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NORTH DAKOTA

**TESTIMONY OF BROCK WAHL
NORTH DAKOTA BACKCOUNTRY HUNTERS AND ANGLERS
HOUSE BILL 1260
SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE
March 28, 2025**

Chairman Patten and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

The North Dakota Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers asks the committee for a Do Pass recommendation on House Bill 1260 of the 69th legislative assembly.

The proposed change to non-resident any deer bow license allocation was agreed upon by the “Badlands License Working Group.” A multi-stakeholder group assembled to address concerns around hunting pressure in the North Dakota Badlands.

Under current law, non-resident any deer bow licenses are allocated at 15% of the previous year’s resident mule deer buck rifle tags. This means the Department is unable to adjust these non-resident licenses in a timely manner, to account for current year’s conditions and year to year population fluctuations.

By allowing the Department to set the number of available non-resident any deer bow licenses based on the current year’s resident rifle allocation, the Department will be able to apply more biologically sound tag allocations and better manage hunting pressure in western North Dakota.

We urge the committee for a Do Pass recommendation on House Bill 1260.

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