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2003 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1391

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1391

House Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 30, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	xx		1,200-4885
Committee Clerk Signature <i>E. M. Myers</i>			

Minutes:

Chair Nelson: Opened the hearing on HB 1311 relating to big game hunting license fees; to provide a penalty; and to provide an effective date.

Rep. DeKrey: This bill is my attempt to try to provide more hunter access during deer season.

Rep. Nottestad: The cost would be too prohibitive on this bill.

Mike Donahue: Testified against HB 1391. (See Attached Testimony).

Harold Neameyer: Cass County Wildlife Club. (See Attached Testimony).

Rep. Keiser: Both of your organizations have come up here and said you like the concept, however you do not care for this idea. Is there an idea you both like?

Dennis Daniel: Citizen. Discussed block management system in Montana.

Rep. Porter: Discussed the coupon system in Wyoming. How do you stop the landowner from just demanding coupon for access.

Dennis Daniel: You are signing your name. You are in trouble if your name is not on the list.

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House Natural Resources Committee

Bill/Resolution Number HB 1391

Hearing Date January 30, 2003

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

Dean Hildebrand: Testified

Chuck Damshen: Farmer/landowner. Testified on HB 1391.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1391

House Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 30, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	xx		-3,485
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Eli Meyer</i>			

Minutes:

Chair Nelson reopens hearing on HB 1391. Seconded by **Rep. Hanson**.

Passed by Voice vote.

Rep. Kelser motioned a **Do Pass with Amendments**. Seconded by **Rep. Hanson**. The motion carries by a vote of 11-1-2. **Rep. Porter** will carry.

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FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
04/10/2003

Amendment to: HB 1391

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$250,000		\$250,000
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

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

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

This \$45 increase in nonresident big game hunting license fees would be applied to about 2,800 big game archery and gun licenses each year.

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 forty-five dollar increase in the big game license fee would increase game and fish revenue by about \$125,000 per year based on 2,800 licenses. The total revenue increase for the biennium would be about \$250,000.

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

Name:	Paul Schadewald	Agency:	ND Game and Fish Department
Phone Number:	328-6328	Date Prepared:	04/11/2003

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FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
03/24/2003

Amendment to: HB 1391

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
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Expenditures						
Appropriations						

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B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

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Phone Number:	328-6328	Date Prepared:	03/24/2003

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FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
02/04/2003

Amendment to: HB 1391

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

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

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. Narrative: *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

This \$5 increase in license fees would be applied to about 100,000 big game licenses each year.

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 five dollar increase in the big game license fee would increase game and fish revenue by about \$500,000 per year based on 90,000 gun lottery tags(not gratis) and 10,000 archery tags. The total revenue increase for the biennium would be about \$1,000,000.

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

Name:	Paul Schadewald	Agency:	ND Game and Fish Department
Phone Number:	328-6328	Date Prepared:	02/04/2003

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FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/28/2003

REVISION

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1391

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$505,000		\$1,000,000
Expenditures				\$400,000		\$800,000
Appropriations				\$0		\$0

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

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. Narrative: *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

This is a new system and it is difficult to predict the number of coupons that will be returned. Landowners will get payments for deer harvested on their land. Hunters who take deer on public land or do not take a deer can send in their own coupon for a \$5 refund.

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 five dollar increase in the big game license fee would increase game and fish revenue by about \$505,000 per year based on 90,000 gun lottery tags(not gratis) and 11,000 archery tags. This would be for only one year of the 2003-2005 biennium.

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

Initially there will be major computer and printing costs. This will be less after the first year. Each year there will be administrative costs to process the coupon payments. The estimated first year setup and administrative costs are \$100,000.

If appropriations are provided, there will be a maximum of about \$550,000 in payments made for coupons for each year. As written, gratis license holders will also qualify for \$5 coupon payments even though they do not pay for their license. A certain percentage of the coupons will not be returned, but this number is not know.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive*

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budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

No appropriation is provided in this bill to make the coupon payments to the landowners. About \$500,000 will be needed for the fall of 2004 deer hunting license coupons if this is passed.

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Phone Number:	328-6328	Date Prepared:	01/28/2003

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FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/21/2003

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1391

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$505,000		\$1,000,000
Expenditures				\$390,000		\$640,000
Appropriations				\$0		\$0

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

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. Narrative: *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

This is a new system and it is difficult to predict the number of coupons that will be returned. \$290,000 is the highest amount possible for annual payments if almost all the coupons for deer taken on private land are returned.

