upper regions of the reservoir in 2020, but remain above the long-term averages. Anglers should find good numbers of 14- to 20-inch fish in 2021 as several strong, young year-classes were recruited to the fishery. Good numbers of larger fish are available, but primarily in the lower reservoir.

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 following the 2011 flood. Forage abundance remains limited, but walleye reproduction was very good from 2014-20. Small walleye are abundant, but larger fish are 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 — 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 and 2020. Fall spawning operations in 2020 found exceptional numbers of spawning fish in Sakakawea and egg collection goals were easily met. The effects of high entrainment in 2018 and 2019 should continue to lessen on the Sakakawea salmon fishery in 2021.

SMALLMOUTH BASS

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

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 fish is below average due to three consecutive year-classes that were relatively low from 2013 to 2015. There are still walleye 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 size groups that anglers would be interested in are all above average now.

Irvine-Alice-Mikes Complex — Boat access conditions currently very poor, as the makeshift boat launch site a few miles north of Churchs Ferry is essentially unusable and likely will remain so unless water levels rise significantly. Walleye population continues to do relatively well. There are a variety of sizes available and good numbers of fish from 15-20 inches.

NORTHERN PIKE

Devils Lake — Northern pike will continue to provide angler opportunities in 2021. Pike are relatively common and can be found throughout the lake, particularly in the shallower areas. The number of pike is likely down somewhat compared to recent years. Most fish are between 22-32 inches, but trophy-sized pike are available.

Stump Lake — Northern pike numbers are below average, but pike are still available. Most pike are between 25-34 inches, but there are smaller and larger fish present.

Irvine-Alice-Mikes Complex — Northern pike numbers are below average, but they are still abundant. Most pike are medium-sized, but there are some larger fish present. Pike in Lake Irvine are under-utilized, so anglers should not be shy about keeping their limit. In fact, the pike seem to be too abundant, as their body condition is relatively low at times, so keeping pike from this lake would be beneficial for the pike population as it may help reduce competition for food.

YELLOW PERCH

Devils Lake — The number of catch-

able-sized yellow perch is similar to last year. The number of perch from 8-12 inches are below the long-term average. The number of jumbos over 12 inches is also below average. Yet, the number of perch smaller than 8 inches is above average. Overall, there should be perch for anglers to pursue in 2021, but their numbers are below average.

Stump Lake — Yellow perch are relatively abundant. However, many of the fish will likely be under 9 inches or so. Overall, there should still be perch fishing opportunities in 2021, but fishing may be slower than usual for perch longer than 10 inches.

Irvine-Alice-Mikes Complex — Yellow perch numbers are low, but the few perch in the lake tend to be larger.

WHITE BASS

Devils Lake — White bass numbers are currently high. Most were hatched in 2015 and will probably be between 14-16 inches in 2021.

Stump Lake — White bass are still relatively common. Most bass will likely be between 15-17 inches in 2021.

Irvine-Alice-Mikes Complex — White bass numbers low, but they tend to be good-sized. Fish populations in Lake Alice are similar to Lake Irvine.



Keeper walleye.

BRANDON KRAZ



Yellow perch.

MIKE ANDERSON

2020 FISH STOCKING REPORT

Black Crappie

Pheasant Lake, Dickey County (adult)	1
Round Lake, McHenry County (adult)	48
East Arroda Dam, Oliver County (adult)	30
Lake Elsie, Richland County (adult)	75
Four Corners Lake, Richland County (adult)	85
Haus Lake, Richland County (adult)	9
Moran Lake, Richland County (adult)	43
Shriner Lake, Richland County (adult)	4
Deuce Lake, Sargent County (adult)	43
Silver Lake, Sargent County (adult)	8
Barnes Lake, Stutsman County (adult)	100
Jamestown Reservoir, Stutsman County (adult)	36
Little Britches Pond, Stutsman County (adult)	100
Pipestem Reservoir, Stutsman County (adult)	648
Epping-Springbrook Dam, Williams County (adult)	759

Bluegill

Mirror Lake, Adams County (adult)	1,960
Bowman Haley Dam, Bowman County (adult)	5,120

Short Creek Dam, Burke County (adult)	330
Pheasant Lake, Dickey County (adult)	11
BarZ Dam, Dunn County (adult)	1,185
Mott Watershed Dam, Hettinger County (adult)	3,440
Frettim Lake, Kidder County (adult)	4,160
Camp Loop Pond, McLean County (adult)	443
Harmony Lake, Mercer County (adult)	576
White Earth Dam, Mountrail County (adult)	293
East Arroda Dam, Oliver County (adult)	386
Balta Dam, Pierce County (adult)	285
Elm Lake, Richland County (adult)	1,173
Lake Elsie, Richland County (adult)	1,097
Four Corners Lake, Richland County (adult)	1,378
Hankinson Legion Memorial Pond, Richland County (adult)	584
Haus Lake, Richland County (adult)	1,170
Moran Lake, Richland County (adult)	689
Shriner Lake, Richland County (adult)	1,578
Deuce Lake, Sargent County (adult)	689
Silver Lake, Sargent County (adult)	130
Larson Lake, Sioux County (adult)	875
Belfield Pond, Stark County (adult)	2,250
Dassinger Pond, Stark County (adult)	1,185

