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## For the record

BY NICK SIMONSON

Spring is the time of the year that many die-hard anglers have in the back of their mind as the opportunity to catch the biggest fish of the season and possibly their lives. Regardless of whether they're on the tail end of the pike bite through the ice or the first run of slimers up a shallow creek, patrolling the vernal breaklines for huge walleyes along a feeder stream, or scanning the shallow bars for prime smallie spawning sites and the big shadowy females moving in, anglers of all stripes know this is the time of year to beat their personal best and have an outside chance at catching a state record.

While some have stood the test of time in the Peace Garden State - such as the state record bluegill of 2 pounds, 12 ounces caught in 1963 or the ridiculous 8 pound, 12 ounce sauger from 1971 – others have taken the top spot more recently, such as Neal Leier's 15 pound, 13 ounce walleye from the Missouri River just two years ago. According to Greg Power, Fisheries Division Chief for the North Dakota Game & Fish Department (NDG&F), catching a record fish for any species is a possibility

with more waters available to anglers and many at their height for producing large specimens.

#### WHAT'S NEXT

"The northern pike, that record which dates back to [1968], I believe that could go down," Power postulated on the long-standing 37 pound, 8 ounce record coming into the spring, "right now we're just riding a real high for big fish and in particular on the Missouri River system, both Oahe and Sakakawea and then also on Devils Lake,' he concluded, referencing a 34-pound pike caught last month on Lake Irvine which connects to Devils Lake.

Behind pike, Power suggests that top end crappies on a number of lakes may present a challenge to the current record shared by two 3 pound, 4 ounce specks caught 15 years apart on Lake Oahe in 1998 and Jamestown Reservoir in 2013. Those two bodies still lead the way, with Lake Audubon also presenting an outside opportunity at record-sized slabs.

#### ALL EYES ON

WALLEYES

With the new record walleye being caught from the



variety of species on many waters throughout the state.

serious record seekers are patrolling the river for its goldmine of large fish. In addition to the river and its walleye-rich reservoirs of Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe, there are some sleepers on the map that have the capability of producing big 'eyes in the Roughrider State. Mid-sized reservoirs have produced their share of 12 pound fish, and it is possible something bigger lurks below in the depths of waters like Audubon, Heart Butte Reservoir, Lake Darling and Lake Ashtabula serving as sleeper locations to challenge the recent resetting in the state's record book.

author's personal best, it doesn't hold a candle to the 33-inch state record. Now, however,

is the time when records fall and big fish are caught, so know the mark and go after it for a

"It's generally going to be a big water where you have a wide variety of prey items out there and the temperature units are more conducive to living longer," Power stresses as prime factors to produce record-sized walleves.

#### NOTHING SMALL ABOUT IT

With the expansion of smallmouth bass fisheries throughout the state over the last three decades and stocking programs in the 1980s and 90s now leading to self-sustaining populations, a number of waters have the ability to produce a spring bronzeback that could break the 6 pound, 13 ounce record caught in 2007. With 60 to 70 lakes sporting strong populations where fish can be caught with regularity, those bigger waters with plenty of structure rank near the top including Audubon, Sakakawea and the canal lakes on the New Johns system, along with Lake Darling, Oahe and Heart Butte as secondary options for a record smashing smallmouth. "We have maybe ten lakes that you can get a state record smallie in and the time again is now because we know that we're riding a high on that species," Power sug-gested, "every lake is going to be a little bit different, what makes that top end potential is going to vary a lot; with smallmouth bass your key is going to be crayfish populations," he added.

#### **UNBREAKABLE?**

With ten of the state's 30 recognized angling records more than 25 years old, there are a number that seem like they may stand forever, but as Power suggested the possibility of breaking any one of them exists on many lakes where the conditions are right. In those specialty waters like the Garrison Tailrace, home to all of North Dakota's records for coldwater fish such as salmon and trout, conditions and forage remain perfect to produce another record brown trout, rainbow trout or chinook salmon in any given season. Those fish that are not as easily challenged can be found on both ends of the species spectrum. While the bluegill record has stood for almost sixty years, Power thinks that the conditions aligned just right to make the current channel catfish record harder to beat, even with trophy caliber fish frequently available in the northern stretches of the Red River. "To get a 42 pound [channel catfish] out of Moon Lake was incredible, we guessed that particular fish ate a whole lot of trout because we were at that time very active in stocking trout in Moon Lake," Power recalled, "it was a very fat fish and nine pounds larger than the previous state record; man, I don't know if even in the Red River we're going to get a fish over 42 pounds in the years to come," he concluded. For more information on the state record fish of North Dakota, and how to submit a big spring catch which might challenge for the top spot, visit: gf.nd.gov/fishing/ record-fish

