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2003 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2019

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2019

Senate Appropriations Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 8, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
#3	X		-0-6215
#3		x	2-1280
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jan Lindquist</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Holmberg, chairman called the meeting back to order. He stated that there will be a subcommittee, Senator Grindberg will be chairing the subcommittee, Senator Christmann and Senator Tallackson will be serving on the committee. Because there may be one or two other bills that may or may not impact Game and Fish, that subcommittee may not submit their report until they have more information from others.

Hopefully there will be time next week for subcommittees to start their work.

Senator Holmberg, chairman, called for testimony on SB 2019 2003-2005 Appropriation request for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

Dean Hildebrand, NDGF, testified to what his department was to do. When the Governor appointed Dean to this position he asked that Dean communicate and to grow the product (resources). Dean felt that he had done that. He gave several examples including magazines, working with farmers/ranches, etc.

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There are 8 regional boards, which Dean must meet with them regularly. His biggest request is for people asking him where to hunt.

A video was then presented that explained the PLOTS program. PLOTS stands for Private Land Open to Sportsmen. (Exhibit 1-A handout regarding video). (Meter #522 plays the video sound).

The video covered the following subjects:

---CRP Cost-sharing Plots

--Habitat Plots

--CRP Cost-share replacement

--CREP/Coverlocks

--Native Forest Plots

--Waterbank (NDGF \$\$)

--Tree Planting Cost-share Plots

--WRP Incentive Plots

--Food Plots

--Beginning Farmer Plots

Total public access available: 265,533 acres.

Dean explained that the private lands was the backbone of the game and fish department and he must do everything he can to make sure they are happy so that hunters, etc will have prime land to hunt and fish on.

Game and Fish Department brings in 1/2 billion dollars per year from hunting and fishing. The department is asking for \$500,000 for land acquisition. Some of these lands need to be purchased so that they can be preserved. One of these areas (#1350) is an area called the

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Confluence, where the Yellowstone river and the Missouri river come together, it is the footprints where Lewis & Clark walked. Under construction by the Federal government for a visitor center. Land is currently owned privately near this area, State is negotiating for this land. Would like to have it because of paddlefish and other birds that are endangered. The second piece of land is in the Killdeer mountains, wildlife management now, we have the opportunity to purchase some land next to it that is needed greatly. The 3rd area is the EWP (Emergency Water Projects). This is land along the eastern border of ND. You could put a canoe in the river at Wahpeton and go all the way up to Canadian, stopping along the way to hunt, fish, bird watch, etc. The Federal government (FEMA) has decided that this land can not longer be farmed (flooded so many times in the past). Limits on what the owner can do with the land, so the State would like to purchase these pieces of lands so they could get out and see the area between Canada and South Dakota, using either boats, horses, walking, etc. It would be like the trail in Medora.

This is Dean's vision for the \$500,000 in the budget.

Paul Schadowald, ND Game & Fish Department. Video on North Dakota Game and Fish Department 2003-2005 (Exhibit 2). Paul showed where revenue came from. (#2088)

--Federal Aid-Wildlife 22.3%

--Private land 5.4%

--Fishing related--State 11.3%

--Federal Aid-Fish 16.9%

--Hunting related-State 44.1%

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Fund Balances; (# 2199) Approximately \$22 & \$23 million dollars in our Game & Fish Fund at the end of this year. Approximately \$18 million dollars by the end of 2005.

2003-05 Budget highlights (#2311) (Exhibit #2)

--\$39,759,673 Total approved

--\$6,886,245 PLI programs with 3 full time positions

--1% + 2% January salary increase funding

--\$500,000 for land acquisition

--\$400,00 for Wildlife Services animal Damage Control

--No Waterband Funding

--\$150,000 for the Board of Animal Health

-- \$122,000 for State Parks boating facilities

--\$600,000 for Bismarck shop and storage facility

The Game & Fish Department is made up of 5 divisions: (Exhibit 2) (Meter 2627)

--Fisheries

--Wildlife

--Conservation and Communications

--Administrative

--Enforcement

Revenue: (Exhibit 2) (Meter 2880)

Resident fishing license sales

North Dakota General game license sales

Licensed Pheasant hunters

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Waterfowl hunters

Deer Gun license

Senator Holmberg, chairman (#3258): One of the issues that has been a topic of conversation is access. One of the things that the subcommittee will be looking at is the reserves that you have in your funds.