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 five dollar increase in the big game license fee would increase game and fish revenue by about \$505,000 per year based on 90,000 gun lottery tags(not gratis) and 11,000 archery tags. This would be for only one year of the 2003-2005 biennium.

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

Initially there will be major computer and printing costs. This will be less after the first year. Each year there will be administrative costs to process the coupon payments. The estimated first year setup and administrative costs are \$100,000.

If appropriations are provided, there will be a maximum of about \$290,000 in payments made for coupons for each year. This assumes that 80% of the deer are taken on private land and that there is 75% hunter success.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

No appropriation is provided in this bill to make the coupon payments to the landowners. About \$290,000 will be needed for the fall of 2004 deer hunting license coupons if this is passed.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1391

Page 1, line 1, after "A Bill" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to big game hunting license fees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-03-12. Schedule of fees for licenses and permits. The various license and permit fees are as follows:

1. For a resident, age sixteen and over, small game hunting license, six dollars.
2. For a nonresident small game hunting license, seventy-five dollars.
3. For a resident big game hunting license, ~~twenty~~ twenty-five dollars, except the fee for a licensee under age sixteen is ~~ten~~ fifteen dollars, except as provided in a gubernatorial proclamation issued pursuant to section 20.1-08-04.1.
4. For a nonresident big game hunting license, one hundred ~~fifty-five~~ sixty dollars, and for a nonresident bow license, one hundred ~~fifty-five~~ sixty dollars, and a nonrefundable five dollar application fee must accompany any lottery license fee under this subsection, except as provided in a gubernatorial proclamation issued pursuant to section 20.1-08-04.1.
5. For a resident fur-bearer license, seven dollars.
6. For a resident fishing license, ten dollars, except that for a resident sixty-five years or over or a resident totally or permanently disabled, the license fee is three dollars.
7. For a nonresident fishing license, twenty-five dollars.
8. For a nonresident short-term seven-day fishing license, fifteen dollars.
9. For a resident husband and wife fishing license, fourteen dollars.
10. For a nonresident nongame hunting license, fifteen dollars.
11. For a wild turkey permit, eight dollars.
12. For an annual general game license, three dollars.
13. For a permit to propagate, domesticate, or possess protected wildlife, five dollars.
14. For a license to a nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs, or that person's agent, the amount that the nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs would pay for a nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs license or

comparable license in that person's state of residence, or fifty dollars, whichever is greater.

15. For a license to a resident buyer or shipper of green furs, eight dollars for each place of business maintained by that person within this state.
16. For a license to a resident traveling agent, buyer, or shipper of green furs, twenty dollars.
17. For an annual license to practice taxidermy, twenty-five dollars.
18. For a permit to ship, by a person having a resident hunting license, during the respective open seasons, not to exceed in any one season twenty-five game birds, to points within this state other than that person's home or to points outside this state, three dollars.
19. For a permit to make collections of protected birds and animals for scientific purposes, ten dollars.
20. For a motorboat certificate of number and license: Each motorboat under sixteen feet [4.88 meters] in length, and all canoes, regardless of length, powered by a motor, twelve dollars. Each motorboat sixteen feet [4.88 meters] in length and over but shorter than twenty feet [6.1 meters] in length, excluding canoes, twenty-four dollars. Each motorboat twenty feet [6.1 meters] in length or over excluding canoes, thirty-three dollars.
21. To operate watercraft used for hire, the following license fees apply for three years:
 - Class 1. Each craft capable of carrying two adults of average weight, six dollars.
 - Class 2. Each craft capable of carrying three adults of average weight, six dollars.
 - Class 3. Each craft capable of carrying four adults of average weight, six dollars.
 - Class 4. Each craft capable of carrying five adults of average weight, six dollars.
 - Class 5. Each craft capable of carrying up to eight adults of average weight, nine dollars.
 - Class 6. Each craft capable of carrying up to ten adults of average weight, twelve dollars.
 - Class 7. Each craft capable of carrying up to fifteen adults of average weight, twenty-four dollars.
 - Class 8. Each craft capable of carrying sixteen or more adults of average weight, thirty dollars.
22. For the taking of undesirable fish from the waters of this state pursuant to section 20.1-06-05, fifteen dollars for each hoop-net or trap, and fifteen dollars for each seine of fifty feet [15.24 meters] or any fraction thereof.
23. For a license to erect, have, and maintain on the ice in this state a fishhouse used or to be used to protect one while ice fishing or a dark house used or to be used for spearfishing, ten dollars for each unit.
24. For a resident paddlefish tag annual license, three dollars per tag.
25. For a nonresident paddlefish tag annual license, seven dollars and fifty cents per tag.