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The Last Wife has been busy, busy, busy with paperwork, which must make all the legislation written by all the legislative bodies in America pale by comparison. One evening she was beating me up because I guess I dared to question how one woman could have so much paperwork. I said I had been somewhat overcome with it the week prior but it turned out to be just a light touch of diahrea. Funny, how some conversations last longer than others.

So, I got to thinking, which isn't easy for me because I'm neither a scholar nor a philosopher. I had to be reminded in school, that just because I could read didn't mean I could stop thinking. I don't know but I would argue that the phone book might be an exclusion to that theory. Got a leak? Look up a plumber. No need to think about it anymore. Just write the check and we all know it doesn't pay to think about that!

What I came up with is this. Normal, is normal and normal is simply being free and unencumbered by laws and rules and regulations that are all excessive and beyond what's needed to keep the masses in check.

This week, a doomsdayer suggested that this "social distancing" where we have to stay out of range of other people, could last not days or weeks by years. I, of course, laughed. For good reason.

You see, I was introduced to social distancing in my teen years. I couldn't find a girl who would touch me with a 30 foot pole, let alone allow me within six or even 13 feet. It was probably all the heavy breathing. It seemed like a government plot. All girls seemed immune to my charms. The bright side is that, as life went on, I learned it smart to keep some distance with certain types, married ones, for instance. And, women seemed blessed with the ability to read and still think,. That would explain why, when they read the instructions and put some-



## TRACKS IN THE SAND Ken Beauchamp

thing together, say a wagon, the handle is on the proper end. It hardly seems fair but one must remember that the words of agreat philosopher, who said, "Fair is just a word God created so fools and butt heads would have something to debate."

The best one I've heard yet is a television talker who looked into the camera with a very serious look and declared, "we can no longer trust the Chinese Communist Party." Well, imagine that. Does that mean we won't be able to trust a 20 dollar pair of athletic shoes, that cost 100 bucks to make in America? The wise philosopher and deep thinker who said, "You can't buy trust," must be in need of a ventilator after that one.

Greed does funny things to people. As we have seen time and again. This time, we have seen that greed can also kill people. Most people don't remember General Douglas MacArthur. He was a hero of WWII and came back to the Korean War five years later and chased the Communist North Koreans and their Chinese big brothers back across the 38th Parallel and then the Yalu River and back into China. He had

the military and the power but the politicians here refused to allow him to go finish the job, which remains undone all these years later and awaits an igniting, but only after the Communists have deceived the world much more greatly than they have with this virus, which has killed way too many innocent people, whose only failing was trusting in the air we breath.

Donald Trump reminds me a lot of a business friend I used to have. He was smart as could be about business but he sure could have used someone to help him pick some of his friends. For instance: No hookers, porn stars or lying Communist dictators, all of whom seem to have one thing in mind.

Two words for you, Mr. President. Social distancing!

That's about it for me. I think I'll get up in the morning, put on my mask to fool some big Northern Pike into coming into catching range of me and forget about everything except for the first time I saw social distancing fail and how great it would be to set the hook on a new state record pike. I don't see any new normal getting any better than that!



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  - 5. Lot 13, 14, 15 Block 1 Halpern Addition. (213 2nd Ave E no building) Lot 8, Block E, 1st S Addition (no building)
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Cynthia Žahn, Zap City Auditor (4-30-20)(5-7-20)









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outbreak circumstances.

'We are committed to protecting our colleagues in the BLM and those with whom we come in contact during this challenging time; however, as westerners we know we must fight fire all year long and we will do exactly that," said BLM **Deputy Director for Policy** and Programs William Perry Pendley. "Guided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention as well as state and local health authorities, we continue to implement proactive CO-VID-19 measures to protect

employees and the public, but, when it comes to fire, we have no intention of standing down."