Questions: (#3340)

---Regarding the budget request of \$39.7 million vs revenue of \$36.7 million. Is there money coming out of the Trust fund to make up the difference? Answer: (#3374) It is not a trust fund but a Game & Fish operating fund. There is a \$3million difference in our revenue and spending, revenues have been increasing. Actually taking in more than we are spending because of the healthy growth.

--Grants line item--were does the \$3 million dollars come from? (On SB 2019 --Line 13).

Answer: Fisheries division gets the largest share, some goes for boating projects.

-- Land acquisition: Is the land in the Killdeer mountains, land that no one wants? Answer:

Land owners want it to go into being protected, but that the public has access to it.

---Comment regarding the private landowner vs the state or federal government purchasing land, the state or federal government can raise fees to purchase the land, but the private landowner cannot...this causes some problems between private and government. Answer: Make the agency accountable, make them go to the legislature for each land acquisition to get their approval, make them accountable, make them prove to the legislators that the land is good enough to buy.

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---Questions regarding the Federal aid Answer: If we can come up with programs that follow these guidelines, then we can get federal matching money. Anywhere from 50% to 75% federal money and the rest from state money.

---Where in the statutes are the guidelines for land purchases?

---Why the new 3 FTE's? Answer: These are people that are already on board, and are located across the state. They aren't really new FTE's. They have been approved before.

---How many wardens are in the state? Do we have enough wardens? Answer: There are 32 wardens located across the state. We do see a need to increase wardens and we are working on it. Comment: Visibility is more important than enforcement....they need to be out in the public view.

--PLOTS program--what is being done about habitat? Answer: PLOTS are conservation reserve land that are under contract with CRP and the landowner. Our department is not involved in the cover on that. Some days they are hayed, etc. We are just in the access. There are some programs that we are involved in that improves the habitat and some just access.

---Questions raised about the food that is available in the PLOTS for the birds, etc. Not just cover, but actual food.

---Question about no money in the water bank program, why? Answer: Our staff will be handling this instead of the Agriculture department. We aren't eliminating, just changing things around.

---Question about paying taxes on land. Answer: By law, Game & Fish pays the tax on the land, not the building, etc.

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--- Question about what is your top 3 or 4 items that you would want? Answer: 1. Access, 2.

Boating access to the lakes 3. Land acquisition 4. Staff.

---Question: How is the relationship between the Game & Fish and land owners in general?

Answer: A very good relationship between the two.

Tape 3 Side B (#42)

---Question: What kind of relationship is there with the federal Game & Fish? Answer:

Depends on the programs....we have a good relationship with most of them. There are some disagreements, but in general we have a good business relationship.

----Question regarding the budget request. Budget request on page 19 talks about a decrease, however everything that has been talked about today, has been an increase. Answer: We are looking at the future.

---Rumor that special interest groups purchased the tickets for hunting, but they didn't hunt, is this true? Answer: Don't think so, but it is possible.

---Another rumor is that the Game & Fish receives \$100 for every deer that is killed on the highway. This is just a rumor, it is not true.

Other testimonies:

Representative Todd Porter, District 34, Mandan testified regarding a proposed amendment to SB 2019. (Exhibit 3) (Meter #432)

Senator Holmberg (#1074) stated that Rep. Porter expanding or speeding up the PLOTS program, you have given the committee a method by which to fund it, and also the information.

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The subcommittee will be looking at this with the Department. We will be sitting on this for a while until we get a better feeling on this.

With no other testimony offered on SB 2019, the hearing was closed. (#1215).

Subcommittee will meet sometime next week.

