

1999 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1459

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1459

House Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 28, 1999

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Minutes: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 20.1-03-07.1 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE, RELATING TO WATERFOWL HUNTING BY NONRESIDENTS

REPRESENTATIVE METCALF: Hands out copies of amendment - I am recommending an amendment to the bill as shown. This change brings the bill into alignment with the original intention. As written, the bill eliminates zones for seven day hunters. The intention was to have specified zones for seven day hunters, except for one category of hunters. Current NDCC allows nonresidents to purchase one waterfowl hunting license per season with several options. A nonresident hunter is limited to 14 consecutive days or two periods of seven consecutive days and restricted to specified zones. This bill does not ask for a change to day limitations, but reflects some relief in the zone restrictions. This bill mainly effects nonresidents who were once residents and hunted in zone 2. This bill gives nonresidents another choice; by limiting the nonresidents hunting time to seven days but allows in all zones of the state. This bill has two major benefits for ND. Former North Dakotans may make a decision to spend a week in ND, helping the economy. Secondly, the nonresidents will see what ND had to offer and may possibly consider a business or lifestyle change that will include ND.

REPRESENTATIVE HANSON: Actually you can select the zone you want to hunt in now, but the amendment just clarifies this.

Close hearing on HB 1459

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Motion to Do Pass on the amendment given by Rep. Hanson, second by Rep. DeKrey. No discussion. Roll call: 11 Yeas, 0 Nays, 4 Absent. Carried by Rep. Kelsh.

FISCAL NOTE

(Return original and 10 copies)

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1459 Amendment to:

Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: 1-20-99

1. Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.

Narrative:

This bill would not affect game and fish fund license revenue.

2. State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

Table with 7 columns: 1997-99 Biennium (General Fund, Special Funds), 1999-2001 Biennium (General Fund, Special Funds), 2001-03 Biennium (General Fund, Special Funds). Rows: Revenues, Expenditures.

3. What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the appropriation for your agency or department:

- a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium: None
b. For the 1999-2001 biennium: None
c. For the 2001-03 biennium: None

4. County, City, and School District fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

Table with 9 columns: 1997-99 Biennium (Counties, Cities, School Districts), 1999-2001 Biennium (Counties, Cities, School Districts), 2001-03 Biennium (Counties, Cities, School Districts). All values are 0.

If additional space is needed, attach a supplemental sheet.

Signed [Signature]

Typed Name Paul T. Schadewald

Department Game and Fish Department

Phone Number 328-6305

Date Prepared: 1/21/99

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1459

Page 1, line 14, remove the overstrike over "a" and replace "any" with "specified"

Renumber accordingly

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Date January 28, 1999  
 Roll call vote # 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1459

House Natural Resources Committee

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 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do Pass on amendment

Motion Made By Rep Hanson Seconded By Rep DeKrey

| Representatives           | Yes           | No | Representatives       | Yes           | No |
|---------------------------|---------------|----|-----------------------|---------------|----|
| <u>Mike Brosz</u>         | <u>absent</u> |    | <u>Sally Sanding</u>  | <u>X</u>      |    |
| <u>Bob Neugebauer</u>     | <u>absent</u> |    | <u>Norwan Solberg</u> | <u>absent</u> |    |
| <u>David Dronald</u>      | <u>X</u>      |    | <u>Jon Nelson</u>     | <u>X</u>      |    |
| <u>Pat Sabrin</u>         | <u>X</u>      |    |                       |               |    |
| <u>Nyane DeKrey</u>       | <u>X</u>      |    |                       |               |    |
| <u>Narrell Watterstad</u> | <u>X</u>      |    |                       |               |    |
| <u>Syvon Clark</u>        | <u>X</u>      |    |                       |               |    |
| <u>Judd Porter</u>        | <u>X</u>      |    |                       |               |    |
| <u>Jon Martinson</u>      | <u>X</u>      |    |                       |               |    |
| <u>Lyle Hanson</u>        | <u>X</u>      |    |                       |               |    |
| <u>Scott Kelsh</u>        | <u>X</u>      |    |                       |               |    |
| <u>Deb Lundgren</u>       | <u>absent</u> |    |                       |               |    |
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Total 11 0  
 (Yes) (No)

Absent 4

Floor Assignment Representative Kelsh

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

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## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1328: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Grosz, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (12 YEAS, 1 NAY, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1328 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1406: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Belter, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1406 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 2, line 2, remove "In addition, a"

Page 2, remove lines 3 and 4

Page 2, line 17, replace "seven" with "five"

Page 2, line 18, replace "three" with "two"

Page 2, line 20, remove the overstrike over "five" and remove "seven"

Page 2, line 21, remove the overstrike over "two" and remove "three"

Page 3, line 3, replace "to" with "for duplicating"

Page 3, line 6, remove "If procedures have been established, the register of"

Page 3, remove lines 7 through 9

Page 3, after line 9, insert:

"7."

Page 3, line 10, after "Duplicate" insert "register of deeds"

Renumber accordingly

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1459: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Grosz, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1459 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 14, remove the overstrike over "a" and replace "any" with "specified"

Renumber accordingly

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1464: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Berg, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO NOT PASS** (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1464 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, remove "to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota"

Page 1, line 2, remove "Century Code, relating to political activities by labor organizations;" and after "reenact" insert "subsection 1 of"

Page 1, line 4, remove "; and to provide a penalty"

Page 1, line 6, replace "Section" with "Subsection 1 of section"

Page 1, remove lines 8 and 9

Page 1, line 11, after "unions" insert "and organizations"

Page 1, remove lines 17 through 24

Page 2, remove lines 1 through 30

**1999 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES**

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1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1459

Senate Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 26, 1999

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Minutes:

SENATOR TRAYNOR opened the hearing on HB1459: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 20.1-03-07.1 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE, RELATING TO WATERFOWL HUNTING BY NONRESIDENTS.

REP. METCALF explained HB1459. (See attached testimony)

SENATOR CHRISTMANN asked do residents have to file the zones or can they hunt wherever they want in ND.

REP. METCALF replied the residents can hunt wherever they want in ND, this is for nonresidents only.

SENATOR REDLIN asked can these nonresidents be considered as ones that have lived in ND previously.

REP. METCALF replied it is any nonresident that can select the 7-day period. This is where the problem arose and how this bill came about because of family members trying to come back to hunt.

MIKE DONAHUE, ND Wildlife Federation testified in support of HB1459.

PAUL CRARY, Cass Co. Wildlife Club testified in favor of HB1459 and asked for a DO PASS.

LARRY KNOBLINK, United Sportsmen of ND testified in support of HB1459 and asked for a DO PASS.

SENATOR TRAYNOR asked will this bill have a significant impact on hunting pressure.

LARRY KNOBLINK replied it would scatter it out, and the biggest benefit would be for someone with a week off who could come back and spend that time with family or friends during the hunting season.

DEAN HILDEBRAND, ND Game and Fish Dept. testified in a neutral position.

SENATOR FREBORG asked what is the important reason for keeping nonresidents in a designated zone.

DEAN HILDEBRAND replied at one time there was a strong coalition that resented the large number of out-of-state hunters that came into the state because they were concentrated in one area. This caused poor hunting because everything was leased to nonresidents. Rather than have everyone in one concentrated area on opening weekend, the 8 zones were cut down to 3 zones. Hunters are allowed to hunt 7 days in one zone, and 7 days in another zone. This is cumbersome because if the birds move out of the zone chosen by an out-of-state hunter, it makes it difficult for the out-of-state hunter. Out-of-state people who come back to hunt would like to follow the geese.

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SENATOR CHRISTMANN asked how do you know which days a nonresident hunter has used up.

DEAN HILDEBRAND replied the license indicates how many days and where the licensee will hunt.

SENATOR CHRISTMANN asked if this bill passes, will it cause you to have to reprogram and cost the department large dollars.

DEAN HILDEBRAND replied no.

SENATOR TRAYNOR asked are there white geese nesting near Lake Alice near Devils Lake and what can you do to protect that colony because they will be pretty tame.