Every year, the BLM works with its Federal, state, and local partners to conduct initial attack on all wildland fire incidents to suppress wildfires as soon as they ignite. Aggressive initial attack is the single most important method to ensure the safety of firefighters and the public; it also limits suppression costs. During the COVID-19 outbreak, the wildland fire agencies will continue to work to suppress wildfires with the goal of reducing wildfire size and intensity.

The BLM is also working with its Federal, state and local partners to develop specific COVID-19 wildfire response plans to provide for wildland fire personnel safety. These plans outline best management practices to limit the spread of the virus and to provide a safe working environment for all wildland fire personnel.

The wildland fire agencies maintain a full aviation fleet to suppress wildfires and concurrently plan for

above-normal fire activity with additional contract and partner surge capacity. The BLM will have on contract 34 Single Engine Airtankers (SEAT), combined with four water scoopers, seven smokejumper planes, 19 tactical support aircraft, and 25 helicopters for wildfire suppression efforts this year. In addition, the BLM has access to more than 660 helicopters, 100 SEATs, 14 Large Airtankers and Very Large Airtankers, 22 water scoopers and over 400 tactical support aircraft through partnerships and call-whenneeded contracts.

The BLM Fire and Aviation program works closely with, and relies on, its state and local partners for all wildfire suppression efforts. During the COVID-19 outbreak, some state governments have declared they will not permit state and local resources to respond to wildfires outside of their local jurisdiction, which will greatly limit the national response capabilities of these valuable resources. The BLM is working with these governments to address concerns and to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that shared resources are available to be deployed wherever need may be greatest.

"In order to ensure smooth interstate wildfire suppression operations, all wildland firefighters must be permitted to cross state boundaries without restriction to ensure safe and effective wildfire operations throughout the country," said Pendley. "We beseech our federal, state, and local partners to ensure that ability."

The BLM will also rely on its employees across the nation who are not full-time fire personnel but maintain essential wildfire qualifications and thus provide critical wildfire response capabilities during heightened fire activity. These employees greatly augment the national fire workforce every year; therefore, the BLM will continue to enhance its workforce with these personnel during the COVID-19 outbreak. The BLM and its partners will also work closely with contractors, emergency hires, and other seasonal employees, as the BLM does every year, to greatly enhance firefighting capabilities. Overall, wildfire suppression operations will require adjustments and new tactics during the COVID-19 outbreak. Fortunately, the BLM and its partner agencies are skilled in aggressive initial attack operations, as limiting wildfire spread is always paramount. no matter the situation. The BLM and its partner agencies are prepared for wildfire response and will work to suppress all wildfires before they become large, problematic incidents.

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THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT IS FOR SALE: 1996 Crew Cab Chevrolet Silverado 4x4 1 ton 454 engine, 2004 Crew Cab Chevrolet Silverado - 1 ton Duramax Diesel, 2008 Crew Cab Chevrolet Silverado - 1 ton Flatbed Duramax Diesel4x4, 2012 John Deere 326D Skidsteer (1250 hours/with bucket). Call 701-873-2334. for details.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

#### HELP WANTED

NOW HIRING: Peace Lutheran Church, Hazen, is seeking an Administrative Assistant with good Christian values. This position works 30 hours per week. Candidate must be punctual, well organized, be able to work independently, and be a self-starter. Qualified individual must possess good office, computer and interpersonal skills. Application deadline, May 11, 2020. If interested, please call 748-2150, or 748-2754.

#### REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

Zap Apartments - Electricity, water and trash included. Furnished or unfurnished. Free Wi-Fi. Off street parking. Laundry facilities on site. Call (701) 948-2292. 33-tfn-ch

SELF STORAGE UNITS FOR RENT IN HAZEN: 12x30 and 12x20 units available. 891-1447.

29d-tfnc FOR RENT: 4 bedr 2 bath home, rural Hazen, quiet location. Nice view, large open yard. No indoor pets. Call 701-220-4783. OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT IN HAZEN:

Grunett Rentals, 870-6214. 9d-tfnc



#### Beulah, North Dakota

Black Sands Golf Course is hiring clubhouse staff for the 2020 golf season. Duties will include pro shop, bartending, food prep and light cleaning. Need to be 21 or older. Day, night and weekend shifts.