Senate Appropriations committee was recessed until 8:30 tomorrow morning.

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2019 vote

Senate Appropriations Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-14-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	2099-3292
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Sandra Davis</i>			

Minutes: Chairman Holmberg opened the hearing to vote on SB 2019. Senator Grindberg proposed amendment (38042.103) and had a correction on line 19 from "7;00,000" to "800,00". He explained the additions of two game wardens for the department. He talked about the fee increase that passed in the House. Whose responsibility with Wildlife services recognizing budget challenges the line 19 change. (Meter 2915) With the corrected amendment, Senator Grindberg moved a do pass on the amendment with Senator Thane seconded. (Meter 3118) Joe Morrisette clarified the salary requirements. (meter 3215) A voice vote passed the amendment. (Meter 3222) There was a motion of a DO PASS AS AMENDED from Senator Grindberg and a second by Senator Thane. The roll call vote was 12 yeas 0 nay, and 0 absent. The floor assignment was Senator Grindberg. Chairman Holmberg closed the hearing to SB 2019. Meter 3292.

38042.0101
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Representative Porter
January 2, 2003

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2019

Page 1, line 2, after the semicolon insert "to provide a statement of legislative intent with respect to a short-term lease program;"

Page 2, after line 14, insert:

"SECTION 5. PRIVATE LAND OPEN TO SPORTSMEN. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the game and fish department for the purpose of increasing funding for the private land open to sportsmen program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005. The game and fish department is authorized an additional five full-time equivalent employees to carry out the private land open to sportsmen program.

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the fifty-eighth legislative assembly that the game and fish department use the funds appropriated in section 5 of this Act to create a new short-term lease program that targets the best access areas in portions of the state that are most impacted with hunting access problems within the private land open to sportsmen program."

Renumber accordingly

voice vote 2019 Amendments As corrected Grindberg Thane Date: 2-14-03 Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 38042.0102

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Grindberg Seconded By Thane

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) 13 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Grindberg

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 17, 2003 9:10 a.m.

Module No: SR-17-2867
Carrier: Grindberg
Insert LC: 38042.0103 Title: .0200

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2019: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Heltkamp, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2019 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 10, replace "15,282,264" with "15,300,190"

Page 1, line 11, replace "9,416,219" with "9,466,219"

Page 1, line 14, replace "6,886,245" with "6,881,931"

Page 1, line 18, replace "1,342,951" with "1,338,069"

Page 1, line 19, replace "400,000" with "800,000"

Page 1, line 20, replace "39,759,673" with "40,218,403"

Page 2, line 9, replace "\$400,000" with "\$800,000"

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2019 - Game and Fish Department - Senate Action

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE CHANGES	SENATE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$15,282,264	\$17,928	\$15,300,190
Operating expenses	9,416,219	50,000	9,466,219
Capital assets	2,259,944		2,259,944
Grants	3,602,050		3,602,050
Land habitat and deer depredation	6,886,245	(4,314)	6,881,931
Noxious weed control	300,000		300,000
Grants, gifts, and donations	150,000		150,000
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000		120,000
Lone-tree Reservoir	1,342,951	(4,882)	1,338,069
Wildlife services	400,000	400,000	800,000
Total all funds	\$39,759,673	\$458,730	\$40,218,403
Less estimated income	39,759,673	458,730	40,218,403
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	139.00	2.00	141.00

Dept. 720 - Game and Fish Department - Detail of Senate Changes

	REMOVES RECOMMENDED SALARY INCREASE 1	ADDS FUNDING AND 2 NEW FTE GAME WARDEN POSITIONS 2	INCREASES THE WILDLIFE SERVICES LINE ITEM 3	TOTAL SENATE CHANGES
Salaries and wages	(\$155,484)	\$173,410		\$17,928
Operating expenses		50,000		50,000
Capital assets				
Grants				
Land habitat and deer depredation	(4,314)			(4,314)
Noxious weed control				
Grants, gifts, and donations				
Nongame wildlife conservation				
Lone-tree Reservoir	(4,882)			(4,882)

