

# **NORTH DAKOTA SPORTFISHING CONGRESS**

North Dakota Sportfishing Congress announces they will be holding their 2010 Fundraiser and Annual Meeting on Friday April 9th and Saturday April 10th, 2010 in Bismarck / Mandan.

The North Dakota Sportfishing Congress is your representative to the North Dakota Legislature, the ND Game and Fish Department, the Army Corps of Engineers and many other organizations that affect fishing in North Dakota.

Here is information about and a schedule of the events:

## **FUNDRAISER (Friday evening April 9th, 2010, 6:00 PM)**

The North Dakota Sportfishing Congress will hold its Annual Fundraiser on Friday April 9th, 2010 starting at 6:00 PM at the Mandan Eagles Club (1400 Collins Ave Mandan, ND 58554-2071). Tickets cost \$25 each, tickets must be purchased in advance, and tickets are available by contacting [iraa@gondtc.com](mailto:iraa@gondtc.com) or Clark Williams at [shadrap@gondtc.com](mailto:shadrap@gondtc.com) (701-662-5008). The ticket price includes a buffet dinner, inclusion in numerous drawings for door prizes along with the opportunity to interact with individuals whose interests are to protect fishing in North Dakota. There will be additional raffles held throughout the evening, including bucket prizes, dollar ticket prizes and 50/50's. Anyone who has attended this fun filled event before can tell you that you will have a great time. All the proceeds from this fundraising event will go to support our Lobbyist during the legislative session to insure that our fishing interests are protected and promoted.

## **RAFFLE (Friday evening April 9th, 2010)**

The North Dakota Sportfishing Congress is also sponsoring and selling tickets on a gun raffle to raise additional funds for its lobbying efforts. A Tikka/ Beretta 300 WSN Stainless Steel Rifle and a Benelli Nova 12GA Black/Synthetic Shotgun will be raffled off the night of the fundraiser. The first winner drawn will get choice on which of the 2 guns they want. The gun raffle tickets will only be sold until the evening of April 9th so interested parties are asked to get their tickets now. The tickets are priced at \$5.00 each and the tickets come in books of 10. If you would like to purchase a ticket (s) or if you would be willing to help us in selling tickets please contact Clark Williams at [shadrap@gondtc.com](mailto:shadrap@gondtc.com) or 701-662-5008. It is important to remember that all tickets sold must be returned before April 9th.

## **Annual BORED (BOARD) MEETING (Saturday April 10th, 2010, 10:00 AM)**

The North Dakota Sportfishing Congress will hold its Annual Board Meeting at the Game and Fish Department offices (100 N Bismarck Expressway Bismarck, ND 58501-5065). The Board meeting will be called to order starting at 10:00 Am on Saturday April 10th. This meeting will be anything but BORING. The meeting is open to the public and it much more than just a Board Meeting. If you are a person who is interested in fishery issues in North Dakota this is the best opportunity of the year to hear, see and take part in some of the most informative presentations

**and up-to-date discussions by a diverse group of professionals. There will be formal presentations along with question and answer sessions with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, the US Fish & Wildlife Department, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Garrison Hatchery, the North Dakota Legislature and the Friends of Lake Sakakawea. In addition time has been set aside for other individuals and groups who would like to participate. The afternoon session will include the organizations election of officers and other business as necessary.**

**Please consider taking the time to attend these events, you won't regret your decision.**

**RIVER FISHING (come early, fish often)**

**Fishing this time of year is usually great on the river. So if you're itching to wet a line bring your boat and enjoy the spring bite on the river. Make sure you call early to get your motel reservations as this is a busy time of the year in the Bismarck - Mandan area.**

**LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.**

**Clark Williams**

**LRAA & North Dakota Sportfishing Congress President**