DEAN HILDEBRAND replied there is nothing we can do.

SENATOR TRAYNOR closed the hearing on HB1459.

SENATOR CHRISTMANN moved for a DO PASS, seconded by SENATOR FISCHER. Roll call vote indicated 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent and not voting. SENATOR TRAYNOR volunteered to carry the bill.

Roll Call Vote #: 1

Date: 2-26-99

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1459

Senate Natural Resources Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By Christmann Seconded By Fischer

| Senators                      | Yes | No | Senators | Yes | No |
|-------------------------------|-----|----|----------|-----|----|
| Senator John T. Traynor, Chr  | ✓   |    |          |     |    |
| Senator Tom Fischer, Vice Chr | ✓   |    |          |     |    |
| Senator Randel Christmann     | ✓   |    |          |     |    |
| Senator Layton Freborg        | ✓   |    |          |     |    |
| Senator Joel C. Heitkamp      |     |    |          |     |    |
| Senator Rolland W. Redlin     | ✓   |    |          |     |    |
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Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Traynor

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

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February 26, 1999 1:01 p.m.

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1459, as engrossed: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Traynor, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
Engrossed HB 1459 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

1999 TESTIMONY

HB 1459

### After the Hunt

Remember that you have been a guest on another person's property. Make an effort to express your appreciation for the opportunity to hunt the land.

The appreciative, wise hunter might also:

- Let landowners know when you have completed your hunt. The landowner may want to let others hunt on their land.
- Offer to share any game (cleaned) with the landowner.
- Follow up with a token of appreciation such as a gift certificate to a restaurant or perhaps just a card with a handwritten note. (Alcohol does not make a good gift.)

At all times, remember that landowners who give you permission to hunt their property are doing you a favor. It is a privilege that must be earned.

### Hunters Enter at Your Own Risk

A landowner who allows persons onto land free of charge for recreational purposes, including hunting, is generally not responsible for or liable to such persons for injuries or damages they might sustain while on the land. For complete details, refer to N.D. statute 53-08.

*Always Ask First  
to Hunt on Private Land*



Photo: Rick Winkler

### Information Numbers:

To contact a game warden call the **Report All Poachers hotline, 1-800-472-2121.**

To contact North Dakota Game and Fish Department officials weekdays, call:

Bismarck Headquarters: (701)-328-6300  
E-Mail: [cemail.ndgfd@ranch.state.nd.us](mailto:cemail.ndgfd@ranch.state.nd.us)  
WWW Home Page: <http://www.state.nd.us/gnfi/>

Devils Lake District Office: (701)-662-3617  
Dickinson District Office: (701)-227-7431  
Lonetree District Office: (701)-324-2211  
Riverdale District Office: (701)-654-7475  
Jamestown District Office: (701)-252-4681  
Williston District Office: (701)-774-4320

### 24 Hour License Service: 1-800-406-6409

Hunters and anglers can now order North Dakota hunting and fishing licenses, as well as apply for lottery licenses, over the phone. This convenient service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to both residents and nonresidents. All you need is a major credit card, and state hunter education certification number (if born after December 31, 1961).

Service charge for ordering licenses is \$4 for transactions of \$80 or less, and \$10 for transactions of more than \$80. Lottery license applications also carry a \$4 service fee.

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GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT  
100 N. BISMARCK EXPRESSWAY - BISMARCK, ND 58501



# HUNTING PRIVATE LAND: *It's a Privilege*

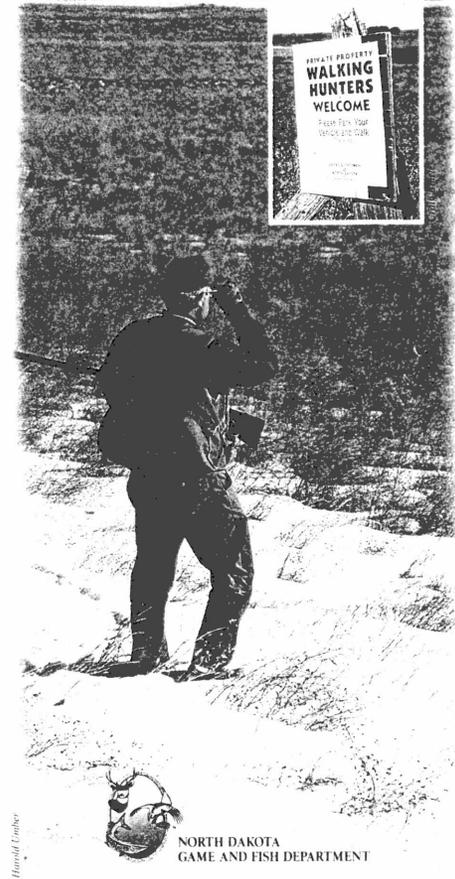


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Hunters and rural private property owners do not always understand each other. Hunters sometimes have difficulty understanding why so much land is posted. Landowners, meanwhile, are baffled that hunters can't understand why land is posted.

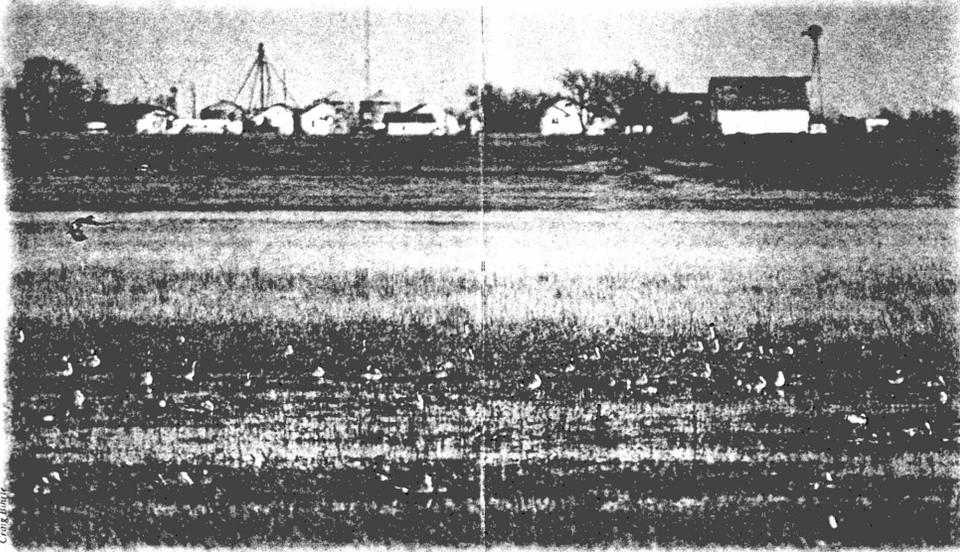
As hunters, however, the responsibility is on us. We need to understand the landowner's situation and point of view. If we fail to do so, we can only expect more private land closed to hunting.

Developing relationships with landowners is accomplished by:

- Understanding how times have changed.
- Trying to view the situation from the landowner's point of view.
- Following safety guidelines before, during and after the hunt.

### Understanding How Times Have Changed

It used to be a lot easier to find a place to hunt. But times have changed. Some farmers nowadays spend more time in front of a computer than on a tractor seat. But one thing hasn't changed. The private land you wish to hunt belongs to someone else, just as surely as your car or home belongs to you.



### Viewing the Situation from the Landowner's Perspective

It should come as no surprise that when our attention turns to hunting seasons, hunters and landowners might have different reactions.

Hunters might look forward to age-old thrills and values associated with hunting – the splendor of sunrise on a slough, the exhilaration of an approaching buck or tom turkey, or the expression of awe on a youngster's face as a rooster pheasant busts skyward.

Landowners might contemplate gunshots near home and family, tire tracks in fields, suspicious-looking vehicles moving slowly on usually quiet country roads, or trespassers. Landowners, in fact, might dread hunting season because it restricts the use of their own land.