Jamestown Reservoir, Stutsman County (adult)	4
Spiritwood Lake, Stutsman County (adult)	311
State Fair Pond, Ward County (adult)	832

Brown Trout

Missouri River	11,602
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Channel Catfish

Mirror Lake, Adams County (adult)	200
Pheasant Lake, Dickey County (adult)	2
Arnegard Dam, McKenzie County (adult)	65
Watford City Park Pond, McKenzie County (adult)	100
Gaebe Pond, Morton County (adult)	106
Krieg's Pond, Morton County (adult)	106
Stanley Pond, Mountrail County (adult)	170
Belfield Pond, Stark County (adult)	100
Dickinson Dike, Stark County (adult)	200
Dickinson Reservoir, Stark County (adult)	419
Epping-Springbrook Dam, Williams County (adult)	123
West Spring Lake Pond, Williams County (adult)	113

Cutthroat Trout

McDowell Dam, Burleigh County (adult)	150
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OWLS Pond, Burleigh County (adult)	100
Camels Hump Lake, Golden Valley County (adult)	440
Watford City Park Pond, McKenzie County (adult)	100
Porsborg Dam, Morton County (adult)	100
Belfield Pond, Stark County (adult)	150
Dickinson Dike, Stark County (adult)	385
West Spring Lake Pond, Williams County (adult)	100

Chinook Salmon

Lake Sakakawea (smolt)	424,945
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Largemouth Bass

Lake Ashtabula, Barnes County	8,760
Mott Watershed Dam, Hettinger County (adult)	102
Sather Dam, McKenzie County (adult)	128
Crown Butte Dam, Morton County	2,550
Nelson Lake, Oliver County	4,675
Dassinger Pond, Stark County (adult)	50

Pure Muskellunge

Lake Audubon, McLean County (adult)	1
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Tiger Muskellunge

Lake Audubon, McLean County	2,666
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Northern Pike

Eckelson Lake South, Barnes County	149,180
Sanborn Lake, Barnes County	24,000
Gascoyne Lake, Bowman County	40,800
Powers Lake, Burke County	157,300
Cottonwood Park Pond, Burleigh County (adult)	435
Lake Harriet (Arena Lake), Burleigh County	183,400
Cassellton Reservoir, Cass County	900
Moore's Lake, Dickey County	2,200
New Rockford Reservoir, Eddy County (adult)	202
Warsing Dam, Eddy County	11,200
Baumgartner Lake, Emmons County	24,000
Jake's Lake, Emmons County	36,000
Juanita Lake, Foster County	46,760
Fordville Dam, Grand Forks County	15,500
Kolding Dam, Grand Forks County	1,000
Niagara Dam, Grand Forks County	1,000
Carlson-Tande Dam, Griggs County	2,000
Sibley Lake, Griggs County	48,400
Blickensderfer Dam, Hettinger County	4,250
Horsehead Lake, Kidder County	195,400
Lake Isabel, Kidder County	44,200
Lake No. 5, Kidder County	9,600
Lee Leno Lake, Kidder County	14,000
Leno Lake, Kidder County	25,600
Alfred Lake, LaMoure County	55,270
Cottonwood Lake, LaMoure County	36,400
Flood Lake, LaMoure County	203,200
Kalmbach Lake, LaMoure County	6,600
Schlecht-Thom Dam, LaMoure County	2,200
Schlenker Dam (Lehr Dam), LaMoure County	1,100
Beaver Lake, Logan County	68,000
Wetzel Lake, Logan County	39,000
Clear Lake, McIntosh County	30,000
Arnegard Dam, McKenzie County	12,800
Stanley Reservoir, Mountrail County	28,800
Silver Creek Dam, Nelson County	3,000
Renwick Dam, Pembina County	20,200
Buffalo Lake, Pierce County	28,800
Sand Lake, Pierce County	11,200
Fenster Lake, Ramsey County	29,700
Lone Tree Lake (Englevalle), Ransom County	76,540
Moran Lake, Richland County	19,800
Island Lake, Rolette County	108,300
Long Lake, Rolette County	114,600

School Section Lake, Rolette County	43,200
Fiala Lake, Sargent County	15,660
Silver Lake, Sargent County (adult)	8
Sprague Lake, Sargent County	14,000
Tosse Slough, Sargent County	26,600
Wolf Lake, Sheridan County	22,960
Finley Dam (Lynch Lake), Steele County	1,000
Hehn-Schaffer Lake, Stutsman County	18,000
Jamestown Reservoir, Stutsman County (adult)	623
Little Britches Pond, Stutsman County (adult)	55
Homme Dam, Walsh County	21,000
Matejek Dam, Walsh County	10,360
South Carlson Lake, Ward County	16,000
Sykeston Dam, Wells County (adult)	200
Sykeston Dam, Wells County	20,400
East Spring Lake Pond, Williams County (adult)	135

