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2003 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES
HB 1358

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1358

House Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 31, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Minutes:

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Chair Nelson calls the hearing on HB 1358 relating to nonresident hunting and fishing licenses and fees; to provide an appropriation; to provide a statement of legislative intent with respect to a short-term lease program; and to provide an effective date to order.

Rep. Porter: introduces HB 1358. This bill changes the way North Dakota markets itself with regards to hunting and fishing. Currently nonresidents purchase an upland game license that last for an entire season. We are the last state with that philosophy. This bill changes the time period as well as the fee for the licensee. This bill also raises the dollars for the PLOTS program. Modest fee increases for the fishing licenses. This bill also addresses access by using fee increases to pay for increase access.

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Rep. Carlson: A version of this bill was in last session. It was changed in a conference committee. The increased fee will not drive away hunters. We have some of the best hunting and fishing in the nation. There is no shame in charging the market price for licenses. I have a concern over the unlimited amount of upland game licenses. I have a concern over the enforcement official shortage. The goal is not to keep people out of the state. It is to create access.

Rep. Norland: 10 day vs 2 5 day period.

Rep. Carlson: You have a choice. It is the same system as South Dakota. You can buy another one. This is the part I have a problem with this.

Rep. Nottestad: Then do you advocate giving unlimited hunting to someone who owns property in North Dakota.

Rep. Carlson: No, Fishing and hunting are different. We do not limit fishing at all.

Bob Wetch: (See Attached Testimony)

Bill Pfeifer: (See Attached Testimony)

Mike Donahue: (See Attached Testimony)

Harold Neameyer (3030): (See Attached Testimony)

Dick Monson: Farmer from Barnes County. (See Attached Testimony)

Kyle Blanchfield: Guides and Outfitters. In support of HB 1358. (See Attached Testimony)

John Abramson: Testified in opposition to HB 1358. North Dakota Sport Fish Congress. We oppose it as it is written because the fishing dollars would not go back into ramp access and other fishing programs.

Paul Shadewald: North Dakota Game and Fish Department. (See Attached Testimony)

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Chair Porter closes the hearing on HB 1358.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1358

House Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 6, 2003

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Minutes:

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order.

Rep. Porter gave a report on the subcommittee on HB 1358. The proposed amendment removes the fishing dollars from hunting access funds. Equalizes combination license. Replacing 3 million with 3.3 million updating fiscal note. We removed the cap on licenses in order to encourage that being on it's own bill. We also removed combination licenses.

Rep. Porter moved the amendment seconded by Rep. Clark. Passed by voice vote.

Rep. Nelson proposed an additional amendment taken as friendly to change the cost of licenses to \$85. People will look at this as an increase from the status quo. They will look at this as a doubling. This is an attempt to alleviate those concerns.

Rep. Keiser: I think \$100 is too low.

Rep. DeKrey: I don't see these big dollar hunters in my area. We have many college students from Minnesota and Wisconsin. I think \$85 is enough to shoot a goose.

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The Amendment passed by a vote of 9-4-1.

Rep. Porter motioned Do Pass with amendments on HB 1358. The Motion was seconded by

Rep. Clark.

The motion passed by a vote of 14-0-0. Rep. Porter will carry.

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Minutes:

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order.

Rep. Porter: The 3.3. Million with an agency having an 18 million dollar reserve. This does not require a matching appropriation. 1 Million will go from the reserve of Game and Fish into PLI.

Chair Nelson: In the event that there are no restrictions on nonresident hunters the fiscal note would go down dramatically.

Rep. Porter moved a Do Pass with Amendments. Rep. Clark seconded. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 14-0-0.

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Requested by Legislative Council 03/25/2003

Amendment to:

HB 1358

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funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2001-2003 Blennium		2003-200	5 Biennium	2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$2,200,000		\$2,400,000
Expenditures						
Appropriations				\$3,300,000		

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

200	2001-2003 Blennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium	
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2. Narrative: Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

This bill increses the habitat stamp cost from \$5 to \$10. This stamp is required for all resident and nonresident hunters. Both nonresident hunting and fishing license fees are increased and the small game and waterfowl license structures are changed. The cost of the license package for nonresidents who hunt both small game and waterfowl will change from the current \$95 to \$185. The fees for nonresidents who hunt only waterfowl will increase from \$95 to \$100.

Senate amendments increase the nonresident season fishing license from \$32 to \$35. This is for the second year only of the 2003-2005 blennium.

- 3. State fiscal effect detail: For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:
 - A. Revenues: Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

The total increase in hunting license revenue is estimated to be about \$2,000,000 per biennium. This assumes that the current high level of license sales will continue. The increase in nonresident fishing license revenue will be about \$160,000 per year. The fishing license and resident combination license increase will apply only to the second year of the 2003-2005 biennium.

The additional revenue from the Senate amendments is \$20,000 per year.