(2) DESK, (3) COMM

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SR-17-2867

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Wildlife services			<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
Total all funds	(\$164,880)	\$223,410	\$400,000	\$458,730
Less estimated income	<u>(164,880)</u>	<u>223,410</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>458,730</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	2.00	0.00	2.00

- 1 This amendment removes the Governor's recommendation for state employee salary increases and retains the recommended state payment for health insurance premiums.
- 2 This amendment authorizes the addition of two new FTE game warden positions.
- 3 This amendment increases the wildlife services line item from \$400,000 to \$800,000, which is provided to the Agriculture Commissioner to pay for services provided by the United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services Agency to alleviate wildlife depredation and damage in North Dakota.

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2019

House Appropriations Committee
Government Operations Division

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date April 3, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	xx		
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Kelly Schmidt</i>			

Minutes: **Committee Work**

Chairman Carlisle called the meeting to order, roll was taken with Rep. Skarphol and Rep.

Warner absent.

Rep. Carlson moved a DO PASS on Amendment .0204, second by **Rep. Thoreson**

Rep. Carlson reviewed the Senate changes on SB 2019, and gave an overview of amendment .0204 with the committee, (see green sheet and amendment)

Rep. Carlisle asked about the FTE change, would this position be a Warden or Biologist?

Rep. Carlson This position will be Warden Status, out in the field dealing with enforcement.

Rep. Carlisle asked about the 1400 acres in Williston that Games and Fish have shown an interest in.

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Hearing Date April 4, 2003

Rep. Carlson noted there is concern with in the Kildeer Mountain area. Area farmers are against Game and Fish acquiring more land. We oppose the purchase of more land in that area. We own enough up there.

Rep. Kroeber There are two sections of land there is interest in. The Kildeer Mt. Area and an additional section, which is owned by FEMA, crops can't be grown on that land, they are currently looking at access. In reference to the Wildlife Services issue, predator management deals with coyote, fox, beaver damage in addition to raccoon, skunk and blackbirds none of which have anything to do with Game and Fish. \$400,000 is an extremely high level of funding. That is our argument, we expect a conference committee on this.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN 7 YES 0 NO 2 ABSENT (Skarphol, Warner)

MOTION CARRIES

Rep. Carlson moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED ON SB 2109, second by **Rep. Koppelman**

ROLL CALL VOTE 7 YES 0 NO 2 ABSENT (Skarphol, Warner)

MOTION CARRIES

Rep. Koppelman commented to the committee his appreciation those involved with this budget. It is nice to know we look to a special fund agency with the same "eye" as a general fund agency. I appreciate the work done.

Rep. Timm asked what their limit to the dollar amount is in there fund. They have a big reserve, yet sportsman are upset because their fees continue to increase.

Rep. Carlson commented, they are at high tide, licensing fees have exceeding spending, programs and FTE's

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Rep. Kroeber Statute requires them to maintain 10M minimum. They spend only what we allow, The fee increase is going to the PLOTS program for needed access. The department has seen a 30,000 increase in deer licenses due to the nice winters, water fowl has also seen a nonresident increase of 20,000 in the last 10 years.

Rep. Carlson noted this is a 40M budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SB 2019, 7 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT (Skarphol, Warner)

MOTION CARRIES

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1	XX	XX	
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Kelly Schmidt</i>			

Minutes: Committee Work

Chairman Carlisle called the meeting back to order, with all members present.

Rep. Carlson moved a Reconsideration on SB 2019, second by **Rep. Thoreson**, MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote

Rep. Todd Porter, District #34, Mandan addressed the committee and explained amendment .0205 on non- resident waterfowl. He addressed the zoning issues and the need to remove language.

Rep. Kroeber commented the zones are in code and with a 7 day license to hunt anywhere. Hunting is difficult to track and follow, it's just unworkable.

Rep. Skarphol asked what this amendment would accomplish?

Rep. Porter The ability to spread the pressure throughout the state in where we need to go with reference to waterfowl. The current language inhibits that.