Rainbow Trout

North Lemmon, Adams County	2,800
Hatchery Kids Pond, Barnes County	350
Moon Lake, Barnes County	2,800
Strawberry Lake, Bottineau County	1,050
Lutz Dam, Bowman County	200
Northgate Dam, Burke County	5,281
McDowell Dam, Burleigh County	700
OWLS Pond, Burleigh County	932
Wilton City Pond, Burleigh County	200
Brooks Harbor, Cass County	855
Cassellton Pond, Cass County	505
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	2,800
Ryan Park Pond, Grand Forks County	1,227
Sheep Creek Dam, Grant County	2,800
Castle Rock Dam, Hettinger County	700
Mott Watershed Dam, Hettinger County	700
Blumhardt Dam, McIntosh County	1,400
Glovatsky Pond, McKenzie County	350
Watford City Park Pond, McKenzie County	350
Camp Loop Pond, McLean County	1,420
Custer Mine, McLean County	700
Lightner Lake, McLean County	1,278
Painted Woods Pond, McLean County	700
Harmony Lake, Mercer County	1,400
Hazen Creek, Mercer County	200
Crown Butte Dam, Morton County	1,040
Fish Creek Dam, Morton County	3,873
Gaebe Pond, Morton County	350
Krieg's Pond, Morton County	700
Little Heart Pond, Morton County	700
Nygren Dam, Morton County	700
Porsborg Dam, Morton County	864
Stanley Pond, Mountrail County	700
Heart River	700
Missouri River	14,422
Turtle River	2,586
Oliver County Sportsmen's Pond, Oliver County	200
West Arroda Dam, Oliver County	700
Mooringsstone Pond, Ransom County	150
Glenburn Pond, Renville County	350
Mooreton Pond, Richland County	2,100
Hooker Lake, Rolette County	1,400
Davis Dam, Slope County	1,400
Belfield Pond, Stark County	700
Dickinson Dike, Stark County	2,564
Slater Pond, Stark County	350
Little Britches Pond, Stutsman County	150
State Fair Pond, Ward County	700
Velva Sportsmen's Pond, Ward County	700
Kettle Lake, Williams County	700
Kota-Ray Dam, Williams County	2,100

McGregor Dam, Williams County	2,473
West Spring Lake Pond, Williams County	350

Smallmouth Bass

Mundt Lake, Logan County (adult)	700
Riverdale City Pond, McLean County (adult)	111

Walleye

Mirror Lake, Adams County	6,678
Lake Ashtabula, Barnes County	1,321,030
Fox Lake, Barnes County	63,000
Island Lake, Barnes County	38,400
Kee Lake, Barnes County	40,700
Moon Lake, Barnes County	15,400
Mosher WPA, Barnes County	42,600
St. Mary's Lake, Barnes County	15,400
Sweetwater Lake, Barnes County	5,500
Wood Lake, Benson County	8,520
Boundary Lake, Bottineau County	10,640
Long Lake, Bottineau County	10,701
Loon Lake, Bottineau County	14,300
Lake Metigoshe, Bottineau County	36,362
Bowman Haley Dam, Bowman County	183,300
Spring Lake, Bowman County	6,000
Short Creek Dam, Burke County	16,800
Crimmins WPA, Burleigh County	30,000
New Johns Lake, Burleigh County	102,150
Mount Carmel Dam, Cavalier County	51,500
Pheasant Lake, Dickey County	25,200
TAD Lake, Dickey County	60,000
Baukol-Noonan Dam, Divide County	6,000
Lake Ilo, Dunn County	123,200
Lake Coe, Eddy County	30,000
North Lake Washington, Eddy County	25,200
Braddock Dam, Emmons County	10,000
Rice Lake, Emmons County	120,250
Senger Lake, Emmons County	75,000
Dry Lake, Foster County	76,500
Odland Dam, Golden Valley County	18,000
Fordville Dam, Grand Forks County	25,000
Larimore Dam, Grand Forks County	10,000
Heart Butte Reservoir, Grant County	315,500
Raleigh Reservoir, Grant County	12,000
Lake Addie, Griggs County	51,600
Red Willow Lake, Griggs County	20,400
Indian Creek Dam, Hettinger County	30,000
Alkaline Lake, Kidder County	200,000
Des Moines Lake, Kidder County	80,850
Frettim Lake, Kidder County	11,000
Geier Lake, Kidder County	30,000
Lake Geneva, Kidder County	25,000
Horsehead Lake, Kidder County	166,400
Jasper Lake, Kidder County	40,300
Lake Josephine, Kidder County	40,800
Koenig North, Kidder County	27,500
Pelican Lake, Kidder County	8,400
Plowe Lake, Kidder County	26,400
Remmick Lake, Kidder County	50,800
Round Lake, Kidder County	20,100
Swan Lake, Kidder County	32,450
Lake Williams, Kidder County	16,500
Willow Lake, Kidder County	49,500
Woodhouse Lake, Kidder County	30,800
Boom Lake (Marion Lake), LaMoure County	28,600
Diamond Lake, LaMoure County	107,500
Kulm-Edgeley Dam, LaMoure County	4,000
Lake LaMoure, LaMoure County	97,100
Twin Lakes, LaMoure County	104,450
Braun Lake, Logan County	7,980
Logan (Mueller) WMA, Logan County	60,800
Logan Lake, Logan County	59,200
Marvin Miller Lake, Logan County	51,300
Mundt Lake, Logan County	19,800
Ost Lake, Logan County	30,400
Railroad Lake, Logan County	15,400
Thurn Lake, Logan County	9,900