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Phone Number:	328-6328	Date Prepared:	ND Game and Fish Department 03/25/2003

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Revenues				\$2,120,000		\$2,300,000
Expenditures						
Appropriations				\$3,300,000		

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Expenditures						
Appropriations				\$3,300,000	······································	

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Expenditures						
Appropriations				\$3,000,000		

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for Representative Porter January 31, 2003

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1358

Page 5, line 29, remove "Fifteen dollars of each"
Page 5, remove lines 30 and 31

Page 9, line 3, overstrike "twenty-seven" and insert immediately thereafter "thirty-two"

Page 9, line 23, remove "Seven dollars of each"

Page 9, remove lines 24 through 27

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February 6, 2003

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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1358 NAT RES 2-07-03

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Date: 2/6/03
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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1358

House Natural Resources			Committee
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Legislative Council Amendment Nur	mb er		
Action Taken Anendmen; Motion Made By Nelson	<i>t</i>		
Motion Made By Nelson	Seco	nded By Porter	
Representatives	Yes No	Representatives	Yes No
Chairman Jon O. Nelson			
Vice-Chairman Todd Porter			
Rep. Byron Clark	1//		
Rep. Duane DeKrey			
Rep. David Drovdal			
Rep. Lyle Hanson			
Rep. Bob Hunskor			
Rep. Dennis Johnson			
Rep. George Keiser			
Rep. Scott Kelsh			
Rep. Frank Klein			
Rep. Mike Norland			
Rep. Darrell Nottestad			
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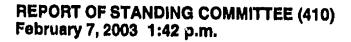
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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 135 8 BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

House House Natural Resource	S	·		Com	mittee
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Legislative Council Amendment N	umber				
Action Taken	Pass	As	Ananded		
Action Taken Motion Made By Porter		Sec	onded By Clark		
Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Jon O. Nelson					
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Rep. Byron Clark	V				
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1358: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Nelson, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1358 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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2003 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1358

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1358

House Appropriations Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 02-18-03

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Minutes:

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Chairman Svedjan Opened the hearing on HB 1358. A quorum was present.

Rep. Porter Presented the bill to the committee.

Rep. Timm What was the original bill vs. the engrossed bill?

Rep. Porter We took out the increase in fees for fishing licenses.

Rep. Carlisle Are there quite a few people that administer the program?

Rep. Porter PLOTS goes from a 30 year lease on up.

Rep. Delzer Sections 3 and 4 of the Engrossed bill seem to be the same, yet they are in violation of each other.

Rep. Porter It has to do with when they go into effect.

Rep. Kerzman PLOTS doesn't address the total problem. Game and Fish doesn't compensate producers.

Rep. Monson How many nonresident licenses can a person buy?

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Rep. Porter After it expires you can buy a new one, but it is good for the entire season.

Rep. Wald How long is a PLOTS lease?

Rep Porter There is a wide variety due to cost sharing.

Rep. Kerzman. It doesn't match the CRP contracts, it cost-shares the gross seeding.

Rep. Aarsvold Why is licensing for fish houses in this?

Rep. Porter I don't know.

Rep. Kerzman. In the high-pressure acres the land is already taken up and this won't fix the problem.

Rep. Kroeber I've hunted PLOTS, it works, this access problem is spreading from west to east.

Rep. Wald Is this for only resident hunters, or out of state also?

Rep. Gulleson I sponsored a hill for short term leases. The hig problem is that landowners aren't interested in the long-term commitment. There is a cost share on the trees, but not the barrier. The other part of it is that it allows access to unharvested grain. The landowners and hunters in my area aren't interested in the Came and Pish's current programs.

Rep. Carlson I move a Do Pass on HB 1358, 2nd Brusegaard.

Rep. Kerzman. Are you going to lease up enough land to make a difference with this? In our area, the Pandora's box has been opened. When you look at a lease for \$1/acre, you can get so much a bird or an animal, it doesn't come close to attracting land owners to leases. The farmer who is providing the habital should be compensated. I think we are putting our money in the wrong direction here.

Rep. Delzer We are raising the fees to people who also already have access. How much do we raise fees until the young people quit hunting?

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Rep. Kempenich I don't see this working.

Rep. Kerzman We shouldn't restrict the number of hunters in this either.

Rep. Carlson I see no restriction s in this bill.

Rep. Wald I can't imagine the \$84 license would impact the number of out of state hunters.

Public access is the real question.

Motion Passes 16-7-0. Rep. Porter will carry the bill

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. <u>\358</u>

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Action Taken Motion Made By Carlson			Seconded By Brusege	ord	
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Rep. Mike Timm (Vice-Chair)	V		Rep. Blair Thoreson	V	
Rep. Bob Martinson		V	Rep. Eliot Glassheim		
Rep. Thomas Brusegaard	V		Rep. Joe Kroeber		
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Rep. Earl Rennerfeldt			Rep. Jeff Delzer		1
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Rep. Ron Carlisle			Rep. James Kerzman		V
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1358, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Svedjan, Chairman)
recommends DO PASS (16 YEAS, 7 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
Engrossed HB 1358 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1358

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Hearing Date 3-7-03

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Minutes:

Senator Thomas Fischer. Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee opened the hearing of HB 1358 relating to nonresident hunting and fishing licenses and fees; to provide an appropriation; to provide a statement of legislative intent with respect to a short-term lease program; and to provide an effective date.

All members of the Committee were present.

