

# Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Areas 2017-18 Waterfowl Report

For the Week of February 5, 2018

## WALK-IN AREAS

The geese have continued to be around the walk-in fields in the Okobojo Creek area with some flocks sitting in the corn field over the weekend. There continued to be birds coming over the walk-in fields west of Okobojo Creek that have been flying low giving the pass shooters some great opportunities.

## REGISTRATION AREA

With the later flight of birds this past week the decoy-only registration fields have seen fewer groups of hunters. Reports from the hunters late last week and into the weekend were the birds moved a little earlier than the first part of the week. The later afternoon flight normally has the birds flying out in larger flocks and flying high when coming out to feed, however the groups that have been out are reporting back on good success pulling in the birds that are flying lower though the area.

## PASS-SHOOTING AREAS

The pits and canal areas are not seeing many pass shooters, reports are the birds are flying high over these areas on most days with the windy days being good when the hunters are able to get in the right location. Birds have continued to fly over the walk-in fields west of Okobojo Creek with some continuing to land in the fields giving the pass shooters the opportunity to harvest a few birds.

## SOLID AND STRIPED GREEN AREAS

The striped green area in Stanley County has continued to have hunters setting out decoys in the fields with reports of some groups doing well last week and into the weekend. Hunters are reminded to be considerate of those already in the field when arriving and leaving. The designated access trails in this area is allowed for dropping off and picking up equipment only. The solid green areas west of 1804 in the Cow and Okobojo Creek slowed down this past week on bird and hunter use. Reports from the striped and solid green area east of Grey Goose Road are that a few birds went that way last week but did not land in any of the fields.

## SUMMARY

Birds have continued to fly over the walk-in fields west of Okobojo Creek with some flocks landing in them, with very few hunters in the area over the weekend. The decoy-only registration fields have seen fewer groups of hunters this past week, however those that have been out are reporting back on good success on most days. Reports from the pass-shooting areas are that the birds are coming out high on most days with only a few flocks of birds flying low. The striped green area in Stanley County has continued to have hunters setting out decoys in the fields, the solid green areas west of Highway 1804 has not had much for birds or hunters using the area this past week. Reports from the solid and striped green areas east of Grey Goose Road are that there were a few flocks that went that way however they did not land in any of the fields.

**Reminder:** If you are planning on making a trip out to hunt remember to renew hunting and fishing License. The 2017 fishing, small game, furbearer, predator/varmint and combination licenses expired on January 31, 2018.

**The 2017-18 Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp remains valid until June 30, 2018.**