Wentz WPA, Logan County	49,400
West Lake Napoleon, Logan County	99,650
Buffalo Lodge Lake, McHenry County	101,250
Cottonwood Lake, McHenry County	25,000
Round Lake, McHenry County	103,600
Coldwater Lake, McIntosh County	53,900
Dollinger-Schnabel Lake, McIntosh County	49,600
Green Lake, McIntosh County	40,500
Harr Lake, McIntosh County	20,000
Lake Hoskins, McIntosh County	30,400
Kislingbury Lake, McIntosh County	49,400
Lehr WMA, McIntosh County	50,600
Miller Lake, McIntosh County	50,300
Nagel Lake (Koepplin WPA), McIntosh County	20,900
Pfeifle Lake, McIntosh County	25,300
Lake Brekken, McLean County	36,400
Coal Lake, McLean County	42,000
Crooked Lake, McLean County	93,100
East Park Lake, McLean County	21,000
Lake Holmes, McLean County	60,900
Scooby Lake, McLean County	45,500
Strawberry Lake, McLean County	21,000
West Park Lake, McLean County	40,600
Sweet Briar Lake, Morton County	20,000
White Earth Dam, Mountrail County	20,400
McVillie Dam, Nelson County	6,000
Stump Lake, Nelson County	553,050
Tolna Dam, Nelson County	25,200
Whitman Dam, Nelson County	22,000
Devils Lake	728,100
Sheyenne River	37,600
Clear Lake, Pierce County	47,000
Irvine-Alice Mikes Complex, Ramsey County	210,300
Lake Darling, Renville County	507,650
Elm Lake, Richland County	48,600
Lake Elsie, Richland County	39,000
Four Corners Lake, Richland County	28,800
Gullys Slough, Richland County	97,760
Haus Lake, Richland County	10,800
Horseshoe Lake, Richland County	33,540
Lueck Lake, Richland County	34,200
Mooreton Pond, Richland County	5,200
Reiland Lake, Richland County	12,000
Shriner Lake, Richland County	20,000
Wahl Lake, Richland County	20,000
West Moran Lake, Richland County	40,000
Belcourt Lake, Rolette County	24,000
Carpenter Lake, Rolette County	89,100
Dion Lake, Rolette County	10,400
Gordon Lake, Rolette County	12,800
Gravel Lake, Rolette County	15,200
Jarvis Lake, Rolette County	10,400
Upsilon Lake, Rolette County	48,454
Alkali Lake, Sargent County	32,000
Buffalo Lake, Sargent County	48,600
Consolidated Lake, Sargent County	36,000
Deuce Lake, Sargent County	16,000
Kraft Slough, Sargent County	100,900
Nelson Lake, Sargent County	3,200
Ole Breum Lake, Sargent County	32,400
Silver Lake, Sargent County	19,200
Sprague Lake, Sargent County	25,200
Lake Tewaukon, Sargent County	155,010
Lake Walstead, Sargent County	4,800
Davis WPA, Sheridan County	102,300
Heckers Lake, Sheridan County	35,000
Hinsz Lake, Sheridan County	50,400
South (Hoffer) McClusky, Sheridan County	19,500
Stober Lake, Sheridan County	58,200
Froelich Dam, Sioux County	20,400

Cedar Lake, Slope County	11,448
Dickinson Reservoir, Stark County	149,400
North Golden Lake, Steele County	47,600
South Golden Lake, Steele County	8,280
Bader Lake, Stutsman County	20,800
Barnes Lake, Stutsman County	49,800
Big Mallard Marsh, Stutsman County	205,750
Clark Lake, Stutsman County	40,500
Cleveland Slough, Stutsman County	75,400
Crystal Springs, Stutsman County	20,700
Foot Lake, Stutsman County	40,300
Hoggarth Dam, Stutsman County	43,200
Jamestown Reservoir, Stutsman County (adult)	34
Jamestown Reservoir, Stutsman County ..	159,500
Mud and Pearl Lakes, Stutsman County ..	168,250
Pipestem Reservoir, Stutsman County	100,100
R and M Lake, Stutsman County	16,000
Reule Lake, Stutsman County	150,000
Spiritwood Lake, Stutsman County	26,000
Stink Lake, Stutsman County	101,900
Stirton Lake, Stutsman County	49,500
Trautman Slough, Stutsman County	75,600
Wanzek Slough, Stutsman County	26,100
Armourdale Dam, Towner County	10,400
Bisbee Dam-Big Coulee, Towner County ..	36,000
Bylin Dam, Walsh County	9,000
Homme Dam, Walsh County	27,000
Matejcek Dam, Walsh County	20,000
Hiddenwood Lake, Ward County	19,200
Rice Lake, Ward County	30,000
Goose Lake, Wells County	52,000
Harvey Dam, Wells County	43,000
Hurdsfield Tuffy Lake, Wells County	35,400
Silver Lake WMA, Wells County	59,800
Sykeston Dam, Wells County	10,800
Cottonwood Lake, Williams County	67,200
Epping-Springbrook Dam, Williams County	4,000
Kota-Ray Dam, Williams County	4,800
McGregor Dam, Williams County	9,600
McLeod (Ray) Reservoir, Williams County ..	6,000