Representative Todd Porter of District 34 cosponsor of HB 1358 introduced the bill stating it changes the way fishing, waterfowl, small game and hunting licenses are sold to non residents. He presented an amendment (see attached) that would do some house cleaning because when an earlier amendment was passed in the house old pieces of code was put back in that should not have been. Presently \$85.00 is being charged to hunt small game and then \$10.00 is charged for upland game license (good for the entire season) for a total of \$95.00. A pheasant license in South Dakota it is \$120.00 and is good for 10 - half days of hunting. The bill now reads upland

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game license is \$85.00 for a period of 10 days or 2 - five day periods and the non resident may purchase as many of those as they wish. Permits for waterfowl were split because it was below the market price and the a lot of non residents come to North Dakota just to hunt waterfowl so they would have a reduction in permits. Fishing fees are also included in the amendment. The effective date for these changes will be 2004 because fishing licenses will already have been sold so it needs to be effective the following year. The habitat stamp is increased but money must go to the PLI (public lands initiative) program. The hunting fee increase goes back to the PLI program which will help employ 5 additional employees for the North Dakota Game & Fish Department to work with private land owners for additional access.

<u>Senator Joel Heitkamp</u> asked about the separation of licenses for non residents.

Rep. Todd Porter clarified that there would not be a combination license and the non resident hunter would have to buy separate water fowl and upland hunting license costing \$85.00 each.

Representative Alan Carlson of District 41 cosponsor of HB 1358 pointed out that raising the fees would only bring things up to market value. Why should North Dakota under sell one of the finest resources in the world at a less price than any one else. The other issue is the income from this increase will give more hunting access for resident hunters. He also suggested a short term lease for a few dollars an acre paid to the land owners for hunting instead money paid for fee

Senator Heitkamp commented that these increased fees still are not at market value and why they aren't higher.

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Rep. Alan Carlson responded that there is a resistance from the rural legislators that if the fees are higher the non residents will not come to North Dakota to fish and hunt. He stated he was open to go back to the original form of the bill that has the increase much higher.

Bob Wetsch testified in support of HB 1358 on his own behalf stating he thought the hunting issue is access and this bill does the best to increase access (see attached testimony)

<u>Tom Kelsch</u> representing the Greater North Dakota Association testified in support of HB 1358 stating they feel hunting licenses should be at market value and feel this bill helps with the problem of access.

<u>Dennis Daniel</u> testified in support of HB 1358 comparing North Dakota's licenses to Montana's pointing out North Dakota is way under market. He also presented the concept of reciprocal licenses between sates.

Harold Neameyer representing the Cass county Wildlife Club testified in support of HB 1358 (See attached testimony). He also stated they support the original bill with the higher license fees.

Brian Kramer representing the North Dakota Farm Bureau testified in support of HB 1358 stating two reasons. First, it will give some opportunities to put some money into the farmers pocket who enroll in the program and second, this is a much better approach to the non resident issue rather than capping the numbers.

<u>Tom Abrahamson</u> representing the North Dakota Sport Fishing Congress testified in support of HB 1358 stating that not only hunting access but also water access for boats is needed.

Mike Donahue representing the North Dakota Wildlife Federation and the United Sportsman testified in support of HB 1358 stating they should return the bill to the original state of charging

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\$100.00 per separated licenses and to increase the fishing licenses another \$5.00 to help with access.

Conrad Carlson testified in support of HB 1358 stating his concerns for raising the fees because of commercialization and the concept of "ask and the gate will be open".

<u>Tom Schulz</u> testified in opposition to HB 1358 stating he support the fee raises, but not the amendment in regards to the day limits for non resident hunters (See attached testimony).

There was no neutral testimony on HB 1358.

Written testimony was also presented from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (See attached testimony).

Senator Fischer closed the hearing on HB 1358.

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Minutes:

Senator Thomas Fischer opened the discussion on HB 1358.

All members of the committee were present.

Senator Joel Heitkamp made a motion to accept the amendment #30046.0501.

Senator Michael Every second the motion

Roll call vote #1 was taken indicating 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS AND 0 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

<u>Senator Heitkamp</u> asked why if they were going to raise the fee instead of \$5.00 make the increase to the raise the fee to the nearest amount ending in 5 or 0.

Discussion was held about that issue.

<u>Senator Heitkamp</u> made a motion to amendment HB 1358 to read all non resident fees be raised up to the nearest 5 or 0 upwards to what they are now.

Senator Every second the motion.

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Discussion was held and it was made clear that the raise would be in those places were the non resident fees were adjusted

Roll call vote #2 was taken indicating 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS AND 0 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Senator Stanley Lyson made a motion for a Do Pass as Amended

Senator Every second the motion.

Roll call vot. #3 was taken indicating 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS AND O ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Senator Heitkamp will carry HB 1358.

Senator Fischer closed the discussion on HB 1358.

HB 1358 was rereferred to the Apporpriations Committee.

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for Representative Porter February 19, 2003

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March 13, 2003

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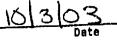
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1358, as engrossed: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Fischer, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1358 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, after "reenact" insert "subsection 27 of section 20.1-02-05," and after "20.1-03-07" insert a comma

Page 1, after line 6, insert:

"SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 27 of section 20.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

Issue, as a means of rewarding dedication to teaching firearm hunter safety, complimentary lifetime resident certificates provided under subsection 53 52 of section 20.1-03-12 and combination licenses provided under section 20.1-03-11.1 to resident certified hunter education volunteer instructors. Eligible persons must have served as a lead or assistant certified hunter education volunteer instructor in this state for a minimum of one course in each of inirty years. The license is known as the "lifetime combination license" and must be signed by the director and the person receiving the license. The license must be revoked by the director if the licenseholder is convicted of a felony or found to have violated any provision of this title."

