

April 6, 1999

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2019

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 935-937 of the Senate Journal and pages 1029 and 1030 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2019 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after "department" insert "; and to amend and reenact section 20.1-02-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the minimum balance of the game and fish fund"

Page 1, after line 19, insert:

"Wildlife services 100,000"

Page 1, line 21, replace "30,406,036" with "30,506,036"

Page 2, line 13, remove "Priority must be given to contracts to"

Page 2, line 14, remove "increase upper basin storage and enhance wildlife habitat in the Devils Lake basin."

Page 2, after line 16, insert:

**"SECTION 5. WILDLIFE SERVICES.** The amount of \$100,000, or such lesser amount as may be available, for the line item entitled wildlife services in section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish fund and must be used to provide grants to the wildlife services agency for projects to alleviate wildlife depredation and damage. Projects funded may include projects to alleviate waterfowl depredation and damage and must be approved by the director of the game and fish department.

**SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-02-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**20.1-02-16.1. ~~Use of game~~ Game and fish fund - Use - Required balance - Budget section approval.** All income of the state game and fish department; deposited by the director with the state treasurer must be credited to the state game and fish fund and the fund may be used only by the department. All money derived from the investment of the fund or portions thereof of the fund must be credited to the game and fish department private land habitat and access improvement fund. The department shall spend moneys in the game and fish fund within the limits of legislative appropriations, only to the extent the balance of the fund is not reduced below ten million dollars, unless otherwise authorized by the budget section."

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

DEPARTMENT 720 - GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE - This amendment make the following changes:

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE VERSION	HOUSE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMPARISON TO HOUSE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$12,333,733	\$12,218,261		\$12,218,261	\$12,218,261	
Operating expenses	7,779,014	7,779,014		7,779,014	7,779,014	
Equipment	771,505	771,505		771,505	771,505	
Capital improvements	1,602,122	1,602,122		1,602,122	1,602,122	
Grants	3,397,050	3,397,050		3,397,050	3,397,050	
Noxious weed control	200,000	200,000		200,000	200,000	
Land habitat and deer depredation	2,703,973	2,703,224		2,703,224	2,903,224	(\$200,000)
Grants, gifts, and donations	100,000	100,000		100,000	100,000	
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000	120,000		120,000	120,000	
Waterbank program	200,000	200,000		200,000	200,000	
Wildlife services			\$100,000	100,000	100,000	
Lonetree Reservoir	<u>1,317,969</u>	<u>1,314,860</u>		<u>1,314,860</u>	<u>1,314,860</u>	
Total all funds	\$30,525,366	\$30,406,036	\$100,000	\$30,506,036	\$30,706,036	(\$200,000)
Less special funds	<u>30,525,366</u>	<u>30,406,036</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>30,506,036</u>	<u>30,706,036</u>	<u>(200,000)</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Detail of Conference Committee changes to the Senate version:

	ADD FUNDING FOR WILDLIFE SERVICES GRANTS	TOTAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES
Salaries and wages		
Operating expenses		
Equipment		
Capital improvements		
Grants		
Noxious weed control		
Land habitat and deer depredation		
Grants, gifts, and donations		
Nongame wildlife conservation		
Waterbank program		
Wildlife services	\$100,000	\$100,000
Lonetree Reservoir		
Total all funds	\$100,000	\$100,000
Less special funds	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0

Conference Committee changes narrative:

This amendment makes the following changes:

Adds \$100,000 from the game and fish fund for grants to wildlife services for projects to alleviate waterfowl and other wildlife depredation and damage, as provided in Section 5 of the bill. In addition, the executive budget includes \$80,000 from the private land habitat and access improvement fund (land habitat and deer depredation line item) for grants to wildlife services, which in the Conference Committee version will be used for private land habitat and access improvement initiatives determined by the department.

Amends North Dakota Century Code Section 20.1-02-16.1 to provide that the balance of the game and fish fund must be at least \$10 million.

Removes the requirement in Section 4 of the bill that priority be given to waterbank contracts in the Devils Lake Basin.