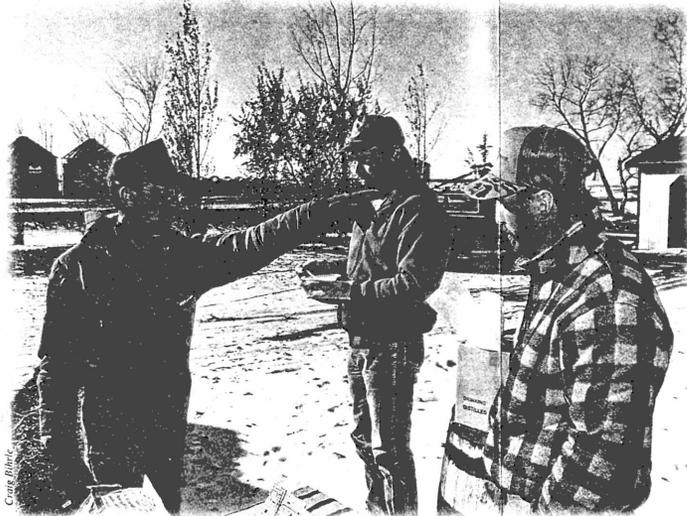
### Before the Hunt

The search for permission to hunt private lands should begin months before the hunting season. While you do not legally need permission to hunt unposted land in North Dakota, obtaining permission is always a good idea. **First and foremost**, you don't want to interfere with a landowner's plans to hunt. **Second**, someone else may already have permission. **Third**, even though land is not

posted, a landowner can ask you to leave if he doesn't want you there.

The bottom line is this: obtaining permission to hunt posted land is legally required. Obtaining permission to hunt unposted land greatly reduces the potential for conflict between you, the landowner, and/or other hunters. Here's some tips that may make gaining access to private land easier.

- Mark attractive hunting areas on a county or topographic map, and then find out who owns the property. Get permission early.
- Phone the landowner ahead of time to explain who you are and why you are calling. Inquire as to the best time to visit the landowner to discuss your request.
- Keep in mind that in most cases you will be visiting a landowner's place of business. Be polite and friendly, sincere and brief.
- Express your willingness to help with odd jobs, such as hauling hay or mending fences for the landowner in exchange for the privilege of hunting.
- If your request is denied, try to be understanding and remain polite, whether or not the landowner gives you a reason. Your reaction could have an important bearing on their decision should you or someone else ask again.



### During the Hunt

Landowners who permit hunting on their land are not only doing you a favor, but are also placing their trust in you. To demonstrate appreciation for the favor, and to prove their trust is not misplaced:

- Respect the landowner's property as you would your own. Don't litter. Carry away litter left by others.
- Understand clearly where you can and cannot drive or park your vehicle and abide by those restrictions.
- Leave your name, address, phone number and also make, model and license number of your vehicle with the landowner. Some hunters have found it is well worth their while to have such cards printed up before the season.
- If you have permission to return, find out if there are certain times or places that you should avoid. Always attempt to let the landowner know where you will be and when.
- Know the boundaries of the land on which you have permission to hunt and stay within those boundaries.
- Try to keep the size of your hunting party small and always let the landowner know exactly who else will be hunting with you.
- Don't crowd other hunters.
- Think before you shoot. Know your target and what is beyond it.
- Don't walk through unharvested crops or hunt near livestock or buildings.
- Leave gates as you find them. Cross fences in a manner that will not break or loosen wires or posts.
- Keep your dog under control, especially when near domestic animals or livestock.
- Do not build or start fires at any time, unless you have specific permission from the owner.
- Do not cut, injure or permanently mark trees with an axe, nails or spike.
- Always OBEY THE LAW.
- Hunt Safe!

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# 1998 NORTH DAKOTA WATERFOWL HUNTING GUIDE



North Dakota Game and Fish Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, (701) 328-6300

## WATERFOWL REGULATIONS SUMMARY

| Species  | Daily Limit                 | Possession Limit | Open Area and Season Dates   | Shooting Hours  |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------|--|---|
| <b>SPECIAL ONE DAY YOUTH WATERFOWL SEASON<br/>FOR DUCKS, MERGANSERS, COOTS AND GEESE- SEE SECTION 16</b> |                             |                  | <b>Statewide</b><br>September 26 Only  | 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset   |
| <b>DUCKS</b>   | 6<br>See restrictions below | 12               | <b>Statewide</b><br>October 3 thru December 13<br><br><b>High Plains Unit Only</b><br>December 14 thru January 3<br>See Section 14 | 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset   |
| <b>MERGANSERS</b>  | 5<br>See restrictions below | 10               |  |   |
| <b>COOTS</b>   | 15                          | 30               |  |   |
| <b>WHITE-FRONTED GEESE</b>   | 2                           | 4                | <b>Statewide</b><br>October 3 thru November 29   | 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 pm CDT<br>October 3 through October 24   |
| <b>CANADA GEESE</b>  | Regular Season              | 3                | <b>Statewide</b><br>October 3 thru November 29   | 1/2 hour before sunrise to 2 pm CST<br>October 25 through end of season<br><br><b>Exception: Beginning on October 10 and through November 29, shooting hours for all geese shall be from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset on Saturdays and Wednesdays.</b> |
|  | Late Season Goose Zone      | 3                | November 30 thru January 3<br>See Section 15   |   |
| <b>LIGHT GEESE</b>   | 20                          | No Limit         | <b>Statewide</b><br>October 3 thru January 3   |   |

### DUCKS AND MERGANSERS: SPECIES/SEX RESTRICTIONS

The daily limit of 6 ducks may include no more than 5 mallards of which only 2 may be female mallards, 2 redheads, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail, and 1 canvasback. The daily limit of 5 mergansers may include no more than 1 hooded merganser. The possession limit on these restricted ducks and the hooded merganser shall be twice the daily limit.

### GEESE: SPECIES INFORMATION

The season length and bag limit is different for Canada geese, white-fronted geese, and light geese. For regulation purposes, the term "Canada geese" includes all Canada geese and any other geese except white-fronted geese and light geese. Light geese include snow geese, blue geese and Ross' geese.

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# NEW FOR 1998 - SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR

- **Harvest Information Program (HIP)** - Beginning this year, all migratory game bird hunters must register with the **National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) before hunting ducks, geese, swans, mergansers, coots, cranes, snipe, doves and woodcock**. Before your license to hunt is legal you must register by calling toll free **1-888-634-4798**. After answering a brief survey you will receive a **HIP** registration number which must be recorded on your Hunting, Fishing and Furbearer certificate. Hunters purchasing licenses through the Departments Bismarck office or through the Departments toll free phone licensing service will automatically be registered. **HIP** is a US Fish and Wildlife Service program designed to track the harvest of migratory birds for management purposes.
- **Non-toxic shot required on Waterfowl Production Areas** - Beginning this year, non-toxic shot is required for hunting on all Fish and Wildlife Service lands, including Refuges and **Waterfowl Production Areas**.
- The Tundra Swan open hunting area has increased to **statewide**.
- The daily limit of 6 ducks may include 1 pintail only. The possession limit may include 2 pintails.
- The season length and bag limit for Canada geese and white-fronted geese is now separate.
- Canada Geese - 3 daily and 6 in possession may be taken through November 29 (statewide), and through January 3 (Late Season Goose Zone). The statewide season was lengthened by two weeks and the Late Season Zone will run continuously through January 3, 1999.
- Light Geese - The daily limit has increased to 20 and there will be no possession limit on these birds.
- Beginning on October 10 and continuing through November 29, on Saturdays and Wednesdays the shooting hours for all geese will be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Geese may also be taken all day during the one day youth season (September 26).
- All Canada goose closure areas have been eliminated.

## 2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

**Hunter Education Requirement.** Persons born after 1961 must complete a certified Hunter Education course and present the certificate earned to the license vendor to purchase a hunting license. Certificates from other states or Canada are valid. Exemptions: Persons who hunt only on land they own or operate and persons under 12 years of age (those under 12 may hunt if they have appropriate licenses and are accompanied by parent or guardian).