White Bass

OWLs Pond, Burleigh County (adult)	105
Porsborg Dam, Morton County (adult)	105

White Crappie

Round Lake, McHenry County (adult)	229
East Arroda Dam, Oliver County (adult)	75
Lake Elsie, Richland County (adult)	10
Silver Lake, Sargent County (adult)	17
Pipestem Reservoir, Stutsman County (adult)	5
Epping-Springbrook Dam, Williams County (adult)	55
McLeod (Ray) Reservoir, Williams County (adult)	70

Yellow Perch

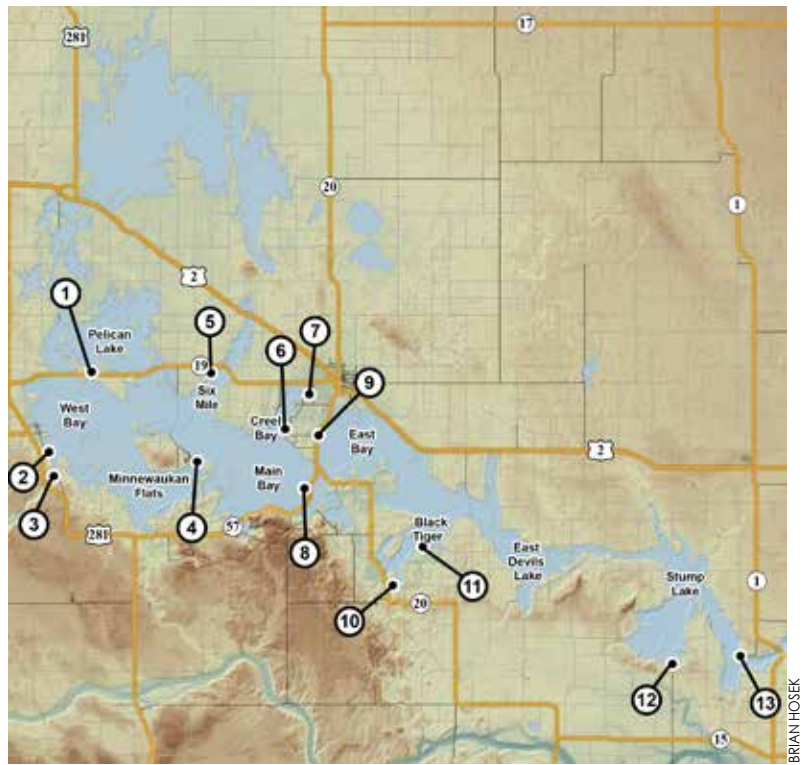
Hatchery Kids Pond, Barnes County (adult) ..	828
Bowman Haley Dam, Bowman County	7,360
Short Creek Dam, Burke County (adult)	18,617
OWLS Pond, Burleigh County (adult)	3,312
Casselton Reservoir, Cass County (adult)	1,311
TAD Lake, Dickey County (adult)	10,104
Fritz Slough, Divide County (adult)	8,420
Willy's Slough, Divide County (adult)	8,420
Beach City Pond, Golden Valley County (adult)	1,840
Williams Creek Dam, Golden Valley County (adult)	3,540
Alfred Lake, LaMoure County (adult)	4,875
Diamond Lake, LaMoure County (adult)	3,320
Flood Lake, LaMoure County (adult)	12,812
Lake LaMoure, LaMoure County (adult)	3,735

Wentz WPA, Logan County (adult)	1,063
Krieg's Pond, Morton County (adult)	1,840
Clearwater Lake, Mountrail County (adult)	5,069
East Bieri Lake, Mountrail County (adult)	4,352
West Bieri Lake, Mountrail County (adult) ..	4,096
White Earth Dam, Mountrail County (adult)	15,909
Lone Tree Lake (Englevale), Ransom County (adult)	3,008
Glenburn Pond, Renville County (adult)	1,098
Elm Lake, Richland County (adult)	2,745
Lake Elsie, Richland County (adult)	37,418
Four Corners Lake, Richland County (adult)	2,631
Hankinson Legion Memorial Pond, Richland County (adult)	432
Haus Lake, Richland County (adult)	1,473
Moran Lake, Richland County (adult)	1,316
Shriner Lake, Richland County (adult)	2,118
Deuce Lake, Sargent County (adult)	1,316
Silver Lake, Sargent County (adult)	4,870
Belfield Pond, Stark County (adult)	1,840
Dickinson Dike, Stark County (adult)	1,840
Dickinson Reservoir, Stark County (adult) ..	7,680
Barnes Lake, Stutsman County (adult)	4,141
Big Mallard Marsh, Stutsman County (adult)	4,875
Clark Lake, Stutsman County (adult)	2,346
Gaier Lake, Stutsman County (adult)	9,180
Jamestown Reservoir, Stutsman County (adult)	6,840
Little Britches Pond, Stutsman County (adult)	452
Spiritwood Lake, Stutsman County (adult) ..	3,912
Sunday Lake, Stutsman County (adult)	2,760
State Fair Pond, Ward County (adult)	1,525
Sykeston Dam, Wells County (adult)	1,159
Cottonwood Lake, Williams County (adult)	18,710
McLeod (Ray) Reservoir, Williams County (adult)	9,855
Tioga Dam, Williams County (adult)	9,847