26. For an annual resident license to sell minnows or other live bait at wholesale, thirty dollars.
27. For an annual license to sell minnows or other live bait at retail, fifteen dollars, except the fee is seventy-five dollars if white suckers are sold.
28. For an annual license to operate a private fish hatchery, seventy-five dollars.
29. For a resident commercial frog license, fifty dollars.
30. For a nonresident commercial frog license, two hundred dollars.
31. For a resident frog license, three dollars.
32. For a resident husband and wife frog license, five dollars.
33. For a shooting preserve operating permit:
 - a. One hundred dollars, if the shooting preserve consists of an area of six hundred forty acres [259 hectares] or less; or
 - b. One hundred dollars, if the shooting preserve consists of an area of more than six hundred forty acres [259 hectares], plus fifty cents per acre [.40 hectare] for each acre [.40 hectare] over six hundred forty acres [259 hectares].
34. For an annual license to guide for both hunting and fishing, one hundred fifty dollars.
35. For an annual license to guide only for hunting, one hundred dollars.
36. For an annual license to guide only for fishing, one hundred dollars.
37. For a nonresident waterfowl hunting license, ten dollars.
38. For a nonresident husband and wife fishing license, thirty-five dollars.
39. For a nonresident short-term three-day fishing license, ten dollars.
40. For a nonresident fur-bearer and nongame hunting license, twenty-five dollars.
41. For a combination license, twenty-seven dollars.
42. For a white-tailed deer license sold to certified guides or outfitters and provided by them to nonresidents, two hundred fifty dollars.
43. For a resident swan license, five dollars.
44. For a nonresident swan license, twenty-five dollars.
45. For a resident and nonresident sandhill crane license, five dollars.
46. For a resident commercial clam license, one hundred dollars.
47. For a nonresident commercial clam license, one thousand dollars.

Dorinda Halliwell
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48. For a commercial clam dealer's permit, two thousand dollars. In addition, the applicant shall submit to the director a surety bond in the sum of two thousand dollars.
49. For an annual nonresident license to sell minnows or other live bait at wholesale, two hundred dollars.
50. For a bighorn sheep license issued to a nonresident, five hundred dollars.
51. For a nonresident reciprocal trapping license, two hundred fifty dollars.
52. For a nonresident spring white goose license, fifty dollars.
53. For a resident certificate fee, one dollar, and for a nonresident certificate fee, two dollars. An agent may not charge a service fee for issuing a resident or nonresident certificate fee.

The fees for these licenses and permits, except for motorboat license fees, must be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the game and fish fund. Five dollars of each resident big game hunting license fee and five dollars of each nonresident big game hunting license fee must be used for the private land open to sportsmen program.

Initiative

Renumber accordingly

Dennis Hall
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10/3/03
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Date: 1/30/03
Roll Call Vote #: 1391

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1391

House House Natural Resources Committee

☐ Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass as Amended

Motion Made By Heiser Seconded By Porter

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Jon O. Nelson	✓				
Vice-Chairman Todd Porter	✓				
Rep. Byron Clark	✓				
Rep. Duane DeKrey	✓				
Rep. David Drovdal		✓			
Rep. Lyle Hanson	✓				
Rep. Bob Hunsakor	✓				
Rep. Dennis Johnson	✓				
Rep. George Keiser	✓				
Rep. Scott Kelsh	✓				
Rep. Frank Klein	✓				
Rep. Mike Norland	✓				
Rep. Darrell Nottestad	✓				
Rep. Dorvan Solberg					

Total (Yes) 11 No 1

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Porter

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

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 3, 2003 11:15 a.m.

Module No: HR-20-1515
Carrier: Porter
Insert LC: 30563.0101 Title: .0200

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1391: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Nelson, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 1 NAY, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1391 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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furs would pay for a nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs license or comparable license in that person's state of residence, or fifty dollars, whichever is greater.