**Minimum Age.** Persons under 15 years of age afield with firearms must be accompanied by parent, guardian, or adult authorized by their parent or guardian.

**Nonresidents.** Nonresident waterfowl hunters are limited to 14 consecutive days or two periods of 7 consecutive days and are restricted to specified zones. (See Sections 11 and 13.)

There is no specific **nonresident season** limit for waterfowl. Legal bag and possession limits shall apply.

The **storage limit** for nonresidents for waterfowl shall be the possession limit.

**Nonresident youth hunting licenses.** A nonresident under age sixteen may purchase a North Dakota resident fishing, hunting and furbearer certificate and a North Dakota resident general game and habitat license and may hunt small game and waterfowl except swans and wild turkeys; **provided, that the nonresident's state, or province or territory of Canada, of residence provides a reciprocal licensing agreement for North Dakota residents who are also under age sixteen.** To be eligible, a nonresident youth may not have turned sixteen before September first of the year for which the license is issued and must possess a certificate of completion for a certified hunter education course. The nonresident youth may only hunt under the supervision of an adult family member or legal guardian who is licensed to hunt small game or waterfowl in this state and is subject to the same regulations as that youth's adult family member or legal guardian.

### LICENSE FEES

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| <i>Resident Fishing, Hunting &amp; Furbearer Certificate</i> .....     | \$1.00  |
| <i>Nonresident Fishing, Hunting &amp; Furbearer Certificate</i> .....  | \$2.00  |
| <i>Resident Small Game License [for age sixteen (16) and over] ...</i> | \$6.00  |
| <i>Resident General Game and Habitat License</i> .....                 | \$8.00  |
| <i>Nonresident Small Game with Waterfowl,</i>                          |         |
| <i>General Game and Habitat License</i> .....                          | \$93.00 |
| <i>Crane Permit (resident and nonresident)</i> .....                   | \$5.00  |
| <i>Resident Swan License (issued by lottery)</i> .....                 | \$5.00  |
| <i>Nonresident Swan License (issued by lottery)</i> .....              | \$25.00 |
| <i>Resident Combination Sportsman License (Fishing,</i>                |         |
| <i>Small Game, General Game &amp; Habitat and Furbearer)</i> .....     | \$27.00 |

## 3. LICENSES

**General.** Most hunting licenses are in the form of stamps which must be affixed to the back of a FISHING, HUNTING AND FURBEARER CERTIFICATE. Stamps and licenses must be signed in ink.

Duck, goose, swan, merganser, sandhill crane, coot and snipe hunters **must possess general game and habitat licenses and small game licenses** (exception: residents and qualifying nonresidents under 16 years of age do not need a small game license).

**Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp.** No persons 16 years of age or older, including landowners, shall hunt, kill, or take ducks, geese, swans or mergansers without having in his or her possession a Federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp (duck stamp) for the season and validated by his or her signature written across the face of it in ink.

**Special Permits.** All crane and swan hunters must possess special permits. Any swan taken must be tagged. (See Section 17.)

**Nonresident Waterfowl Licenses.** All nonresident duck, goose, swan, merganser, and coot hunters must possess nonresident waterfowl licenses.

**All migratory game bird hunters must be certified through the Harvest Information Program (HIP).**

**Harvest Information Program (HIP)** - Beginning this year, all migratory game bird hunters must register with the National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) **before hunting ducks, geese, swans, mergansers, coots, cranes, snipe, doves and woodcock**. Before your license to hunt is legal you must register by calling toll free **1-888-634-4798**. After answering a brief survey you will receive a **HIP** registration number which must be recorded on your Hunting, Fishing and Furbearer certificate. **HIP** is a US Fish and Wildlife Service program designed to track the harvest of migratory birds for management purposes.

## 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

**"Game"** shall include those species including waterfowl as defined in Section 20.1-01-02 of the North Dakota Century Code.

**"Small Game"** shall include all game birds (including waterfowl) and tree squirrels.

**"Migratory Game"** shall include ducks, geese, swans, mergansers, coots, cranes, snipe, dove and woodcock. **All hunters must be HIP certified.**

**"Waterfowl"** shall include ducks, geese, swans, mergansers and coots.

**"Daily Limit"** means the maximum number of the particular game referred to that a hunter legally licensed by this state may take or kill during a single hunting day for that species.

**"Possession Limit"** means the maximum number of the particular game referred to that a hunter, legally licensed by this state, may have in his/her actual possession during any phase of any single hunting trip, venture, or expedition of more than one day. No more than a daily limit may be taken during any one day.

**Game taken on any North Dakota Indian reservation shall be included in the daily bag and possession limits.**

**"Possession of Shot Other Than "Non-Toxic" Shot"** means in the gun, or in the pockets, or within reach while in the process of hunting. See non-toxic shot regulations described in Section 5.

## LICENSING BY PHONE: QUICK-CONVENIENT-EASY.

Now you can instantly purchase most licenses and even register your boat. You can also apply for lottery licenses making sure your application is in before the deadline. Simply call tollfree **1-800-406-6409** - 24 hours a day - 7 days a week. Visa, Discover and MasterCard accepted. (In addition to the license fee(s), a service charge will be added. Service charge will vary depending on amount of transaction).



**WANTON WASTE OF MIGRATORY AND UPLAND GAME BIRDS.** No person shall kill or cripple any migratory or upland game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his/her actual custody.

**Be a responsible hunter. Learn to identify waterfowl before you shoot. Improving your waterfowl identification skills will improve the quality of your hunt and increase your hunting opportunity.**

## 5. NON-TOXIC SHOT REGULATIONS—Weapons and Other Ammunition Restrictions

**NON-TOXIC SHOT REGULATIONS.** Possession or use of shot other than federally approved non-toxic shot is prohibited while hunting ducks, geese, sandhill cranes, tundra swans, mergansers, snipe and coot statewide.

*Non-toxic shot is now required for hunting on all Fish and Wildlife Service lands, including Refuges and Waterfowl Production Areas.*

*This regulation applies to all hunters using shotguns except while hunting turkeys and big game. These shot requirements are in addition to current statewide non-toxic shot requirements for migratory birds as listed above.*

**Possession or use of shot other than non-toxic shot in a restricted area or while hunting those species listed above is a non-criminal violation carrying a \$75 penalty.**

For additional information on non-toxic shot, contact the Department's Bismarck office.

**Legal Weapons and Ammunition. Game Birds and Waterfowl** — Only shotguns, legal archery equipment, and raptors may be used. Pistols may not be used to take migratory game birds. Legal archery equipment consists of a bow pulled and released by hand and capable of casting a hunting arrow a distance of 130 yards. Arrows must be at least 24 inches long and have at least 2 untrimmed or 5 trimmed feathers. Exploding points are prohibited. Raptors may be used only by those possessing a falconry permit.

Shotguns may be no larger than 10 gauge and not be capable of holding more than three shells.

"Paraplegics" and/or those having lost the use of one or both arms, having a permit from the game and fish director to hunt with a crossbow, may use such a weapon during small game seasons. Crossbow arrows used for small game must have at least 2 untrimmed or 5 trimmed feathers. Arrow length shall not apply to crossbows.

## AIRCRAFT, BOATS AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Aircraft, snowmobiles and motor vehicles may not be used to kill, chase, or harass waterfowl. In addition, aircraft may not be used to spot game and snowmobiles may not be used to flush wildlife.

It is illegal to carry a firearm in or on a motor vehicle with a shell in the chamber. For a muzzleloader this means with a percussion cap on the nipple or powder in the flash pan.

It is illegal to drive motor vehicles off established roads and trails while hunting any game **except waterfowl and cranes**. Except for persons having a special handicapped permit, no person may use a motor vehicle while in the process of hunting small game (except waterfowl or cranes) or aid another in the process of hunting small game (except waterfowl or cranes) including travel to and from the hunting location unless the motor vehicle is on an established road or trail. Established roads and trails do not include temporary trails across cultivated land used for agricultural purposes.

