

I oppose House Bill 1151. This bill undermines the authority of the N.D. Game & Fish Department to manage the public resource that is the deer herd in North Dakota. Baiting can be a vector of spread for the fatal Chronic Wasting Disease. The management of baiting should be left to the dedicated professionals who “protect, conserve, and enhance fish and wildlife populations and their habitat for sustained public consumptive and non-consumptive use.”

Saskatchewan is a great example where unregulated baiting has led to the fast rising prevalence rates of Chronic Wasting Disease in North America. Don't let the selfishness of the few outweigh the benefit for the entire public resource. Vote no for Bill 1151. Thank you.