For information or to apply, email resume to blacksands09@gmail.com or call 701.873.2929.

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Family Medicine Physician Full Time, Hazen Clinic

Staff Accountant II **Full Time** Beulah Administration

Housekeeping PRN Beulah Administration



For information and the company application, please visit www.coalcountryhealth.com





## Clean Your Yard Clean Around Buildings Clean Out Your Garage & Basement

#### City clean-up week is the perfect opportunity to bring your property into compliance with City Ordinances relating to Public Nuisances.

**City Ordinance Chapter XII states:** 

Nuisance Definition - A nuisance consists in unlawfully doing an act or omitting to perform a duty, which act or omission:

- 1. Annoys, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, or safety of others;
- 2. Offends decency;
- 3. Unlawfully interferes with, obstructs or tends to obstruct, or renders dangerous for passage, any public park, street, or highway; or
- 4. In any way renders other person insecure in life or in the use of property.
- Public Nuisance A Public Nuisance is a nuisance which at the same time affects the entire community of Hazen or a neighborhood or any considerable number of person, although the extend of the annoyance or damage inflicted upon individuals may be unequal.
- Remedies The remedies against a public nuisance are:
- 1. Bringing a criminal action before a district judge;
- 2. A civil action; or
- 3. Abatement

Example of Nuisances – 11 – Unsheltered storage of old, used, stripped, junked and other automobiles not in good, safe operating condition, and of any other vehicles, machinery, implements and/ or equipment and personal property of any kinds which is no longer safely usable for the purpose for which it was manufactured for a period of thirty (30) days or more (except in a licensed junk yard) within the city, and any motor vehicle, animal and article of personal property which constitutes an obstruction to, hazard or detriment to public traffic, snow removal operations, public safety and public health and morals or which may be abandoned or unclaimed within this City is hereby declared to be a nuisance and dangerous to public safety and must be abated in the manner prescribed in this article. For purposes of this provision, "abandoned" means a motor vehicle that has remained for a period of more than ten (10) days on public property illegally or lacking vital component parts or has remained for a period of more than ten (10) days on private property without consent of the person in control of such property or in an inoperable condition such that is has no potential for further use consistent with its useful functions unless it is kept in an enclosed garage or storage building.

## LANDFILL HOURS

Mon. thru Fri. ......8 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

#### Not Open On Saturdays

· Loads are required to be covered when hauling to landfill. Loads should also be sorted for your own convenience.

• For Hazen residents only. ID may be required.

## Garbage routes will run as usual

Have clean-up items and regular trash out

# Let's Keep Hazen **Clean & Green IX-ZZ**

## **EXAMPLES OF FREE PICKUP:**

- Normal household items
- Wood products ~ sorted and separated from regular garbage
- Discarded furniture Carpet
- Washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, water heaters

Residents are encouraged to clean up their nuisance/junk vehicles. The city will be willing to assist with this process during clean-up week. After clean-up, the city will be enforcing ordinances and issuing citations.

### YOU WILL BE BILLED A DISPOSAL FEE WITH YOUR CITY UTILITY **BILL FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

by 6 a.m. the **day before** your regular day.

### NO Call Necessary to City Hall

• Have items sorted at curb.

• Household, wood, steel and inert items need to be sorted at your regular garbage pickup areas. If not sorted, it will not get picked up.

### **TREE AND GRASS DISPOSAL**

Site located north of Cenex Discarding any other items at this site is a **VIOLATION** of City Ordinance and subject to a \$1,000 fine. **VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED** 

Refrigerators/freezers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners ...... \$17.00 ea.

#### TIRES

Automobile & Pickup Tires	\$4/tire
Tires Over 16.5"	
Tractor Tires	\$25/tire

## **NOT ACCEPTED AT LANDFILL**

• Car batteries • Motor oil • Liquid paint • Flammables such as paint thinner Tree branches • Grass clippings, etc. For Landfill questions call 748-5839

No Shingles • No Commercial Accounts - Only Residential Customers.