Mallard Island and deTrobriand Island are closed to the use of all motorized vehicles and aircraft. On all other wildlife management areas, owned or managed by the N.D. Game and Fish Department, the use of all motorized vehicles is restricted to those constructed roads, well worn trails, and parking areas normally used by passenger cars. Motor vehicle use on wildlife management areas is further restricted or prohibited where such restrictions or prohibitions are posted.

All firearms must be unloaded and encased while traveling within the boundaries of a National Park.

Motorboats are legal in going to and from shooting grounds. Ducks, coots, mergansers, geese, and tundra swans may be taken from a floating craft excluding a sinkbox, if such craft is beached or fastened within or tied immediately alongside any type of fixed hunting blind, or from such craft resting at anchor. A motorboat, sailboat, or other craft may be used to pick up dead or injured birds.

Each watercraft must be provided with U.S. Coast Guard approved life preservers for all occupants.

## 11. NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL ZONES

Approximate boundaries are shown on the map in Section 13.

**ZONE 1.** An area bordered on the north by Canada, on the east by Minnesota, on the west by Montana and on the south by a line starting at U.S. Highway 2 at the Montana border, then east on U.S. Highway 2 to U.S. Highway 281, then south to N.D. No. 200, then east to the Minnesota border.

**ZONE 2.** An area bordered on the north by N.D. No. 200, on the east by Minnesota, on the south by South Dakota and on the west by U.S. Highway 281.

**ZONE 3.** The remainder of the state. (In addition to hunting in the zone specified on their license, hunters who possess nonresident waterfowl licenses may hunt waterfowl in Zone 3.)

## 7. IDENTIFICATION

One fully feathered wing or the fully feathered head of all waterfowl, snipe, or crane shall remain attached to such game during the transportation or shipment to final place of storage.

## 8. TRANSPORTATION AND PROCESSING

Each license holder must accompany his/her own game in transportation and may not transport game for another, except when such game is shipped by public carrier in receipt of proper bill of lading.

Common carriers and game processors may possess any person's legally taken possession limit of game. Each piece of game must be tagged with the owner's name, address and small game license number. Only common carriers in possession of a bill of lading may transport game other than their own. A nonresident licensee may arrange shipment of or personally transport his/her game from this state. No resident shall so ship or transport game from this state unless he/she obtains a permit from the game and fish director.

**No one may possess, store, transport or ship at any one time more than a possession limit of waterfowl, snipe, or cranes.** No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (1) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (2) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and (3) the number of each species contained in the package. No person shall put or leave any game birds at any place unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information: the hunter's signature and address, date taken, number and species of such birds, and small game license number. The above tag is required if the birds have been left by the hunter for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment, or taxidermy services.

## 9. POSTING AND TRESPASS

It is illegal to hunt on posted land without permission. Upon conviction for a violation of this law, the court shall suspend the defendant's hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges for at least a period of one year. Only the owner or tenant may post land. Signs must give the name of the person posting the land and be placed not over 880 yards (one-half mile) apart around the land. Where the land is entirely enclosed by a fence, posting of signs at all gates is sufficient. It is illegal to deface or destroy posting signs.

Any person may enter upon legally posted land (without a weapon) to recover game shot or killed on land where he/she had a lawful right to hunt.

It is illegal to hunt in unharvested cereal crops and sunflowers without the owner's consent. Such crops also include alfalfa, clover, and other grasses grown for seed.

It is illegal to hunt upon the premises of another within 440 yards of any occupied building without the consent of the person occupying the building. Note: This restriction is not meant to prohibit persons from hunting upon their own land.

Failure to close gates upon entry or exit is illegal.

## 10. OTHER RESTRICTIONS

It is illegal to go afield with a firearm or archery equipment while intoxicated.

It is illegal to use live birds as decoys.

Hunters may retrieve game that has fallen into a State Wildlife Refuge if they leave their firearms outside the boundary. They may not retrieve game that has fallen into a Federal Wildlife Refuge unless there has been a retrieving zone designated by the refuge manager.

It is illegal to shoot harmless birds. All hawks, owls, and eagles are protected by state and federal law.

## 12. WATERFOWL REST AREAS

The following waterfowl rest areas are described by approximate distance from the nearest town, i.e. 5 N and 3 E of Bismarck means 5 miles north and 3 miles east of the town of Bismarck. Approximate locations are shown on the map in Section 13. Legal descriptions of waterfowl rest areas can be found in the 1998 Waterfowl Rest Area Proclamation available from the Department's Bismarck office. Unless otherwise specified below, waterfowl rest areas are closed to small game hunting and fishing from September 25, 1998 through November 30, 1998. Waterfowl rest areas will open to all hunting, (except waterfowl hunting), and fishing, on December 1, 1998 and remain open through the end of the respective seasons.

### BARNES COUNTY:

- Ensign Lake (Lake Benson) - 2 N and 1 W of Dazey.
- Alkali Lake - 14 N and 1 E of Valley City.

### BURKE COUNTY:

- (1) 5 E and 6 N of Columbus.

### CASS COUNTY:

- (1) 2 E and 3 N of Enderlin.

### CAVALIER COUNTY:

- (1) Mt. Carmel Dam -11 N and 2 E of Langdon.
- (2) Moscow Slough - 9 W of Langdon closed to all hunting.

### DICKEY COUNTY:

- (1) 5 S and 9 W of Merricourt.
- (2) 5 E and 4 N of Ellendale. Closed to all hunting.

### DIVIDE COUNTY:

- (1) 3 N of Noonan. Closed to waterfowl hunting only.

### EDDY COUNTY:

- (1) Cherry Lake - 6 N and 5 E of Grace City.
- (2) 13 N and 2 E of Grace City.
- (3) 11 N and 1 E of Grace City.

### EMMONS COUNTY:

- (1) Rice Lake - 6 S and 4 E of Strasburg. Open to fishing.
- (2) Goose Lake -1 S and 3 E of Braddock.

### FOSTER COUNTY:

- (1) Lake George - 3 S and 8 E of Carrington.

### GRIGGS COUNTY:

- (1) 2 S and 3 W of Hannaford.
- (2) 2 N and 2 E of Hannaford.

### HETTINGER COUNTY:

- (1) Larson Lake - 2 E of Regent. Closed to waterfowl hunting only.
- (2) Mott Watershed Dam -1 N of Mott. Closed to waterfowl hunting only.

### JACKSON COUNTY:

- North Alkaline Lake - 9 W of Streeter.
- (2) Pursian Lake - 11 S and 3 W of Steele.

### LAMOURE COUNTY:

- (1) Cottonwood Lake — 4 S and 6 W of LaMoure. Closed to all hunting.

### MCCLEAN COUNTY:

- (1) Pelican Lake - 7 N and 1 E of Mercer.
- (2) Along Missouri River - 2 SE of Washburn to Garrison Dam. Closed to goose hunting only.

### MERCER COUNTY:

- Missouri River - see McLean County.

### NELSON COUNTY:

- (1) Stump Lake - 8 S and 3 W of Lakota.
- (2) Lake Laretta - 3 N and 2 W of Michigan.
- (3) Deer Lake - 1 E of Petersburg.
- (4) Lake Pickard - 4 S and 3 E of Petersburg.
- (5) 6 N of McVile.
- (6) 5 S and 3 W of Michigan.

### OLIVER COUNTY:

- Missouri River - see McLean County.

### PEMBINA COUNTY:

- North Salt Lake - see Walsh County.

### PIERCE COUNTY:

- (1) Guss Lake - 3 S and 1 W of Wolford. Closed to all hunting.
- (2) Hurricane Lake (North Side) - 8 E and 1 S of Wolford.

### ROLETTE COUNTY:

- (1) Long Lake - 2 S and 5 E of Rolette.
- (2) 6 S of Rolette.

### SHERIDAN COUNTY:

- Pelican Lake - see McLean County
- (1) 5 N and 6 W of McClusky closed to all hunting.
- (2) Sheyenne Lake - 15 N and 4 W of Goodrich.