15. For a license to a resident buyer or shipper of green furs, eight dollars for each place of business maintained by that person within this state.
16. For a license to a resident traveling agent, buyer, or shipper of green furs, twenty dollars.
17. For an annual license to practice taxidermy, twenty-five dollars.
18. For a permit to ship, by a person having a resident hunting license, during the respective open seasons, not to exceed in any one season twenty-five game birds, to points within this state other than that person's home or to points outside this state, three dollars.
19. For a permit to make collections of protected birds and animals for scientific purposes, ten dollars.
20. For a motorboat certificate of number and license: Each motorboat under sixteen feet [4.88 meters] in length, and all canoes, regardless of length, powered by a motor, twelve dollars. Each motorboat sixteen feet [4.88 meters] in length and over but shorter than twenty feet [6.1 meters] in length, excluding canoes, twenty-four dollars. Each motorboat twenty feet [6.1 meters] in length or over excluding canoes, thirty-three dollars.
21. To operate watercraft used for hire, the following license fees apply for three years:
 - Class 1. Each craft capable of carrying two adults of average weight, six dollars.
 - Class 2. Each craft capable of carrying three adults of average weight, six dollars.
 - Class 3. Each craft capable of carrying four adults of average weight, six dollars.
 - Class 4. Each craft capable of carrying five adults of average weight, six dollars.
 - Class 5. Each craft capable of carrying up to eight adults of average weight, nine dollars.
 - Class 6. Each craft capable of carrying up to ten adults of average weight, twelve dollars.
 - Class 7. Each craft capable of carrying up to fifteen adults of average weight, twenty-four dollars.
 - Class 8. Each craft capable of carrying sixteen or more adults of average weight, thirty dollars.
22. For the taking of undesirable fish from the waters of this state pursuant to section 20.1-06-05, fifteen dollars for each hoop-net or trap, and fifteen dollars for each seine of fifty feet [15.24 meters] or any fraction thereof.
23. For a license to erect, have, and maintain on the ice in this state a fishhouse used or to be used to protect one while ice fishing or a dark house used or to be used for spearfishing, ten dollars for each unit.
24. For a resident paddlefish tag annual license, three dollars per tag.

25. For a nonresident paddlefish tag annual license, seven dollars and fifty cents per tag.
26. For an annual resident license to sell minnows or other live bait at wholesale, thirty dollars.
27. For an annual license to sell minnows or other live bait at retail, fifteen dollars, except the fee is seventy-five dollars if white suckers are sold.
28. For an annual license to operate a private fish hatchery, seventy-five dollars.
29. For a resident commercial frog license, fifty dollars.
30. For a nonresident commercial frog license, two hundred dollars.
31. For a resident frog license, three dollars.
32. For a resident husband and wife frog license, five dollars.
33. For a shooting preserve operating permit:
 - a. One hundred dollars, if the shooting preserve consists of an area of six hundred forty acres [259 hectares] or less; or
 - b. One hundred dollars, if the shooting preserve consists of an area of more than six hundred forty acres [259 hectares], plus fifty cents per acre [.40 hectare] for each acre [.40 hectare] over six hundred forty acres [259 hectares].
34. For an annual license to guide for both hunting and fishing, one hundred fifty dollars.
35. For an annual license to guide only for hunting, one hundred dollars.
36. For an annual license to guide only for fishing, one hundred dollars.
37. For a nonresident waterfowl hunting license, ten dollars.
38. For a nonresident husband and wife fishing license, thirty-five dollars.
39. For a nonresident short-term three-day fishing license, ten dollars.
40. For a nonresident fur-bearer and nongame hunting license, twenty-five dollars.
41. For a combination license, twenty-seven dollars.
42. For a white-tailed deer license sold to certified guides or outfitters and provided by them to nonresidents, two hundred fifty dollars.
43. For a resident swan license, five dollars.
44. For a nonresident swan license, twenty-five dollars.
45. For a resident and nonresident sandhill crane license, five dollars.

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46. For a resident commercial clam license, one hundred dollars.
47. For a nonresident commercial clam license, one thousand dollars.
48. For a commercial clam dealer's permit, two thousand dollars. In addition, the applicant shall submit to the director a surety bond in the sum of two thousand dollars.
49. For an annual nonresident license to sell minnows or other live bait at wholesale, two hundred dollars.
50. For a bighorn sheep license issued to a nonresident, five hundred dollars.
51. For a nonresident reciprocal trapping license, two hundred fifty dollars.
52. For a nonresident spring white goose license, fifty dollars.
53. For a resident certificate fee, one dollar, and for a nonresident certificate fee, two dollars. An agent may not charge a service fee for issuing a resident or nonresident certificate fee.

