

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4037
(Senators Stenehjem, O'Connell)
(Representatives Berg, Boucher)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Army Corps of Engineers to coordinate annually with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to ensure that adequate shoreline fishing areas are available to satisfy the recreational needs of the citizens of North Dakota.

WHEREAS, the number of anglers utilizing the shorelines of Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe has declined substantially in the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, the average age of North Dakota anglers has increased to 51 years of age; and

WHEREAS, with low water conditions there is increased habitat for endangered species and allowing increased but limited access would not have any adverse impact on these endangered species or archaeological resources; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress and its constituent fishing, sportsmen's, and wildlife clubs have unanimously approved a resolution requesting the United States Army Corps of Engineers to modify its master plan to set aside specifically designated shore-fishing access areas along the shores of Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe; and

WHEREAS, at a minimum, these shore-fishing access sites should consist of an area extending one-half mile on either side of each boating access site and recreationally zoned area; and

WHEREAS, vehicles should only be allowed to travel to and from the fishing location and be restricted to the exposed shoreline;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the 60th Legislative Assembly urges the United States Army Corps of Engineers to coordinate annually with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to ensure that adequate shoreline fishing areas are available to satisfy the recreational needs of the citizens of North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Interior; the District Engineer, Omaha District, United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Division Commander of the Northwestern Division of the United State Army Corps of Engineers; the Secretary of the Army; and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2007,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State