

The North Dakota constitution states in article XI, Section 27, "Hunting, trapping, and fishing and the taking of game and fish are a valued part of our heritage and will be forever preserved for the people and managed by law and regulation for the public good." HB 1151 seeks to handcuff the ability of the wildlife professionals at the North Dakota Game and Fish to do their job. That job, according to state law, is managing the wildlife resource on behalf of the public, for current and future generations. The legislature should not be overruling biological decisions made by a network of professional and experienced biologists and veterinarians who specialize in North Dakota wildlife.

The hunting practices of one user group do not outweigh what is beneficial for the entire public resource. This bill is not in the best interest of the deer held in public trust, or the public, who are beneficiaries of that trust.

H.B. 1151 is in direct violation of the North Dakota constitution, North Dakota state law, the mission of the North Dakota Game and Fish, the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, and a breach of the public trust doctrine that all wild deer in North Dakota belong to.

Do Not Pass H.B. 1151.

Please stand with me and the North Dakota Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in defending North Dakota's public deer resource.