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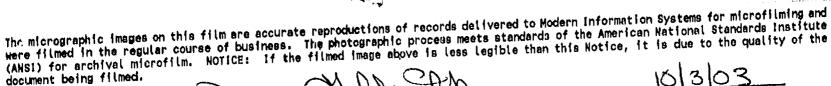
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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1358 & Vote

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date 3-19-03

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Minutes: CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG opened the hearing to HB 1358. A bill relating to nonresident hunting and fishing licenses and fees; to provide an appropriation; to provide a statement of legislative intent with respect to a short-term lease program; to provide an effective date.

(Meter 543) REPRESENTATIVE TODD PORTER testified in support of HB 1358. He stated this bill was heard in Natural Resources and referred to Senate Appropriations and it is the bill that changes the fees to both residents and nonresidents in relation to hunting. He went over the differences in the splits between the upland game licenses from the waterfowl license. He also compares our fees and dates effective are better than the surrounding bordering states. Residents from neighboring states can come to ND and take advantage of a full hunting season but it is not reciprocated. He went through some of the Sections of the bill. He also talked about the Game and Fish department going out with respect of setting up short-term lease program for the hunters

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and fisherman. He wanted the land owners to have some say on what length of time their land could be available for hunters.

(Meter 1279) CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG stated the amount of time considered for short-term is not defined to leave that up to Game and Fish? REPRESENTATIVE TODD PORTER stated that is correct.

(Meter 1292) SENATOR BOWMAN stated he lived in rural ND all his life and has never had one rural resident ask him for a plots program. He doesn't believe it is the land owners that want it, it is the hunting groups that want it. He stated he is not totally opposed to it but when the fees are raised for everyone, it also eliminates certain people from hunting. Are we trying make this a great big hunting paradise for those who can afford it? What is the intention? He feels this state is letting the sportsmen decide where that money is going to be spent and he has a problem with that.

(Meter 1265) REPRESENTATIVE TODD PORTER stated that when you look at the number of acres available (265,00), this 3.3 million dollars reinvesting it back into the PLI programs, which he thinks are 10. By doing that reinvestment back into those programs, they will raise the number of public access acres held in private ownership to 1 million acres. He often hears hunters state they love coming to ND because of programs such as the plots, the PLI programs. Even though they are paying \$85 for licenses, there is enough public access land that they do not have to pay the extra \$100 per day or more to hire a guide to get me that access. He gave an example of a hunter going to his hotel, getting out his plot map and then driving to these areas without the assistance of a guide. The hunters and fishermen are willing to reinvest those dollars into programs in order to get the access.

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(Meter 1528) SENATOR ANDRIST stated according to his understanding a nonresident who wants to hunt a few upland and waterfowl birds, the fee would more than double from \$95 to \$180? He asked REP. PORTER to help him understand why we need this money or this large of an increase when we have 18 million dollars setting in that trust fund that the Game and Fish has sitting in that fund?

(Meter 1788) SENATOR ANDRIST asked again what the motivation is for the increase? When there is already money sitting there? Unused? He feels it isn't an ability to pay, the importance of a nonresident is the other business they also bring in, the hotels, the restaurants, etc. He feels the money is not needed.

(Meter 1870) REPRESENTATIVE TODD PORTER stated his standpoint is he welcomes the individuals to use the resources that we have whether they are residents or nonresidents. But we need to manage and protect our resources also but when he looks at from the standpoint of what we do, raise the fees or dip into the reserves? One doesn't make any different to him but in his mind the most important part of this legislation is Section 6 and Section 7, which is the amendment that he brought forward. He believes that the access programs are the most important part. Game and Fish are concerned about spending down their reserves by 3.3 million the way the budget was presented, that it would be bringing it down to the 14 million - 13 million dollar mark and at some point in time as the leases expire that are already out there, they feel that it will cost more to keep the acres that are out there, and the two aren't going to match and the fees will then have to be raised. He believes this is taking a proactive approach.

(Meter 2021) SENATOR ANDRIST asked if the reason the Game and Fish wants to protect that fund because they have a mission to reduce the number of licenses?

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(Meter 2048) SENATOR GRINDBERG stated as subcommittee member of the Game and Fish budget, he believes that REPRESENTATIVE PORTER'S amendment addressed fee increases as well as the Plots program. It did not spend down the trust fund. Has there been any discussions or opportunities can we see this as an economic development?

(2144) REPRESENTATIVE PORTER stated more investment the more attractions are available to everyone.

(Meter 2229) SENATOR KRAUTER stated he wants clarification that we want to increase hunters but put a cap the number of waterfowl hunters in the state?

(Meter 2263) REPRESENTATIVE PORTER replied that when you look at what is going on with the waterfowl end of it, as the debate went on in the interim, there was a debate from both sides to bring us everybody or limited it because the resources are limited. The management tools that are necessary to determine whether or not the resources are limited, is what is in SB 2048. That bill is still sitting on a subcommittee on the House side. HB 1358 will free up some of those licenses that are currently not being utilized by people hunting waterfowl so it will make available more nonresident licenses.