The fees for these licenses and permits, except for motorboat license fees, must be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the game and fish fund. Five dollars of each resident big game hunting license fee and five dollars of each nonresident big game hunting license fee must be used for the private land open to sportsmen program.

Renumber accordingly

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1391

Senate Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3-⁶7-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1			26.9 - 46.9
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Janet James</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Thomas Fischer, Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee opened the hearing on HB 1391 relating to big game hunting license fees.

All members of the committee were present.

Representative Duane DeKrey of District 14 cosponsor of HB 1391 presented the bill to help relations between land owners and hunters. This bill adds a \$5.00 fee on a license which go to helping provide places for people to hunt. The bill will need to be amended because some issues have risen since the bill was in the house. There is some disagreement whether it is proportional and fair between residents and non residents. As the bill reads, the money will now go to the PLOTS program and it should go to the Private Land Initiative (PLI).

Dennis Daniel testified on HB 1391 stating that with amendments he could support it. This started as a coupon bill where the hunter would have a \$5.00 coupon and would give it to the land owner and in turn he sent it into the Game & Fish and then receive \$5.00. Now the bill

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comes in this way and thinks it is unfair. Raise the fee evenly across the board, youth, resident and non resident alike.

David Munsch testified on HB 1391 stating that fees for non residents should be proportional because now it is unfair.

Roger Rustvet, Deputy Director of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department testified on HB 1391 in a neutral opposition stating they have concerns now as the bill is written. The basic concepts of the bill is that it raises all the license fees for deer hunting by \$5.00 and the money then goes into the PLOTS (Private Land Open To Sportsman) program. This will probably raise about \$1 million for the access program, but what it really does is take money from the deer program who do not have access problems and subsidizes the upland game and waterfowl access programs. To be fair the money generated should go to deer access programs. This bill raises the fee by \$5.00 and if passed HB 1358 will also raise the fee \$5.00 for the habitat stamp.

Senator Stanley Lyson stated his area farmers do want license fees increased as this could reduce the number of license sold and they want the deer numbers down.

Written testimony was passed out to the committee from **Mike Donahue** of the the United sportsmen of North Dakota and the N.D. Wildlife Federation and **Harold Neameyer** of the Cass Caounyt Wildlife Club. (See attached).

Senator Fischer closed the hearing on HB 1391.

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1391

Senate Natural Resources Committee

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Hearing Date 3-21-03 Discussion and Action

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	10.6 - 30.0
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jeanet James</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Thomas Fischer opened the discussion on HB 1391.

All members of the committee were present except **Senator Michael Every**.

Discussion was held as to the amendment that had been proposed.

Clarification was made that the Private Lands Initiative (PLI) has 10 programs under it, including PLOTS, Coverlots, etc. A change should be made from PLOTS to PLI in the bill so that the increase in fees will go to the purposes related to big game.

Senator Joel Heltkamp made a motion to accept the amendment to make the change to PLI,

Senator Layton Freborg second the motion.

Roll call vote #1 was taken indicating 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS AND 1 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Senator Ben Tollefson made a motion for a Do Pass as Amended and rereferred to

Appropriations of HB 1391.

Senator John Traynor second the motion.

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Discussion was held as to the fee increase of \$5.00 for both resident and nonresident hunters and if this is fair. If the idea is to generate money maybe the fees should be different.

The motions were withdrawn.

Senator Heitkamp made a motion to amend the HB 1391 to take out the overstrike with anything to do with residents so their fees stay the same and increase nonresident fee to \$200.00.

On Page 5, Line 5 , overstrike "\$5.00 of each resident big game hunting license fee and" and leave in "\$45.00 of each nonresident big game hunting license fee must be used for the Private Lands Initiative"

Senator Freborg second the motion.

Roll call vote # 3 was taken indicating 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS AND 1 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Senator Heitkamp made a motion for a Do Pass as Amended and rereferred to Appropriations.

Senator Freborg second the motion.

Roll call vote #4 was taken indicating 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS AND 1 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Senator Heitkamp will carry HB 1391.

Senator Fischer closed the discussion on HB 1391.

