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NORTH DAKOTA

The North Dakota Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers asks 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 mule deer hunting 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 to account for current year’s conditions and year to year population fluctuations.

By aligning the number of available non-resident any deer bow licenses with the current year’s resident allocation, this will allow the Department to apply more biologically sound tag allocations and better manage hunting pressure in western North Dakota.

We urge the committee for a Do Pas on on HB 1260

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