(Meter 2362) SENATOR KRAUTER wanted clarification of the acreage in the plots program verses the money and how is that money to be used? REPRESENTATIVE PORTER stated Game and Fish provided the acreage and dollar amount but the way that the programs work, it could go into one of the any of 10 PLI programs that are there. Those programs include waterfowl resting programs, tree planting programs, general habitat programs, also cost share on CRP. It is a multitude of programs out there. The intent of Section 6 is to get short-tem leasing as one of those 10 PLI programs.

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(Meter 2486) SENATOR KRAUTER asked quantity verses quality? He feels that we are so gung-ho on quantity of acres and reality is the quality. If you look at the plots program out there, it's old CRP that's got no food in it, the birds are in there one day and gone the next. We are wasting resources by trying to get more and more acreage. The quality issue needs to be addressed into those existing plots. (Meter 2550) REPRESENTATIVE PORTER agrees in conjunction with the Game and Fish. They have already started a program where they are doing a cooperative program with Pheasants Forever in ND and have an individual in Dickinson and Jamestown. The sole purpose of the program is to rejuvenate some of the old CRP acres and get them back into a good nesting coverage.

(Meter 2610) SENATOR MATHERN asked about the private stuff going on such as the guides and outfitters. If they are in fact putting hundreds of thousands of acres together, what are they giving to the landowners? REPRESENTATIVE PORTER stated he doesn't know what their agreements are. He has heard from 50 cents an acres up to a couple of dollars an acre. The surprising thing is stirring the whole debate is not only do they have the ability to lock up four townships then they can also leave the area they have locked up and go across the road to "Farmer Brown's" unposted land that has the birds on it - so now they have several quarters of land locked up. Especially in the waterfowl situations.

(Meter 2872) REPRESENTATIVE AL CARLSEN testified in support as a sponsor on HB 1358. He responded to several previous questions and gave the history of this bill.

He pointed out the nonresident (husband and wife) fishing license to be \$32 and compared it to his Minnesota fishing license which was \$47. The point he states is he believes ND has the finest hunting and fishing in the nation. Hunters and sportsmen come because of the resource, the

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biggest most important thing to them is not the cost. It the quality resource when they get here.

This bill does that and adjusts the rates to close to regional average.

(Meter 4621) ROGER ROSTVET, Game and Fish Department testified he would like to have the committee reconsider the amendment page 9 line 17, for resident combination licenses from \$35 back to \$32. The reason for the increase was for the habitat stamp increase. The fishing license, the small game license, and the fur bearer licenses were never increased, however the combination licenses of those three were increased with the amendment when non of the others were raised. So instead of getting a discount for buying the combination license you only get a \$1 discount. That is more efficient, it saves on administrate points, and allows a sportsman to get a break on his licenses.

(Meter 5277) SENATOR MATHERN asked if the policy committee in Natural Resources is agreeable with this being amended back. (Meter 5303) ROGER ROSTVET stated that committee did not realize the other licenses fees were increased.

(Meter 5380) SENATOR ANDRIST asked what is a non game hunting licenses? ROGER ROSTVET stated it is for all species that are not listed as protected species, such as prairie dogs, jackrabbits, etc. and does not include birds.

REPRESENTATIVE PORTER explained his version of the combination fee.

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SENATOR GRINDBERG moved to amendment this bill (30046.0503). There was a voice vote of a do pass on the proposed amendment to change the combination license from \$35 back to \$32 - Legislative council to draft amendment. 30046.0503.

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(Meter 74) There was a motion of a DO PASS AS AMENDED by SENATOR GRINDBERG and seconded by SENATOR TALLACKSON. It passed with a vote of 8 yeas, 3 nays and 3 absent. It is to be carried by Natural Resources by SENATOR HEITKAMP.

CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG closed the hearing to HB 1358.

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March 20, 2003

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1358

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Page 798 of the Senate Journal, line 35, remove "and replace "thirty-two""

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) March 21, 2003 8:20 a.m.

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Dick,

I read your letter in the Farm and Ranch Guide. I am a not a resident of your state, but that is not by choice (my wife was born in Texas and refuses to leave!) I've spent many weeks in North Dakota chasing drilling rigs, first as a geologist for Exxon, later for Burlington Resources. On these business trips, I noticed an abundance of game in ND, especially pheasants and waterfowl.

Being an avid sportsman, I began making an annual trek north every fall to chase pheasants around Dickinson and ducks and geese north of Bismarck. I've made several close friends thru business relationships and hunting trips. I've been especially impressed with the hospitality of most farmers. The majority say 'yes' even when their land is posted, just wanting to know who is out on their property. I've always tried to show my appreciation by leaving a token of gratitude, such as a ham, turkey, a couple cleaned pheasants, or (in a few instances where I know it will be welcomed) a case of beer. Most of the time, people seem surprised that anyone would even stop in to say thanks.

But over the past few years I've seen a disturbing trend. More and more land is leased up by outfitters that cater to rich out-of-staters that fly in, eat and sleep in lodges, are guided around over several pointing dogs, and pay exhorbitant fees for shooting three birds a day. This does nothing for the local economy outside of the outfitters. When I come up for a trip, I stay in local motels, eat at restaraunts, rent a car, buy gas and shells, etc.