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March 21, 2003

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1391

Page 1, line 10, remove the overstrike over "~~twenty~~" and remove "twenty-five"

Page 1, line 11, remove the overstrike over "~~ten~~" and remove "fifteen"

Page 1, line 13, overstrike "one" and insert immediately thereafter "two" and remove "sixty"

Page 1, line 14, overstrike "one" and insert immediately thereafter "two" and remove "sixty"

Page 5, line 5, replace "Five dollars of each resident" with "Forty-five"

Page 5, line 6, remove "big game hunting license fee and five"

Page 5, line 7, replace "open to sportsmen program" with "initiative"

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Date: 3-21-03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

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Senate Senate Natural Resources Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken To Amend Page 5, Line 7 - to PLI

Motion Made By Heithaus Seconded By F. M. Long

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Thomas Fischer	✓		Senator Michael A. Every		
Senator Ben Tollefson	✓		Senator Joel C. Heitkamp	✓	
Senator Layton Freborg	✓				
Senator Stanley W. Lyson	✓				
Senator John T. Traynor	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 1

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Date: 3-21-83
Roll Call Vote #: 2

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Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken Do Pass as Amended + Referred to Apprs.

Motion Made By Tolliver Seconded By Traynor

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Total (Yes) No

Absent

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Roll Call Vote #: 3

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Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken Amend. - overstrike #5 on Page 5

Motion Made By Guthrie Seconded By Fall. Freborg

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Thomas Fischer	✓		Senator Michael A. Every		
Senator Ben Tollefson	✓		Senator Joel C. Heitkamp	✓	
Senator Layton Freborg	✓				
Senator Stanley W. Lyson	✓				
Senator John T. Traynor	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 1

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Roll Call Vote #: 4

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Senate Senate Natural Resources Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass as Amended & Rerefer

Motion Made By Heithaus Seconded By Foll Freborg

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Thomas Fischer	✓		Senator Michael A. Every		
Senator Ben Tollefson	✓		Senator Joel C. Heitkamp	✓	
Senator Layton Freborg	✓				
Senator Stanley W. Lyson	✓				
Senator John T. Traynor	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 1

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 21, 2003 2:51 p.m.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1391, 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** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1391 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 10, remove the overstrike over "~~twenty~~" and remove "twenty-five"

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1391

Senate Appropriations Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 26, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
#1		x	0 -1316
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jan Henderson</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Holmberg, chairman reconvened the meeting.

The hearing on HB 1391 was opened (#76)

Senator Holmberg reminded everyone to make sure they were looking at the fiscal note dated 3/24/03 which is after the Senate (#95 --did he mean House?) amendments to the bill, it is a \$250,000 impact.

Roger Ross, Deputy director of State Game & Fish department (#110). The fiscal note carries a fiscal note of \$250,000 for the biennium, which is based on \$45.00 license fee increase for non residents which will currently affect about 2800 licenses. There is a similar bill out there, that deals with non resident license fees which has a negative fiscal note it drops the deer licenses to \$50.00 for non residents for anything after the second drawing. These licenses are only in the 1st drawing or the archery tags.

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Senator Christmann (#427) Clarification: If we pass this bill, resident license stay at \$20.00, but the non resident go from \$155 to \$260? **Roger** replied that the non resident goes to \$200, it is a \$45 increase and the bill earmarks the money to go to the private lands programs, which means it goes back to be spent to the landowners for habitat or access improvements. **Senator Christmann:** All this bill does is raise the fee \$45.00 and putting that money toward the PLOTS?

Roger agreed.

David Munsch (#511) no written testimony. He talked about a gentleman that bought some land in North Dakota (he was retired military and from Arlington Virginia), got a bill passed in ND so that he could get a deer license to hunt here. David felt that these people only pay some land taxes and the residents pay taxes all year on everything. So he felt that non-resident fees should pay a higher fee.

Dennis Daniel (#677), no written testimony submitted. Was in favor of HB 1391, thought the non residents should pay the added fee.

(#834) **Senator Holmberg** greeted the **Larimore students** who sat in for some of the hearings.

(#862) **Mike Donahue**, ND. Wildlife Federation and the United Sportsmen of N.D., no written testimony submitted. He was in favor of HB 1391.

Senator Christmann (#893) Wasn't a bill just passed yesterday that will put a couple of million dollars into PLOTS program. Is it that important to get this money also? **Mike** replied that even though this money will go to the Public Land program, it wasn't being looked at that, it was just to get the tags prices up. Just to charge what the market will bear, which is what other states are charging.

