



**Fishing Report for the Glacial Lakes & Prairies Northeast Region of South Dakota
Week of May 30, 2018**

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Northeast South Dakota

We had a lodge full of happy fishermen that were catching “lots” of beautiful walleyes all weekend. The spawn is over and the fish are hungry. Two brothers caught and released over 75 trophy walleyes in a day and a half. They said it was a crazy bite because you couldn’t keep them off of your line and then all a sudden the bite would just stop. An 81 year old “Birthday Boy” was here with his family and said he made 6 casts and caught 4 walleyes, one was 28”. Pan fishing was also very good at nearby area lakes. Tip of the week: You don’t need live bait to catch nice walleyes. – Hidden Hill Lodge

Bitter Lake did well yesterday (Tuesday), groups seem to be catching in shallow waters, 2-10 foot deep. Quite a few presentations are being used, minnows, crawlers and cranks. Hearing better reports off Waubay. Blue Dog and North Rush were busy over the weekend also. Water temperatures are close to 70 degrees, mostly upper 60’s and lower 70’s. – Sportsman’s Cove

Bitter Lake

Some reports of walleyes getting caught. Fishing pressure has gone up recently. Consistent weather patterns will help the fishing. – Bitter Lake Lodge

Blue Dog Lake

Decent walleye bite here pulling crankbaits. Be prepared to catch quite a few smaller fish before you get a decent one but they are there. Anglers are also catching a few decent size northerns and an occasional jumbo perch. – Fishermens Net Guide Service LLC

Lake Albert

Nice walleye bite going on here. Anglers are getting them on crankbaits either casting or trolling and pulling a spinner and minnow or a spinner and crawler. – Fishermens Net Guide Service LLC

Lake Poinsett, Thompson & Henry

The guys and gals caught a lot of walleyes on Lake Poinsett on Saturday and Sunday. Thompson and Henry did well on Saturday but slowed on Sunday. Sounds like Albert hit today. – Arlington Inn

Lake Traverse

Lake Traverse MN/SD border waters continue to provide excellent fishing! Walleyes are hitting both artificial and live bait. Pan fish on crawlers and minnows. Bass, crappie, perch and blue gill provide a nice mixed bag. Catfish and Northern are also present. – Wing N Fin Resort

Lynn Lake & Waubay Lake

The bite is on! Lynn Lake is offering up some nice walleyes. Morning and evenings. Limits of white bass and walleye once you find them on Waubay. Fishermen are using an assortment of bait; crawlers, leeches, and minnows all seem to work now. It's a great time to be fishing! – Lynn Lake Lodge

Waubay Lake

There is a good walleye bite going right now. The walleyes are out deep over the mud feeding on mud worms and mayflies. Pulling 4 colors of lead core using Berkley Flicker Shads, Flicker Minnows and Walleye Divers is producing nice fish. The silver bass are also out in the basin and are suicidal right now and create a lot of action. Keep the loin portion of the filet above the lateral line, trim off the red meat on the skin side, soak in 7UP prior to frying for a great fish fry. – Fishermens Net Guide Service LLC

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The following report is provided by the SD Game, Fish & Parks:

Bitter Lake

Several boats tried the SE portion of the lake with some success catching walleye. Most anglers were pitching jigs into shallower water.

Dry Lake #2 (Clark County)

Slow fishing all around. Leeches and crawlers are starting to be the bait of choice. Weeds are starting to grow, so shore fishing has slowed down a bit.

Dry Lake #3 (Codington County)

Fishermen are starting to catch a few walleye from the boat. Most of the walleye are ranging in size, from 12 to 15 inches.

Goose Lake

A few nice walleye are being caught; mornings and evenings continue to be the best times.

James River

Anglers have been catching walleye and catfish. Anglers are having better luck in the evenings fishing.

Lake Albert

There has been an increase of fishing pressure this last week. Fishermen have been seen picking up some nice quality walleye.

Lake Kampeska

A variety of fish are being caught. White bass continue to be the most consistent bite. A few walleye in the 12-15 inch range are being caught.

Lake Pelican

Walleye bite has really slowed down. Fishermen are catching a few bullheads after dark.

Lake Poinsett

Nice weather has brought many fishermen out both in boats and on shore this last weekend. Fishermen have been seen picking up a few walleyes and crappie. *Walleye size limit is the state wide limit of 4 fish with 1 being over 20".*

Opitz Lake

Lots of smaller walleye being caught. Anglers have to be patient, but some really nice fish are being harvested near shore close to timbered points.

Richmond

Anglers are having some success catching walleye, and bullhead. Anglers are having better luck in the evenings fishing. *Anglers are reminded of the 15 inch minimum length limit on walleye.*

Roy Lake

Anglers have caught smallmouth bass and some nice pike off of main lake points and back bays.

Waubay Lake

Anglers struggled this past weekend with the warmer temperatures and high winds. Anglers who chose to shore fish had better luck catching white bass, while boat anglers did pick up a few walleye.