

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4007**

Introduced by

Senators Traynor, O'Connell, Sand

Representatives Henegar, Nicholas, Soukup

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Secretary of the Interior and the United States Fish and  
2 Wildlife Service to open the waterfowl hunting season by September 15 of each year.

3 **WHEREAS**, the state's economy and the well-being of the people of North Dakota are  
4 dependent upon agriculture; and

5 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota produces more ducks than any other of the contiguous 48  
6 states; and

7 **WHEREAS**, serious depredation and damage to crops in northern North Dakota was  
8 caused by waterfowl in 1995 and 1996; and

9 **WHEREAS**, most of this serious depredation occurred in the month of September; and

10 **WHEREAS**, earlier opening of the waterfowl hunting season would stimulate tourism  
11 and its related economic activity by bringing hunters to North Dakota earlier;

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

14 That the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly urges the Secretary of the Interior and the  
15 United States Fish and Wildlife Service to open the North Dakota waterfowl hunting season by  
16 September 15 of each year; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this  
18 resolution to the Secretary of the Interior, the regional director of the United States Fish and  
19 Wildlife Service, the members of the Central Flyway Council, the director of the North Dakota  
20 Game and Fish Department, and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.