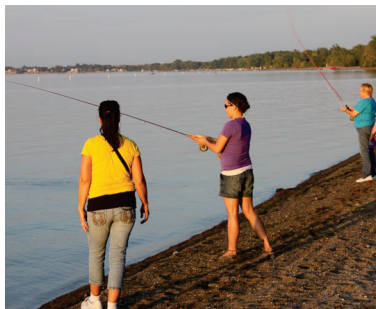


# 2019-2023 GFP FISHERIES

## SOUTHEAST FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARY

### WHY IS A FISHERIES PLAN NEEDED?

This strategic plan, based on the missions of the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) and the Division of Wildlife, will address the issues and opportunities of fisheries management in the Southern portion of the East River Fisheries Management Area. This plan contains an Inventory section which describes the available aquatic resources, an Issues section where current fisheries issues are listed and a Goals, Objectives and Strategies section that outlines how the issues will be addressed over the next five years.



### DEPARTMENT MISSION

*We provide sustainable outdoor recreational opportunities through responsible management of our state's parks, fisheries, and wildlife by fostering partnerships, cultivating stewardship, and safely connecting people with the outdoors.*

### ISSUE EXAMPLES

1. Degraded aquatic habitat limits fishing opportunity in lakes and small impoundments.
2. Inconsistent natural reproduction and recruitment of yellow perch is insufficient to meet angler needs.
3. Inadequate information to adequately manage river fisheries exists.

### HIGHEST PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

1. The completion of one major aquatic habitat improvement project.
2. The chemical renovation of at least one area water.
3. An evaluation of yellow perch stocking strategies in natural lakes.
4. An evaluation of yellow perch and walleye stocking strategies in degraded small impoundments.
5. Finish the collection of information about fish populations on the James River.
6. Conduct research on fish loss over the spillways of small impoundments.