### STEELE COUNTY:

- (1) North Golden Lake - 9 E and 5 N of Finley.

### STUTSMAN COUNTY:

- (1) 7 N of Cleveland. Closed to waterfowl hunting only.
- (2) 4 N of Windsor. Closed to waterfowl hunting only.

### TOWNER COUNTY:

- (1) Bisbee Reservoir - 1 E of Bisbee. Open to shoreline fishing within park area.
- (2) McLaughlin Lake - 4 E of Rolla.

### WALSH COUNTY:

- (1) Salt Lake - 5 E and 3 N of Grafton.
- (2) North Whitman Dam - 2 N and 1 E of Whitman.
- (3) North Salt Lake - 4 E and 8 N of Grafton.

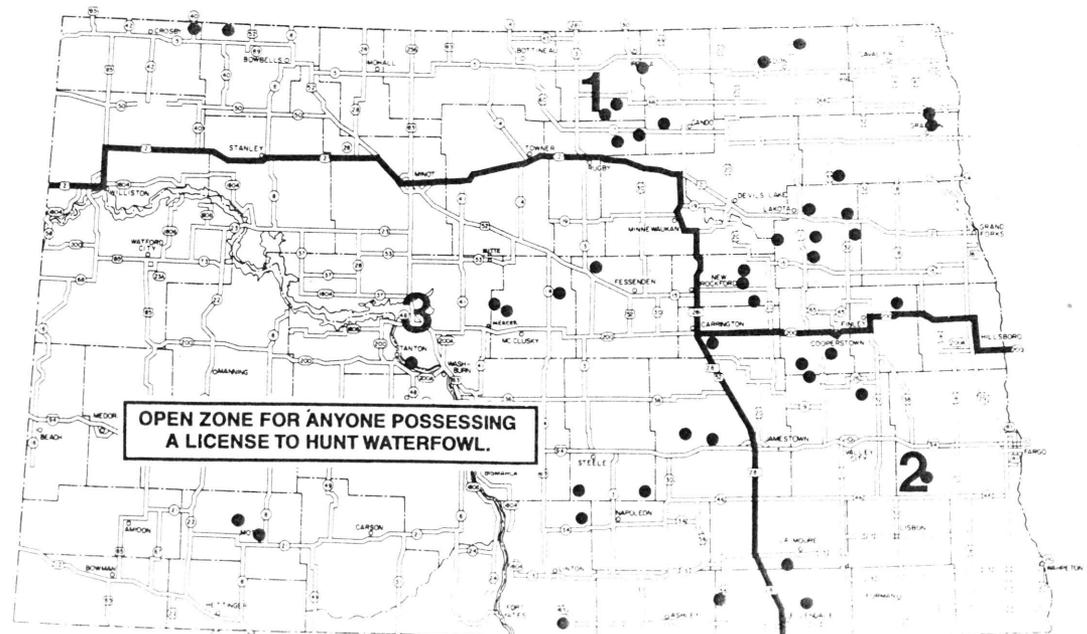
### WELLS COUNTY:

- (1) Goose Lake - 4 N of Harvey.

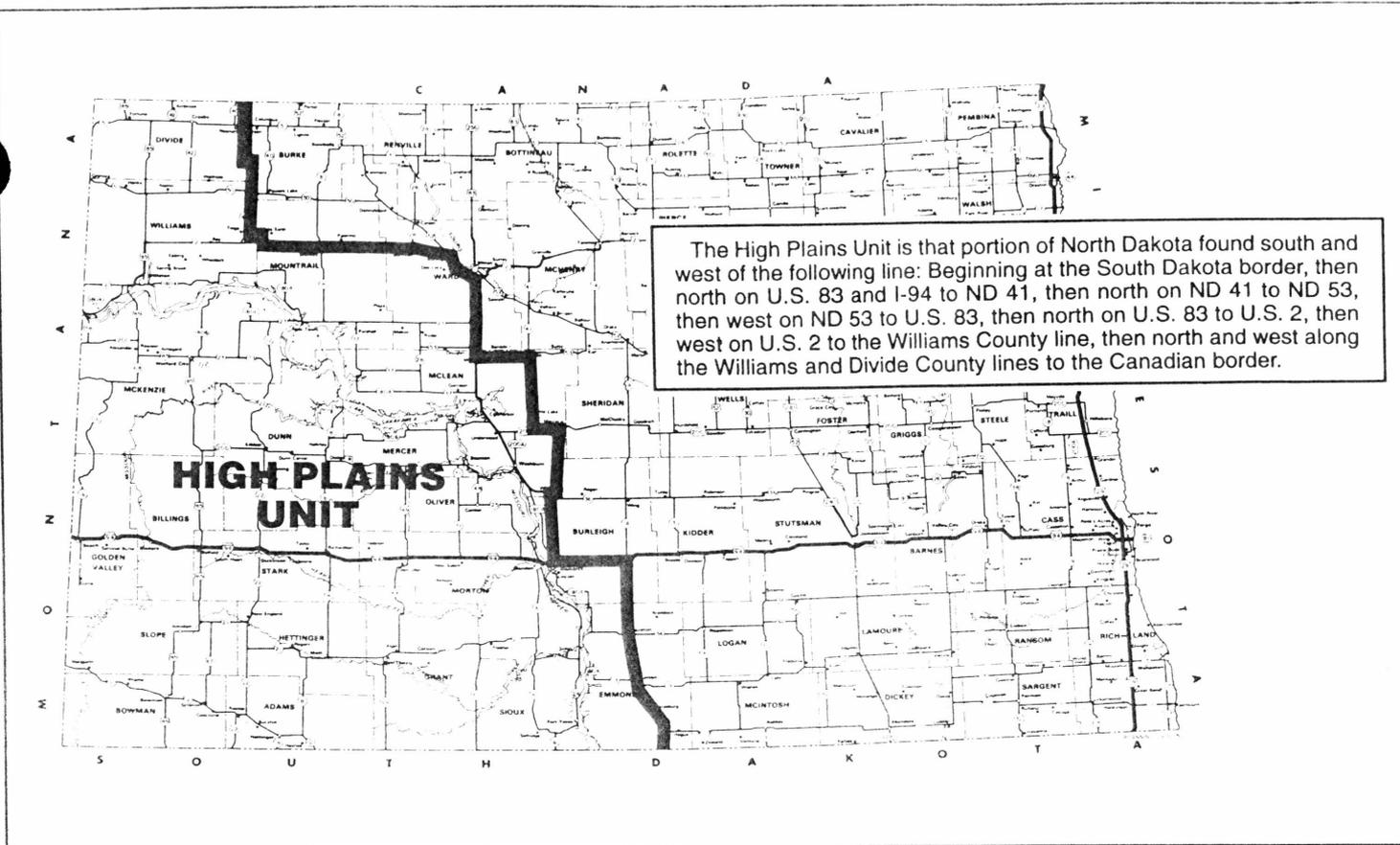
## 13. MAP OF NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL ZONES, AND WATERFOWL REST AREAS

Boundaries of **Nonresident Waterfowl Zones 1 thru 3** are shown on the map.  
(See Section 11.)