Last year, one of my favorite spots was leased up by the Canonball outfit. Out of curiosity, I asked the farmer what they were going to pay him. I was amazed to hear that they guarantee nothing up front; if they decide to hunt on his land, they will pay \$16/bird that is harvested there. I looked at their fees on the internet: \$200/day. I'm not a rocket scientist, but it's easy to see who's getting all the money here. The farmer gets \$48 for a 3 bird limit, and the outfitter gets \$152 each for driving a truckload of hunters to the field, putting them up, and feeding them. Not a bad deal for the outfitter.

I also noticed a larger number of nonresident hunters last year. I think part of the blame is South Dakota closing the first week of pheasant season to nonresidents (the guys in the room next to me at the motel were from Minnesota, they said they'd been going to SD for twenty years, but they were upset with the season change and came to ND instead).

I realize this is an annoyance for residents. But it seems like there are plenty of birds to go around, as long as everyone sticks to their limits. And the bulk of the \$90 license fee is supposed to go towards programs like PLOTS and habitat restoration, which also benefits local hunters. Resident friends of mine tell me they have no problem limiting out even late in the season. The advantage of living close to the action is that you can choose to hunt when weather conditions are ideal, not when you can pre-arrange your vacation.

The waterfowl situation is even worse. As you probably know, the best chance you have to decoy in geese is to set up where they've been

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feeding. This means scouting huge areas to find a feeding flock, then setting up before sunrise the next morning to try to draw them in. When outfitters lease up hundreds of thousands of acres, it makes it impossible for the 'little guy' that has to acquire permission to have a successful hunt.

I can't blame a farmer for trying to supplement his income when an outfitter shows up promising money. But with all the tax and license dollars generated by both local and nonresident hunters, I would think the state would try to expand successful programs like PLOTS.

I don't have all the answers, and I share your concerns. North Dakota is a tremendous place for sportsman. I drive 22 hours each way every year to enjoy 4 days of recreation. I usually take back a dozen pheasants, about the same # of ducks, and a whole bunch of great memories. I sure hope the people of your great state can figure out a compromise that will work for everyone.

thanks, Paul Molnar Midland, TX

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HB 1358

Cass County Wildlife Club is in support of HB 1358. The change that allows nonresidents not to need a small game license to hunt waterfowl is a positive action. Increasing license fees for small game and waterfowl is long overdue.

We are <u>not</u> in favor of allowing nonresidents to purchase more than one small game license. Allowing more than one license tends to favor the non-resident with wealth a special consideration.

The funds (\$5.00 of each license) raised by the restoration stamp should not be limited to just the PLOTS program but be made available for CoverLocks as well, or let the department use it as needed.

The Club does favor HB 1358, but it needs some changes as mentioned.



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HB 1358 JANUARY 31, 2003

I'm Bill Pfeifer testifying on my own behalf in support of HB 1358 but wish to recommend an amendment in Section 1.

HB 1358 would restrict nonresidents to hunt, catch, take, or kill small game to ten consecutive days or any two periods of five consecutive days each.

In all likelihood, the intent of this portion of this bill is to reduce the hunting pressure created by hunting pheasants. This bill, however, as written, would also restrict nonresidents to the same selected period(s) concerning the hunting of other small game such as sharp-tailed and ruffed grouse, partridge, crane, and dove. There is little competition to resident hunters of small game other than pheasants.

Nonresidents do come to North Dakota to hunt small game in addition to pheasants. Nonresidents bring dollars into North Dakota when making additional trips into North Dakota. Nonresidents would likely not wish to use some of the allotted ten days of pheasant hunting to hunt other small game. They could, of course, purchase another small game license but that doesn't seem reasonable. They may instead, opt to not return.

Each additional trip by a nonresident brings dollars and as long as the hunting of other small game species does not create unreasonable competition to North Dakota hunters, I think we should accommodate them. Therefore, I propose the following amendment.

Line 10. "entitles the nonresident to hunt (remove) small game," (add) "pheasants."

Line 12. "The hunting period for which the license is valid," (add) "to hunt pheasants."

Thank you for your consideration of this amendment to be included in HB 1358.

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Testimony HB 1358 by Mike Donahue (Lobbyist 215) January 31, 2003

The North Dakota Wildlife Federation and the United Sportsmen of North Dakota ask for a Do Pass.

They recommend the following amendments:

- Page 1, lines 14 and 15: Delete the sentence that begins with, "A nonresident...."
- Page 5, lines 29, 30, 31: Delete the sentence that begins with, "Fifteen dollars..."
- Page 9, lines 23 to 27: Delete the sentence that begins with, "Seven dollars of..." Note: Lines 23 to 27 direct funds from fishing licenses to habitat access and the funds should be used for water recreation and fishing needs. Let the Game and Fish Department manage the programming of the funds.
- Page 10, line 6: After the word, "fund," put a period (.). Delete the balance of line 6.
- Page 10, line 19 and 20: Replace April 1, 2004 with August 1, 2003

Also, the North Dakota Wildlife Federation and the United Sportsmen of North Dakota are on record that they approve of modest increases for all resident licenses.