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Senator Andrist (#1003) Will it be more difficult for kids to come home to hunt? **Answer:**
MIKE No

These are for the lottery drawings.

Senator Bowman: Can this money be used to buy private land? **Answer (MIKE):** Originally the bill read for the PLOTS program, buying land he couldn't answer that, the Game & fish would have to get permission to buy land from the Legislature and they normally don't buy private land. With no other testimony before the committee, the hearing on HB 1391 was closed #1204

Motion by **Senator Mathern**, seconded by **Senator Kringstad** for a **DO PASS**. Roll Call vote was taken and is attached. 10 yes, 4 no, 0 absent. Motion carried. Bill is returned to Natural Resources for carrying.

Voting closed #1316.

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1391

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO PASS - (as amended tangrossen)

Motion Made By Mathun Seconded By Kringstad

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Holmberg, Chairman	✓				
Senator Bowman, Vice Chair		✓			
Senator Grindberg, Vice Chair	✓				
Senator Andrist		✓			
Senator Christmann		✓			
Senator Kilzer	✓				
Senator Krauter	✓				
Senator Kringstad	✓				
Senator Lindaas	✓				
Senator Mathern	✓				
Senator Robinson	✓				
Senator Schobinger		✓			
Senator Tallackson	✓				
Senator Thane	✓				

Total (Yes) 10 No 4

Absent _____

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 26, 2003 10:38 a.m.

Module No: SR-54-5788
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1391, as engrossed and amended: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1391, as amended, was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1391

House Natural Resources Committee

☒ Conference Committee

Hearing Date April 8, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		xx	0-467
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jim M...</i>			

Minutes:

Chair DeKrey called the meeting to order.

Sen. Heitkamp: The \$5 on the out of state stayed. The instate was removed. The money will go to the PLI. We increased it \$200 for the nonresident. We are still below the market rate of our neighbors.

Rep. DeKrey: You need an amendment for when the season starts.

Dean Hildebrand: Testified that there needs to be an intent for this season so the tags can be printed up before August.

Sen. Tollefson moved an amendment to add an emergency clause, seconded by **Rep. Johnson**.

Passed by voice vote.

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Adopted by the Natural Resources
Conference Committee
April 8, 2003

Conference Committee Amendments to Engrossed HB 1391 - 04/08/2003

That the House accede to the Senate amendments as printed on page 1107 of the House Journal and page 874 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1391 be further amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after "fees" insert "; and to declare an emergency"

Conference Committee Amendments to Engrossed HB 1391 - 04/08/2003

Page 5, after line 7, insert:

"SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

Deanna Halliwell
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10/3/03
Date

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REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
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(Bill Number) 1391 (, as (re)engrossed):

Your Conference Committee

For the Senate:

Sen Tolleson Y
Sen Traynor Y
Sen Heitkamp Y

For the House:

Rep. DeHoy Y
Rep. Johnson Y
Rep. Solberg Y

[X] recommends that the (SENATE/HOUSE) (ACCEDE to) (RECEDE from)
the (Senate/House) amendments on (SJ/HJ) page(s) -

[] and place on the Seventh order.

[X], adopt (further) amendments as follows, and place
1391 on the Seventh order:

[] having been unable to agree, recommends that the committee be discharged
and a new committee be appointed.

((Re)Engrossed) 1391 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the
calendar.

DATE: / /

CARRIER: DeHoy

LC NO. of amendment

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Emergency clause added or deleted [X]

Statement of purpose of amendment

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REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (420)
April 8, 2003 4:01 p.m.

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REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1391, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Tollefson, Traynor, Heltkamp and Reps. DeKrey, D. Johnson, Solberg) recommends that the **SENATE ACCEDE** to the Senate amendments on HJ pages 1107-874 and place HB 1391 on the Seventh order.

That the House accede to the Senate amendments as printed on page 1107 of the House Journal and page 874 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1391 be further amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after "fees" Insert "; and to declare an emergency"

Page 5, after line 7, Insert:

"SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

Engrossed HB 1391 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

2003 TESTIMONY

HB 1391

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Testimony
HB 1391
House Natural Resources Committee
by Mike Donahue (Lobbyist 215)
January 31, 2003

The North Dakota Wildlife Federation and the United Sportsmen of North urge a **Do Not Pass** for this bill.

We appreciate the intention of the bill, however:

1. How do you certify at line 21 the "...takes or kills a deer."?
2. What is the administrative cost?
3. What about gratis tags?
4. What about deer taken on public land?