MIKE ANDERSON

BOAT ACCESS FOR DEVILS LAKE BASIN



BRIAN HOSEK

Following is a list of boating 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 (Note: Marginal access as the channel leading to the main lake is extremely shallow.) - 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 (Note: Marginal access as dredged road cuts to lake are shallow and narrow.) - 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 - 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.



ASHLEY PETERSON

BOAT ACCESS FOR MISSOURI RIVER SYSTEM

Following is a list of boating 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, visit 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.

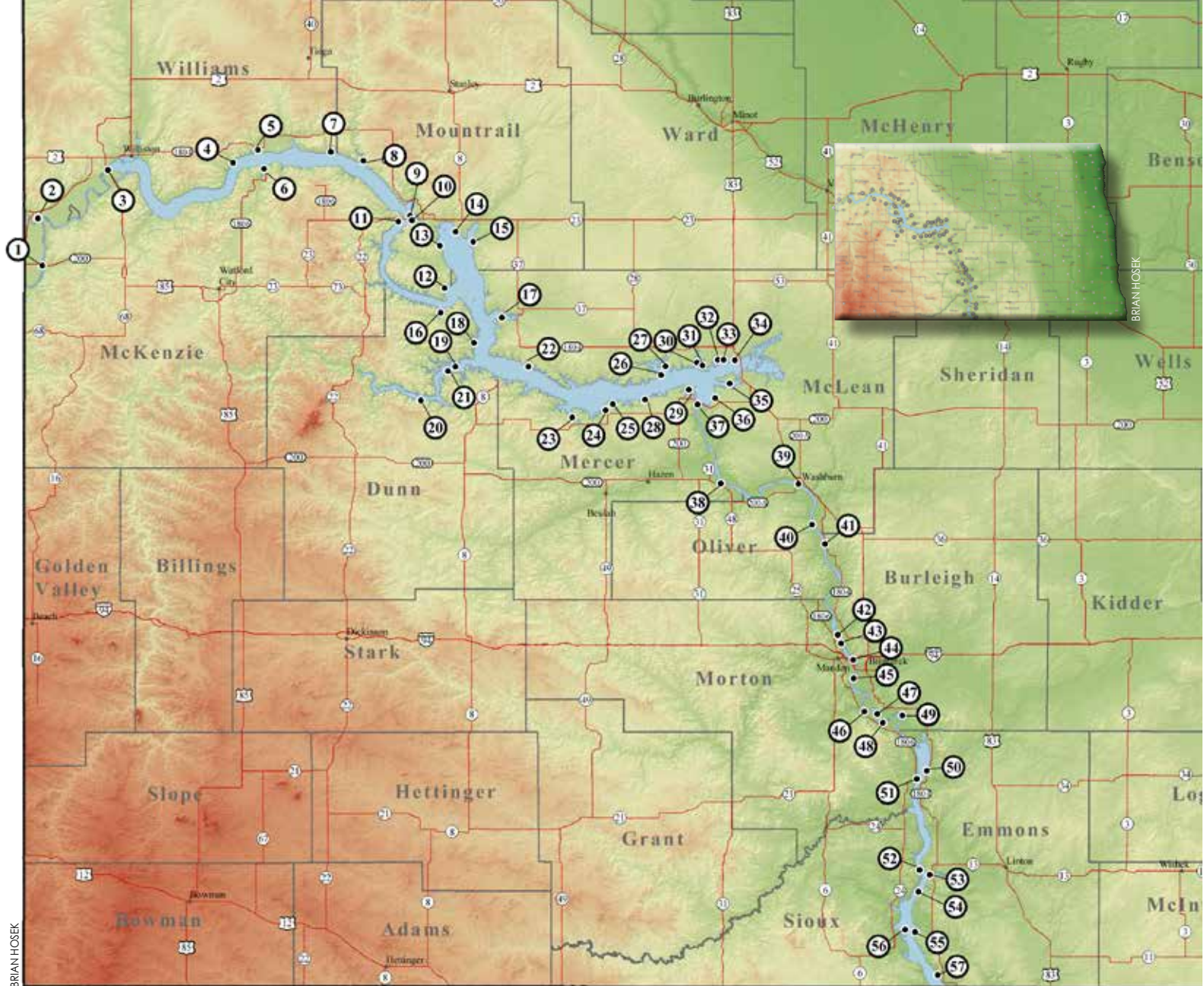
4 LEWIS AND CLARK STATE PARK - 16 miles east of Williston on ND Highway 1804, then 3 miles south. Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, access fee, RV dump station - North Dakota Parks and Recreation.