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TESTIMONY OF HAROLD NEAMEYER CASS COUNTY WILDLIFE CLUB

PRESENTED TO THE SENATE NATURAL RESOUCES COMMITTEE ON HB 1358, MARCH 7, 2003

Cass County Wildlife Club is in support of HB 1358. North Dakota needs this bill in order to be more in line with the fees of surrounding states. In 1992, Montana had a \$110.00 nonresident fee for upland game, plus a \$7.00 conservation fee.

While we support this bill, we do not support line 14 and 15, which allows more than one license, be sold to nonresidents. We prefer it be limited to one license. Buying multiple licenses seems biased in favor of the wealthy hunter.

We hope this issue could be corrected, then SB 1358 would have our full support.



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My name is Bob Wetsch. I live at 4610 Ft. Lincoln Road in rural Mandan. There are a number of bills being introduced this session dealing with limiting nonresident hunters and regulating outfitters with the intent to provide resident hunters with more hunting opportunities. I primarily want to make some comments to stress what I think is the real issue, so we don't regulate unnecessary things, and we actually provide some constructive solutions to the real problem.

The issue is access. It's not limiting the number of nonresident hunters, it's not the outfitters, it's not fee hunting and it's not at this time an issue of a limited resource. It's all about access.

Does anyone really think that limiting the number of nonresident hunters will provide more access for resident hunters to hunt on private lands at no charge? I suggest we not limit nonresident hunters any more than was already done in the last season. As I remember, the Game and Fish proposed to limit nonresident waterfowl hunters to 23,000 during the last season and the governor capped nonresident waterfowl licenses at 30,000. I have not heard or seen any reports that indicate the resource was damaged during the last season because of the number of nonresident hunters.

I will concede there may be years when the number of nonresident hunters should be less or more than that number. After a winter or two of severe blizzards or several years of drought the resource is likely to be limited to not provide a quality experience for anyone. Limiting nonresident hunters then would make perfect sense. However for the most part, we should attempt to attract nonresident hunters to the extent possible. Certainly not limit them on some misguided notion that nonresident hunters make it more difficult for resident hunters to have the kind of quality experience they want.

There is probably some merit to looking at staggering the length of time nonresidents are allowed to hunt under their licenses. Possibly allow so many nonresident licenses for each 10 day period. Perhaps look at different time frames for waterfowl and upland hunters. This might help eliminate occasional overcrowding in any area and spread the benefits out to rural businesses over the length of the hunting season. Staggered season lengths for nonresidents may even provide for more nonresident licenses to be sold over an entire season. It certainly should not limit the numbers. Late season hunts are something more nonresident and for that matter resident hunters should experience.

The Game and Fish should continue to make recommendations on nonresident license numbers based on conditions of the resource, but they should not have a final say nor should there be any definite set limits on nonresidents from year to year. Rather, the final decision should be left up to the Governor as it was this year.

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We also need to increase license fees for nonresident hunters. If that has a limiting effect on the numbers of nonresidents who come here to hunt it will be minimal. I can't imagine higher license fees will dramatically discourage nonresidents. It's one of the least expensive costs of their trip. Nonresidents I've spoken with love coming here. They spend lots of dollars while here. And contrary to what some would like us to believe nonresident hunters dollars are economic development in many areas of rural North Dakota.

Nonresident license fees should also be dedicated to programs to provide more access to more lands for hunters, such as some of those programs in the Game and Fish Private Lands Initiative. The state of Florida funds many programs on the backs of nonresidents with taxes on rental cars, lodging and the like.

The bottom line is to not limit the number of nonresident hunters because it may make for a more quality experience for resident hunters. A quality experience is difficult to define and different for many people. Limiting nonresident hunters to provide for a more quality experience for resident hunters makes as much sense as limiting the number of nonresident students who can attend North Dakota colleges because it would make for a better quality learning environment for North Dakota students. I don't suspect many college town residents or businesses would support that. Again, the issue is providing more ACCESS.

As far as outfitters and guides, I understand there are a few bills in this session to address regulation of outfitters and guides. More regulation of that industry may be necessary. I won't comment more on that because there are people who know that subject better than I ever will. However, I understand some of the controversy with outfitters is they are leasing hunting rights on many acres of land and thereby limiting access to that land. I heard a story of one outfitter leasing many acres for 40 cents an acre. If that's the case, the Game and Fish should have a program to offer those landowners 50 or 75 cents per acre to allow public hunting. And let that landowner know we'll be there even when that outfitter isn't. It's good for the landowners and provides more access. We want to keep those landowners on that land. If they're forced to sell out and the land is good hunting land, it may very well be bought by someone from out of state at a premium price. It's already happening. That's certainly not going to improve access to that land.

The Game and Fish Private Lands Initiative needs to be expanded in a big way to provide more access. As I said earlier, all nonresident license fees should be dedicated to access programs and more. When a farm or ranch with good habitat or good potential goes up for sale, the Game and Fish should have a fund to be able to bid on the property to compete with other potential buyers. I know this may not be agreeable to some, but owning land by a state agency for the benefit of state residents is preferable to any federal ownership and many private entity ownerships. As I mentioned earlier, nonresident private ownership is not going to provide any access to that land.

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Existing Game and Fish programs should focus on more leasing of land to provide access. Currently many of the Private Lands Initiative programs are more geared to habitat development than providing access. Habitat development is certainly important but habitat development can be done in cooperation with organizations like Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever.

