

Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Areas 2015-16 Waterfowl Report

For the Week of January 25, 2016

WALK-IN AREAS

There were a few flocks of geese that came off of Lake Oahe late last week and over the weekend that were going into one of the walk-in fields.

REGISTRATION AREA

The numbers of birds between the Pierre area and Lower Oahe lands have increased some after the cold front that came through last weekend. Most groups in the decoy only fields reported back of getting some birds late last week and over the weekend, the warmer weather and full moon did affect some flights but most of the birds have continued to move before noon. The warm weather may create some muddy conditions in some of the fields causing them to be closed this week. Hunters planning on making a trip out to hunt can check on the status of the decoy only registration fields along with the links to check out or see if one of the decoy loaner trailers is available below the link to this report.

The drawing for the decoy only registration fields takes place each day one hour before sunrise.

PASS-SHOOTING AREAS

Pass shooting continues to be tough on most days with some getting a bird or two when the wind conditions are right. Over the weekend the winds did not blow much allowing the birds to come off of the water very high.

SOLID AND STRIPED GREEN AREAS

Hunters have continued to set out decoys in the solid and striped green areas and having success. The birds in several of these areas have been working into their decoys good and giving them some great opportunities for a fun and successful hunt.

SUMMARY

The registration area fields continue to hold flocks of geese in them. It appears that the Pierre area and Lower Oahe area has gained some birds after the cold front that came through last weekend. The additional birds has made the hunting better but also has increased the numbers of groups at the Lower Oahe registration trailer in the mornings. The birds have been moving throughout most of the areas giving the hunters opportunities to get some birds. **The drawing for the decoy only registration fields takes place each day one hour before sunrise.**

Pass shooting continues to be difficult on most days. The solid and striped green areas continue to see hunter and bird action with success coming from a few different areas.

The solid and striped green colored areas continue to see hunters and birds in them.