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 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/After 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 (no camping) or 2.5 miles west and .5 miles south to the county ramp (primitive camping). Gravel access road – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/McLean County Park Board.

18 HALE MARINA - 18 miles south-east of Mandaree. Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks – Three Affiliated Tribes.

19 MCKENZIE BAY - 22 miles south-east 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 shelter, 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 courtesy 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.



BUFFALOBERRY PATCH



ASHLEY PETERSON

North Dakota Game and Fish Department biologists have long encouraged hunters to participate in the Department's upland game wing survey. Birds included in the survey are ring-necked pheasants, sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, turkeys and ruffed grouse. Rodney Gross, Department upland game management biologist, examines one of 10,000-plus pheasant wings submitted for review from a rooster harvested during the 2020 hunting season. Biologists examine the feathers from hunter-submitted birds in winter to help manage upland game birds. Biologists can determine sex and age ratios, survival, nesting success, hatch dates and overall production from wings and tailfeathers sent in by hunters in wing envelopes.

Hunter Education Classes

Individuals interested in taking a hunter education class in 2021 must click on the education link at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov.

Brian Schaffer, Department hunter education coordinator, said students wanting to take an in-person class are reminded to register early, as most classes are held early in the calendar year.

"We are holding traditional classes once again, and social distancing guidelines must be followed such as wearing masks and sanitizing, but we are able to gather and teach some of our classes," Schaffer said. "In combination with our ability to start meeting again through traditional classes, we're also going to increase our efforts with home study courses this year, as we did in 2020. We learned a lot from the experiences last year and we've improved the content."

To register for a class, click on "enroll" next to the specific class, and follow the simple instructions. Personal information is required. Classes are listed by city and can also be sorted by start date. Classes will be added throughout the year as they become finalized.

Individuals interested in receiving a notice by email when each hunter education class is added, can click on the "subscribe to news and alerts" link found below the news section on the Game and Fish home page. Check the box labeled "hunter education" under the education program updates.

In addition, SMS text notifications of new classes can be sent directly to a cell phone. Simply text "NDGF HunterClass" to 468311 to subscribe to this feature.

State law requires anyone born after Dec. 31, 1961, to pass a certified hunter education course to hunt in the state. Hunter education is mandatory for youth who are turning 12 years old. Children who turn age 11 during the calendar year can take the class.



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Scholarships Available for Students

The North Dakota Game Wardens Association and the Ray Goetz Memorial Fund are sponsoring scholarships for graduating high school seniors or current higher education students interested in majoring in wildlife law enforcement or a related field.

Applicants must be North Dakota residents, be in good academic standing and have an interest in wildlife law enforcement or a related field. Scholarships will be awarded in fall upon proof of enrollment.

Applications are available by contacting the North Dakota Game Warden's Association, ndgamewardens@gmail.com. Applications must be received no later than May 31.

Since the early 1960s, waterfowl biologists have gathered en masse elsewhere as part of the waterfowl harvest monitoring process called the Central Flyway Wingbee. This was supposed to be the 30th year that the survey was hosted by Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge. This year, with respect to coronavirus precautions, biologists stayed home, yet continued the effort to examine thousands of wings and tailfeathers submitted by hunters to estimate the species, age and sex of waterfowl harvested in the Central Flyway during the 2020-21 hunting season. Pictured on the right, Mike Szymanski, North Dakota Game and Fish Department migratory game bird management supervisor, is one of just five "duck checkers" in the Central Flyway who shoulders the responsibility of making sure the examinations of duck wings are correct. Helping in the effort in Bismarck in late February are (center) Rodney Gross, Department upland game management biologist, and Andy Dinges (left), Department migratory game bird biologist. "This was a good stopgap measure to get the job done this year, but it's not sustainable," Szymanski said of holding the wingbee at several sites instead of one.

STAFF NOTES



Arvid Anderson

Longtime employee Arvid Anderson, Riverdale, retired in February after 40 years with the Department. Anderson started his career with the Department as a seasonal in Riverdale, then became a technician in the Lisbon area and eventually moved back to Riverdale where he moved from a technician to assistant biologist, the title he held until his retirement.

TOP WHOPPERS

CLUB APPLICATIONS FOR 2020

Walleye - 13 pounds, 15 ounces, Stump Lake; 13-8, Lake Sakakawea; 13-6, Stump Lake; 12-10, Missouri River; 12-7, Missouri River.

Northern Pike - 34-7, Irvine-Alice-Mikes Complex; 28-9, Lake Sakakawea; 26-6, Brush Lake; 25-12, Lake Sakakawea; 24-13, Missouri River.

Yellow Perch - 2-8, Devils Lake; 2-2, Cleveland Slough; 2-2, Eckelson Lake North; 2-1, Irvine-Alice-Mikes Complex; 2-1, Long Lake (Burleigh County).

Smallmouth Bass - 5-0, South (Hoffer) McClusky; 5-0, Lake Oahe; 4-15, Heart Butte Reservoir; 4-11, Lake Ashtabula; 4-9, Heart Butte Reservoir.

