

I am opposing House Bill 1151. Much has been written about how few deer in North Dakota have been found with CWD. Let's keep it that way and not turn the great hunting of our state into what's happening in Colorado or Wyoming, where CWD is contributing to the decline in deer herds in certain areas of those states. In the very constitution of North Dakota does it state that "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". For the public good. Wildlife are a public resource and should be managed by the experts in a state game agency. Congregating deer herds in the winter and causing the spread of CWD is in direct opposition to the constitution of North Dakota. I've had great luck deer hunting in this state without the aid of bait and there's no reason why other hunters can't have similar success. My biggest nightmare is that my son won't be able hunt as I have because deer populations have been greatly diminished by CWD. There's nothing wrong with asking inquiries about the science used by any agency, but when the science is overwhelmingly saying "This is hurting deer populations", we need to listen. If we start doing this with every law or regulation that we don't personally like, even if the science supports the regulation, where's it going to stop?

Thank you for your time

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