

Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Areas 2015-16 Waterfowl Report

For the Week of January 18, 2016

WALK-IN AREAS

No reports from the walk-in areas.

REGISTRATION AREA

The number of birds between the Pierre area and Lower Oahe lands continues to be low, however hunters are able to get some birds depending on if they were willing to wait for the birds to fly. Flight times this past weekend were late due to the cold temperatures; however reports from the hunters are that the birds came in good when they saw their decoys. With the warmer temperatures moving back in the birds should start to fly a little earlier in the day. A drawing for the decoy only registration fields takes place each day one hour before sunrise.

PASS-SHOOTING AREAS

Pass shooters in the canal were able to get a few birds last week before the cold moved in but there were no reports for these areas after the cold temperatures.

SOLID AND STRIPED GREEN AREAS

A groups have been setting out decoys in the solid and striped green areas and having success on days the birds flew while they were still setup. The late flight during the cold temperatures had the birds flying very late in the day with several bunches staying on the water all day.

SUMMARY

The registration area fields continue to hold some flocks of geese, with hunters having mixed success depending on the time the birds fly. Reports came in last week of some small flocks of geese moving in but there was no major migration of birds. Hunters making plans to come out to hunt the decoy-only registration fields can check the maps on the Lower Oahe webpage to see what types of crops are in the fields along with the open or closed status of the fields. Daily drawings for the decoy only registration fields take place each day one hour before sunrise.

The solid and striped green areas have continued to see birds in and around them with a few hunters setting out decoys and having good success on days when the birds flew before they decided to pick up.

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