Chinook Salmon - 16-1, Missouri River; 15-5, Lake Sakakawea; 15-4, Missouri River; 14-0, Lake Sakakawea; 13-1, Missouri River.

Brown Trout - 11-6, Missouri River; 5-2, Missouri River.

Rainbow Trout - 16-10, Missouri River; 13-2, Missouri River; 13-1, Missouri River; 13-0, Camp Loop Pond; 11-8, Camp Loop Pond; 11-4, Missouri River.

Sauger - 4-4, Yellowstone River.

White Bass - 4-8, Lake Ashtabula; 3-9, Irvine-Alice-Mikes Complex; 3-1, Missouri River.

Channel Catfish - 23-10, Red River; 22-0, Red River; 18-8, Lake Sakakawea; 16-8, Sheyenne River; 15-1, Sheyenne River.

Crappie - 2-7, Trenton Lake; 2-1, Wilson Dam; 2-1, Trenton Lake; 2-0, Lake Oahe; 2-0, Lake Oahe.

Black Bullhead - 3-0, Sanborn WPA.

Bluegill - 1-9, Smishek Lake.

Buffalo - 31-8, Lake Audubon; 23-14, Lake Oahe.

Burbot - 15-4, Missouri River; 10-6, Missouri River; 8-12, Missouri River; 8-2, Missouri River.

Common Carp - 21-3, Little Muddy River; 18-10, Long Lake (Burleigh County); 15-5, Lake Sakakawea.

Freshwater Drum - 7-10, Lake Sakakawea.

Lake Trout - 7-12, Missouri River.

Lake Whitefish - 4-7, Missouri River; 4-2, Lake Sakakawea.

BACKCAST



By Ron Wilson



Unlike what it says on the sideview mirror on my pickup about objects being closer than they appear, the reality with sandhill cranes migrating in spring to northern nesting sites is typically the opposite.

To the human ear, the loud, rattling calls cranes emit in flight makes it seem like the birds should be close enough to easily spot. Yet, often-times the big birds simply appear as specks, a sprinkling of pepper flakes circling at nosebleed heights.

Biologists explain that sandhills rely on thermals and tailwinds to usher them along. These rising columns of warm air and southerly winds can help propel the birds 200 to 300 hundred miles in a day, and sometimes much farther when the conditions are good.

Like a lot of things in nature, the feat associated with the timely urge the birds feel to point their bills north, while outstretching their legs south, is impressive. When the monogamous pairs finally do touch down and select nesting sites, they're likely somewhere in Canada, maybe Russia.

While I don't need migrating sandhills to remind me that it's time to go fishing, the tall, long-legged birds

showing up when they do reminds me of fishing in spring as snowmelt works its way downhill and the ice rots and pulls away from shorelines.

Depending on the year – and it certainly differs from year to year – when winter finally cries uncle to warmer temperatures, I'm guessing the sandhills I hear call from dizzying altitudes are likely birds bringing up the rear of the migration, as these birds begin their march through North Dakota in the third week of, well, March.

Yet, at that time in North Dakota, there's typically little open water fishing if you don't count the parade of anglers from both here and far on the Missouri River, which flows in the opposite direction the cranes are headed.

Years ago, while wading in late July in a hard-running river that seemed in such a hurry to dump into the Yellowstone 50-plus miles north, the familiar, kar-r-r-r-o-o-o call of sandhills rattled above the noise of the rushing river. Instinctively, I tilted my head back, shaded my eyes with my hand and searched with no luck for passing sandhills that seemed so out of place at 6,000-plus feet in the mountains.

I continued to hear the birds as they called unevenly, now and again, as I worked my way upstream to my vehicle. Eventually, I cut through a break in the timber into a big meadow that would take me 10 minutes to cross, before having to negotiate a fence to meet the road.

I've seen grizzly and black bears in this general area over the years and more whitetails in the river bottoms than I'd hope to ever remember. Yet, I couldn't have been more surprised to spot across the meadow three standing birds, two taller than an obvious juvenile colored a rusty brown, similar in tint to the river during runoff.

It was later explained to me that the cranes I saw in the mountains were from the Rocky Mountain population, while those that migrate through North Dakota are from the Midcontinent population.


Different populations separated by geography.

While that's entirely true, these big, boisterous birds remind me of fishing no matter the elevation I'm wetting a line at.

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A man wearing a grey polo shirt and a grey baseball cap is focused on mending a large, light-colored fishing net. He is using his hands to patch a hole in the mesh. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the net and some equipment.

Brian Frohlich, Game and Fish Department fisheries technician in Riverdale, mends one of a fleet of nets that will be employed during spring spawning, fish trap and relocation efforts and summer and fall surveys. Fisheries personnel inspect and repair those nets in need during the winter months, as Frohlich was doing in this photograph in February. Jerry Weigel, Department fisheries production/development supervisor, said the Department has 200-plus nets that are used during open water months, and some of the nets have been in use for more than 50 years. "Our nets are important pieces of gear that need to be taken care of," Weigel said. While logs and other debris can create holes in the nets during storms, Weigel said muskrats also do more than their share in damaging the equipment.

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