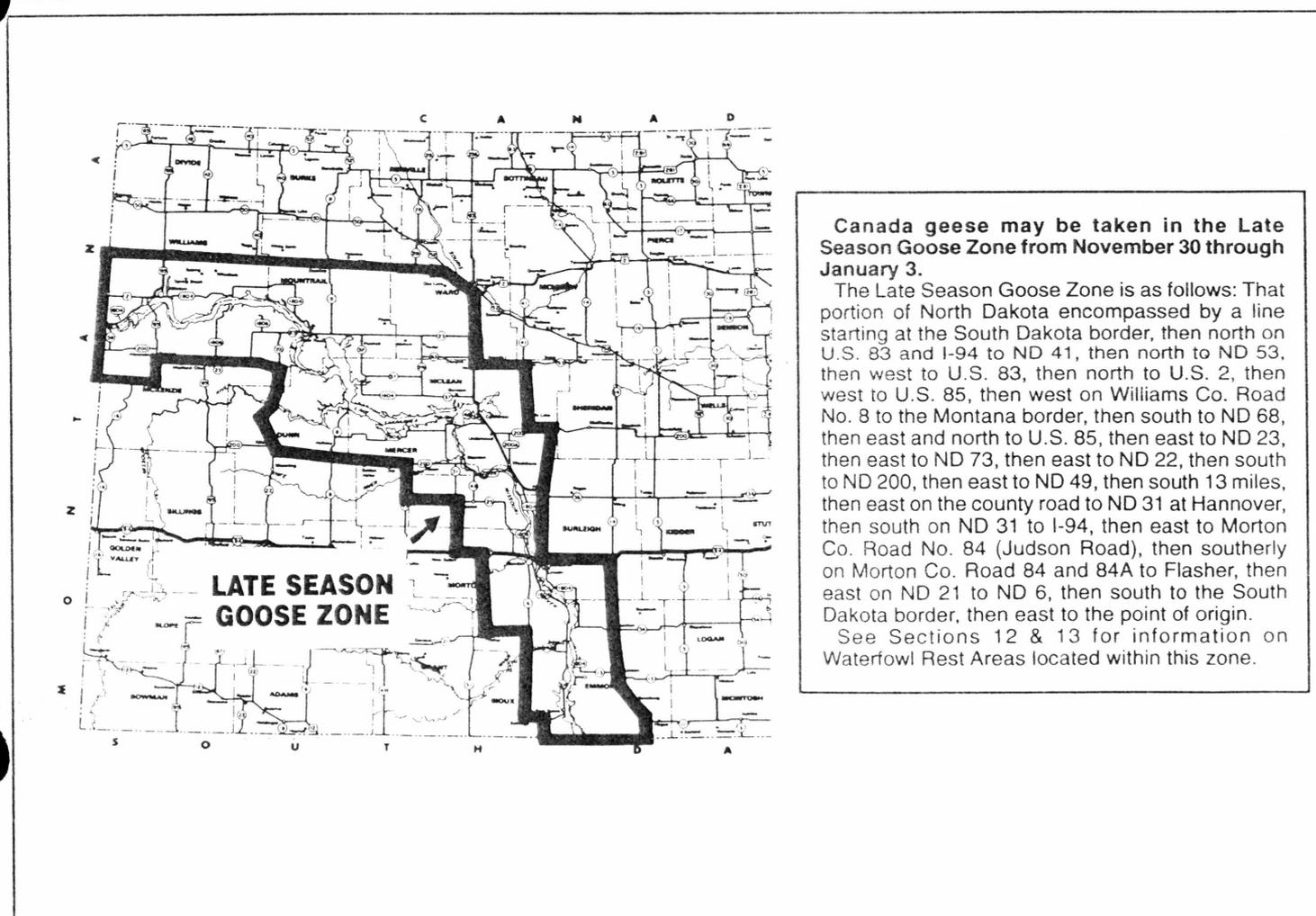
The black circles on the map represent locations of **Waterfowl Rest Areas**.  
(See Section 12.)



#### 14. HIGH PLAINS HUNTING UNIT



#### 15. LATE SEASON GOOSE ZONE



## 16. SPECIAL ONE DAY YOUTH WATERFOWL SEASON

Legally licensed residents and nonresidents 15 years of age or younger may hunt ducks, mergansers, coots and geese statewide on Saturday, September 26, 1998. An adult, at least 18 years of age, must accompany the youth hunter into the field. The adult may not hunt ducks, mergansers, coots or geese. Shooting hours shall be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The daily bag limit, including species restrictions, and all other regulations that apply to the regular duck and goose hunting seasons shall apply to this special season.

## 17. TUNDRA SWAN (By Permit Only)

|                 |                                   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Open Area:      | Statewide                         |
| Opens:          | October 3                         |
| Closes:         | November 29                       |
| Shooting Hours: | 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset |

A total of 2,000 licenses were issued by lottery. The deadline for submitting applications to the Department's Bismarck office was August 12. Successful applicants will receive a tag allowing one swan to be harvested during the season. In no case is it legal to possess a swan unless it is properly tagged.

## 18. SPECIAL EXTENDED FALCONRY SEASON.

Licensed falconers possessing the appropriate licenses may hunt resident game species from August 15, 1998 through March 27, 1999 and certain migratory game species from September 19, 1998 through January 3, 1999. Contact the Department for details.

## 19. DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS GOOSE HUNT

Disabled American Veterans shall be allowed to take geese in the waterfowl rest area along the Missouri River (from the Garrison Dam to Turtle Creek downstream from Washburn), on October 24 and 25, 1998.

Disabled veterans (military action related) who possess or would qualify for special permits are eligible to participate. For more information contact the D.A.V. Hunt Committee at 701-748-2550 before October 13, 1998.

## 20. OTHER CLOSED OR RESTRICTED AREAS

Wildlife management areas so posted, refuges, sanctuaries, national parks, and historic sites shall be closed to the hunting of all species. (Exception: Waterfowl hunting shall be permitted at times and on those areas of Federally owned refuges which shall be designated by the refuge manager.) Carrying or possession of firearms on wildlife management areas so posted shall be prohibited from May 1 through September 1 or dates posted on the signs.

For additional regulations on Federal Refuges, contact refuge headquarters.

The Minot and Grand Forks air bases are closed to hunting.

**Nelson Lake** in Oliver County will be open to waterfowl hunting under special restrictions. Waterfowl hunting will only be allowed along the north shoreline in the N 1/2 of section 32 and the northwest part of the lake in sections 29 and 30. All other parts of the lake are closed to hunting. No open water hunting from a boat will be allowed. All hunting must be done from shore.

State school land is open to public access including hunting unless posted with State Land Department signs. Vehicles are not permitted on state school lands. Contact the State Land Department for additional information regarding state school lands.

State law allows the Governor to close or postpone a hunting season upon reasonable notice through the media if climatic conditions create a fire hazard.

**Indian Reservations**—Contact reservation tribal offices for more information.

- **Fort Berthold.** Game and Fish Department, HC 3-Box 2, New Town, ND 58763, (701) 627-4760.
- **Standing Rock.** Game and Fish Department, Box D, Fort Yates ND 58538, (701) 854-7236.
- **Turtle Mountain.** Department of Natural Resources, Box 570, Belcourt, ND 58316, (701) 477-6481.

## RAP Program (REPORT ALL POACHING).

This program provides people the opportunity to report wildlife violations, remain anonymous if they prefer, and to receive monetary rewards for convictions based on their information. Anonymous callers will be given a special code number and are not required to give their name. Rewards range from \$50 to several hundred dollars depending upon the nature and seriousness of the crime. **Call 1-800-472-2121. Call this number only to report Game and Fish violations.** The reward fund is supported by private donations. If you wish to donate to the RAP program, tax deductible contributions can be sent to R.A.P., Box 601, Casselton, N.D. 58012.

## 21. SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State Regulations, these Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, transportation, and storage of migratory game birds.

**Restrictions.** No person shall take migratory game birds by the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement). Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

It is illegal to use any recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or imitations of bird calls while attempting to take migratory game birds.

**Closed Seasons.** No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

**Shooting or Hawking Hours.** No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting and hawking as prescribed.

**Field Possession Limit.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field, or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**Possession of Live Birds.** Crippled birds must be immediately killed.

**Importation.** No person shall import during any one week beginning on Sunday more than (1) 25 doves and 10 pigeons from any foreign country, and (2) 10 ducks and 5 geese from any foreign country except Canada and Mexico. Importation of doves and waterfowl from Canada and Mexico may not exceed Canadian or Mexican export limits and these vary from province to province and from state to state. In addition, one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported or shipped between a port of entry and ones home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

Motor vehicles may not be used off established roads and trails on Federal Waterfowl Production Areas.