Overall, there are too many 'what's.'

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North Dakota Game and Fish Department
Testimony for HB 1391 Dealing with Landowner Coupons

1. North Dakota has not had significant fee hunting problems with deer hunting like we have had for pheasants and waterfowl. Landowners generally understand that they need to let hunters in so they do not have too many deer. This coupon system starts fee hunting for deer and it will probably grow with time. If landowners want to charge for hunting, they can do it by collecting directly from the hunters. This is not a bill that the ND Game and Fish Department can support.
2. Administration of this system will be a major challenge. There will be 100,000 coupons or more each year. Tens of thousands will be returned for payment. Data entry and IRS record keeping will be major jobs. The state will have to prepare and deliver tens of thousands of checks and many of the checks would be for \$5. Note that landowners would not be the only ones who could turn in coupons for payment. Individual hunters who did not take a deer or who hunted on public land could also request five dollar payments for their coupons.
3. As written, this bill requires that coupons be put on gratis/no cost licenses. These license holders would not pay anything of their license, but would be eligible for a \$5 payment if they turned in their coupon. I suspect this is not the intent of the sponsors.
4. No appropriation is provided so Game and Fish can make payments for the coupons.

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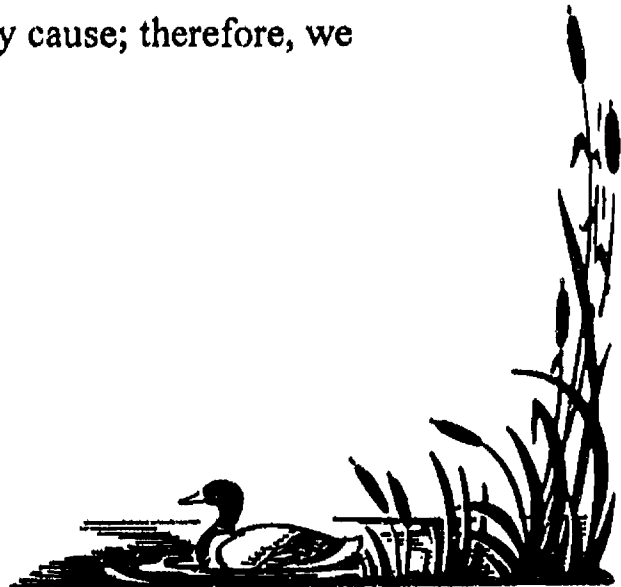
TESTIMONY OF HAROLD NEAMEYER
CASS COUNTY WILDLIFE CLUB
PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE
ON HB 1391, JANUARY 30, 2003

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am Harold Neameyer speaking on behalf of the Cass County Wildlife Club. The Cass County Wildlife Club is opposed to HB 1391. The intent to provide some financial support to landowners is admirable; however providing only \$5.00 is not an amount that will make a difference one way or another.

There may be misuse of the funds because there is no verification of where an animal was harvested. Are gratis licenses included? The administrative paper work would necessitate adding staff. For example, a hunter could recoup their own coupon cost if they harvested an animal on public land. Postage would be excessive.

There are enforcement issues that take warden's time and effort. The benefits of this bill do not offset the problems it may cause; therefore, we oppose HB 1391.



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TESTIMONY REFERENCING ENGROSSED HB 1391
By Mike Donahue, Lobbyist #215
March 6, 2003

Senate Natural Resources Committee

The United Sportsmen of North Dakota and the N.D. Wildlife Federation
urge a Do Pass for Engrossed HB 1391.

When HB 1391 was heard on the house side, we were under the impression
that the amendment to the bill would direct the dollar increases at the Private Land
Initiatives of the Department (ten programs, one of which is PLOTS). We believe
the department should have the discretion of which program(s) need the funds.

We ask that Page 5, line 7 be amended to strike "...private land open to
sportsmen." and insert Private Land Initiatives program.

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TESTIMONY OF HAROLD NEAMEYER
CASS COUNTY WILDLIFE CLUB
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE
ON HB 1391, MARCH 6, 2003

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The Cass County Wildlife Club supports HB 1391. The big game fee has not been increased for many years. The license fee is a small part of a deer hunting expense.

We would prefer that the added \$5.00 increase in fee of both resident and nonresident big game license be allowed to go to the Private Lands Initiative (PLI) rather than just the PLOTS program. We do however support the bill either way.



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