The Game and Fish programs in the short term need to focus on providing access. I'm sure the Department knows lots of private acreage which would provide excellent hunting opportunities if there was public access. They need to target areas they know of where access is currently limited and pursue access arrangements.

There's going to be a lot of discussion in this session about hunting issues. Primarily geared to the resident hunters notions of what's hurting their hunting experience. Resident hunters need to realize times have changed. They will not always be able to hunt whenever and wherever they want anymore. They may need to devote more time to building relationships or experience some of those late season hunts I spoke about earlier. Maybe hunting isn't as convenient as it once was, but it's still very possible. This is still a great place to live. Lets just remember in this discussion to keep an eye on the real issue which will benefit most sportsmen, providing more ACCESS.

That concludes my prepared comments, if you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them. Thank you.

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Honorable Chairman Senator Tom Fischer and Committee Members,

The purpose of my testimony here today is to urge you to vote against HR 1358. My particular problem with this bill is the limit on the number of days a non-resident may hunt with the purchase of an upland game license. The bill would limit hunting by non-residents to 2-5 day periods or one 10 day period per \$85 license. Additional licenses can be purchased for another \$85. Take for example if my son who lives in Minnesota comes home for the upland game opener in September and the pheasant opener in October, there goes the two 5 day periods. Hopefully he will get drawn for a deer license in November and if he wants to go pheasant or upland hunting then he needs another \$85 license. If he would come home for Thanksgiving he would use up the 2nd 5 day period of the 2nd license. Typically he can come for Christmas and New Years for a week vacation and now he has to buy another \$85 license. This now costs \$255 to hunt for a season instead of the \$75 in 2002. What sort of message are we anding to return visitors to North Dakota? This is your penalty for leaving?

In my opinion this bill further discourages the recreational hunter from coming back to North Dakota. The high rollers who pay \$350 per dog for airline tickets and \$150 per gun per day to a lease hunting service could care less about the \$85. The common hourly wage earner is being shut out again. We are telling them we don't want you back-you don't make enough money to suit us here in North Dakota.

Over crowding and lack of game to hunt is not such a problem here in North Dakota as the vocal minority would lead us to believe. We have plenty of game birds on our land and only have problems with the "slob" hunters. Most times our problems are with North Dakota hunters or "road hunters." This is the area that needs more attention. This bill does nothing to address those problems. Therefore I respectfully urge you to vote "do not pass" as your committee recommendation on this bill.

Thank you,

you have any questions for me?

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Testimony for HB 1358 Dealing with Hunting and Fishing Licenses Fees

- 1. This bill provides a new nonresident license structure. It appears that Game and Fish will be able to implement these changes with little difficulty.
- 2. There are some items that may have been overlooked that we need to bring to your attention. These are:
- A. Section 5 increases the cost of the habitat restoration stamp from five to ten dollars. It does not change the fee for the habitat portion of the resident combination license. This fee is set in NDCC 20.1-03-12(41). It should be increased from twenty seven to thirty-two dollars. This combination license is a package of licenses that includes resident fishing, general game and habitat, small game and furbearer licenses. Since combination licenses for 2003 are already available and many will be sold in the next few weeks, the effective date for this should be April 1, 2004 as stated in section 8.
- B. On page 9, lines 23 thru 27 states that a portion of the fishing license fees must be used for improving habitat access. This was probably done by error and this wording should be removed.
- C. On page 5, lines 29 thru 31, it states, "Fifteen dollars of each nonresident small game license hunting license fee and seventy-five dollars of each nonresident waterfowl hunting license fee must be used for improving habitat access." It is requested that this wording be removed. Game and Fish is and will be spending far more than this for hunting access programs. Designating fees like this significantly increases the accounting and audit work for the Department and it really accomplishes nothing. In Section 6 this bill appropriates \$3,000,000 for PLOTS program. The bill also has a legislative intent section on this.

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Hunting License Fee Comparison for 2002

·	Resident Small Game	Resident Deer	Nonresident Small Game	Nonresident Small Game & Waterfowl	Nonresident Deer
Minnesota	\$27.00	\$26.00	\$83.00	\$88.00	\$126.00
South Dakota	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$100.00	\$205.00	\$155.00
North Dakota	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$85.00	\$95.00	\$170.00
Nebraska	\$24.00	\$25.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$175.00
Wyoming	\$25.00	\$28.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$220.00
Montana	\$10.00	\$13.00	\$117.00	\$167.00	\$325.00
Average	\$21.33	\$23.67	\$87.50	\$115.83 ·	\$195.17

Minnesota resident small game includes small game license(\$17) plus waterfowl stamp(\$5) plus pheasant stamp(\$5)

North Dakota Deer hunters need a certificate and general game and habitat license costing \$9. This is included in the small game license cost but not the deer license cost.

Nebraska hunters must purchase one \$13 habitat stamp. This cost is included on the chart for small game license cost, but is not included in the deer license cost.

Wyoming hunters must purchase one \$10 conservation stamp. This cost is included on the chart for small game, licenses, but is not included in the deer license cost.

Montana hunters must purchase one \$7 Conservation License. The cost is included on the chart for small game licenses. The deer license is a combination fishing, small game and deer licenses. Separate deer licenses are not available. A nonres waterfowl hunter needs only a \$50 license + \$7 conservation stamp.

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