More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal regulations, contact Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. Telephone: 303-234-4612.

### Please Report Bird Bands

Banded birds provide important management information. If you shoot or find a bird with a band you may report it by calling toll-free: **1-800-327-BAND (2263)**.

The operator will want to know the band number and how, when and where it was recovered. You will receive a Certificate of Appreciation with information about the bird. The band is yours to keep. Thank you.

### ROAD RIGHT OF WAYS

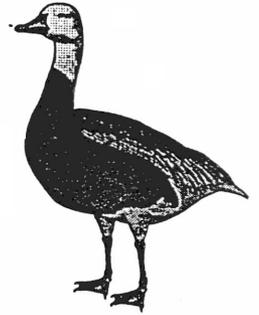
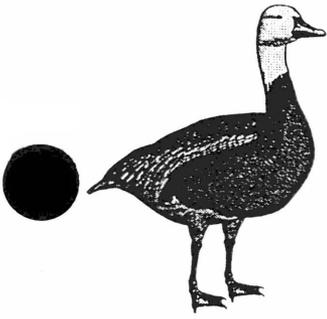
Do not hunt on road right of ways unless you are certain that they are open to public use. Most road right of ways are under the control of the adjacent landowner and are closed to hunting when the adjacent land is posted closed to hunting.

## 22. SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES

Hours of Hunting shall be Central Daylight Time Sept. 26 through Oct. 24 and Central Standard Time Oct. 25 through the end of each season. The time of sunrise and sunset at Bismarck is given below. The sun rises and sets one minute later for each 12 1/2 miles westward of Bismarck and one minute earlier for each 12 1/2 miles eastward of Bismarck.

| Central Daylight Time | 19  | 8:06  | 6:49  | 13  | 7:43  | 5:11  | 9                               | 8:16                | 4:55 |
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# SNOW GEESE; TOO MANY!



\* The breeding population of snow geese exceeds 5 million birds, an increase of 300% since the 1970s.



\* The snow geese are so numerous that they are literally eating themselves out of house and home.



\* Snow geese "grub" the tundra vegetation, using their bills to probe below the ground surface and pull up plants by the roots and tubers. The large numbers of geese remove more plants than can regrow or recover and eventually destroy the entire plant community. Without plants, salts in the subsoil move to the surface and create an environment where plants cannot grow.



\* Snow goose destruction of the arctic breeding areas also affects habitat for Canada geese, pintails, shovelers, shorebirds, and other birds.



\* Approximately 35% of the habitat along the Hudson Bay coastal lowlands has been destroyed. Another 30% has been severely damaged.



\* Five factors have contributed to the dramatic increase in snow goose numbers:

- an increase in food supply in the form of waste grain in agricultural fields from the Canadian prairies to the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast,

- an extensive network of federal, state, provincial and private refuges and sanctuaries throughout the flyway,

- the harvest rate for snow geese is declining. They are difficult to hunt and hunters are pursuing other species of waterfowl instead,

- snow geese got a "little help" from the climate; a warming trend in the late 1960s and 1970s allowed above-normal reproduction,

- snow goose populations are increasing because individual birds are living longer than ever before. The average snow goose lives eight years and some may live to be 20. The average goose may produce 24 goslings over its life span.



\* There are very few predators in the arctic nesting grounds; Arctic fox, wolves, polar bears, gulls and ravens. Other than hunters, few predators can capture or kill snow geese along their migration paths or on the wintering grounds.

### 1999 SPRING LIGHT GOOSE HUNTING SEASON SUMMARY

- Only Light geese may be taken. Light geese include snow geese (white and blue phase) and Ross' geese.
  - Light geese may be taken statewide.
  - All Waterfowl Rest Areas designated for 1998 are open for light goose hunting during this season.
  - Season dates are from 13 March 1999-09 May 1999.
  - Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
  - In consideration of the overabundance of the mid-continent snow goose population, and in accordance with the Federal Harvest Framework developed for this situation, there will be no bag or possession limit for light geese during this season.
  - Resident hunters can hunt during this season using either a 1998-1999 hunting license or a 1999-2000 hunting license (hunting certificate, small game license, general game and habitat license).
  - Non-residents must possess a valid 1999-2000 non-resident small game and waterfowl license, including hunting certificate and general game and habitat license.
- 14 day restriction and non-resident hunting zones apply to non-resident hunters.
- Federal Waterfowl Stamp is **NOT** required.
  - All hunters must register with the Harvest Information Program (HIP). Hunters can register using a toll-free telephone number (888-634-4798).
  - Electronic and recorded calls may be used.
  - Hunters may have more than 3 shells in their shotgun while hunting during this season.
  - Non-toxic shot is required.
  - NDGFD will strongly discourage use of vehicles off-trail during the spring hunting season and advise discretion when traveling roads and trails during wet, muddy conditions. Restriction of off-trail motor vehicle use by proclamation was considered, but we received an interpretation from the Attorney General's office that stated Century Code does not permit the restriction of off-road vehicle use for waterfowl hunting.
  - This is the first time since 1916 (the date of signing of the Migratory Bird Treaty with Great Britain {for Canada}) that it has been legal to hunt snow geese (any migratory game bird) outside of the 01 September to 10 March framework established by the Treaty. This is allowed now because a recent amendment to the Migratory Bird Treaty allows for the take of migratory birds for "management purposes".

TESTIMONY  
HB 1459  
REP. RALPH METCALF

Chairman Traynor and members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee. I am Representative Ralph Metcalf and I speak to you on behalf of HB 1459. This bill concerns waterfowl hunting by nonresidents.

The current Century Code allows nonresidents to purchase one waterfowl hunting license per season with several options. The nonresident hunter is limited to 14 consecutive days or two periods of 7 consecutive days and are restricted to specified zones. The zones are described in Sections 11 and 13 of the 1998 North Dakota Waterfowl Hunting Guide that has been given to you. This bill does not ask for a change to the day limitation but requests some relief in the zone restriction.

This bill probably only concerns those individuals who were former North Dakota citizens who have lived and have current family ties in the area of Zone 2. Imagine, if you will, being born and raised in the area of Zone 2 and having developed a sincere interest in the sport of hunting. You, of course, would have hunted with your family and friends and become used to hunting in areas near your home. Chances are you had some very good hunting for white geese as this Eastern part of North Dakota was a major flyway for the migration of these geese. You may have had to make the decision to leave the state for employment but still enjoy coming back to the state to enjoy hunting with your family and friends. However, the geese have moved. In recent years the flyway, for unknown reasons, has moved to the West, leaving very few geese to hunt in Zone 2. In fact, about the only geese left in the area are those black geese that have nested and increased in the local vicinity, and these are very few. This gives you, as a nonresident some very limited choices. You can come back and hunt in Zone 2 with limited success; you can select Zone 1 and have better

hunting but probably not with your family and friends; or you can stay home and hunt whatever is available in your current state of residence.

This bill would give the nonresident another choice. By limiting the nonresident hunting time to 7 days, and 7 days only, and allowing hunting in all zones of the state, the nonresident could hunt with his relatives and friends in the old familiar hunting grounds but still take several days to hunt in those areas where better hunting of white geese could be expected.

This bill will not affect the choices currently allowed under Century Code, but would give the nonresident an additional choice that may be the determining factor whether he stays home or comes to North Dakota to spend a week to renew old friendships and participate in a favorite sport.

This bill has two major benefits for North Dakota. Former North Dakotans, and possibly many others, may make a decision to spend a week in North Dakota and spend is the key word here. They will be spending money which will definitely help our economy. Secondly, these nonresidents will observe our open and beautiful state and our down home friendly residents and at some time in their life they may consider a business or life style change that will include North Dakota.

I don't want to deprive local North Dakota hunters from their heritage and entitlement to unencumbered hunting but by making this small concession I believe that North Dakota will be the winner in the long run. North Dakota is a friendly state, let's make it friendlier.

This concludes my testimony and I will gladly attempt to answer any question you may have. Thank you very much for your time.