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Rep. Carlson Our basic license is 14 days with 2- 7 day periods in a zone. With a 7 day license there is not pressure to move to a different zone.

Rep. Skarphol What does a license limit on each zone do?, this is so ambiguous.

Rep. Porter They can't effectively manage the pressure, there is no way to look at it from a pressure stand point.

Rep. Glassheim Why was it in law at 7 days

Rep. Porter I would imagine it was a give and take, you come to the state for half of the time you are given some leeway.

Rep. Warner Is it luck of the draw?

Rep. Porter Year to Year based on the water, food, crops etc., movement of the waterfowl changes. This doesn't keep people out it pushes them to decide what zone they are hunting.

Rep. Koppelman are there zones for residents?

Rep. Porter The zones are the same for all. (See map for zone outline)

Rep. Nelson This will tell us how many hunters and where they are hunting, this will give us more accurate data.

Rep. Glassheim Why didn't this get taken care of in the policy committee, why here?

Rep. Nelson it was part of SB 2048 as we anticipate the data needed. We thought it would be a stretch to include it on the remaining Game & Fish bills. I don't have a problem with this committee dealing with policy on THIS bill.

Rep. Porter I concur on THIS BILL.

Rep. Carlson moved to further amend SB 2019, amendment 38042.0205, second by Rep. Kroeber.

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ROLL CALL VOTE 7 YES 2 NO 0 ABSENT.

MOTION CARRIES.

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2019

House Appropriations Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 04-03-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X	X	30.0 - 11.3
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Chris S. Svedjan</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Svedjan Opened SB 2019 for discussion. A quorum was present.

Rep. Carlson I move amendment .0204 to SB 2019. 2nd by Rep. Thoreson.

Rep. Carlson The majority of this comes from license fee. We added a warden for guides and outfitter regulation.

Rep. Gulleeson That new warden FTE, is this related to a previous bill?

Rep. Carlson No.

Rep. Gulleeson How many total new FTE's will they receive?

Rep. Carlson 6.

Rep. Wald What is the .5 million dollars for hunting land acquisition?

Rep. Carlson They need to get budget section approval for that.

Motion Carries.

Rep. Carlson I move amendment .0205 to SB 2019. 2nd by Rep. Kroeber.

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Rep. Martinson I object to this. It will limit nonresidents by zone, not number.

Rep. Kroeber I also resist this, we are in policy with this.

Rep. Timm They eliminate a 7-day license with this.

Rep. Rennerfeldt I oppose this.

Rep. Martinson Well, I want to give this a bid "Duh." This limits out of state hunters.

Rep. Kroeber This doesn't have a cap in it. It just collects numbers and data.

Rep. Wald What about the sons and daughters of residents who come home and want to hunt?

Rep. Martinson This takes away the 7-day license.

Rep. Brusegaard The Governor can put caps on zones, and this makes all nonresidents zoned.

Its a cap.

Rep. Carlson The Governor can control this anyway.

Rep. Kroeber If they get the 14-day license, they get 7 days in one area and 7 days in another area. This is an attempt to move hunters around.

Rep. Warnke What if they're only here for 4 days? Game and Fish should be able to survey people in pickup trucks if they are capable of surveying ducks.

Motion Fails.

Rep. Carlson I move a Do Pass As Amended. 2nd by Rep. Brusegaard.

Rep. Delzer Why reduce depredation dollars?

Rep. Kroeber The majority of those damage dollars go to deal with coyotes, skunks, etc. Only \$50,000 goes to the General Fund causes.

Motion Carries 21-0-2. Rep. Carlson will carry this bill on the floor.

38042.0204
Title.
Fiscal No. 2

Prepared by the Legislative Council Staff for
Representatives Carlson and Kroeber
April 2, 2003

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2019

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Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2019 - Game and Fish Department - House Action

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Capital assets	2,259,944	2,259,944		2,259,944
Grants	3,602,050	3,602,050	(50,000)	3,552,050
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Grants, gifts, and donations	150,000	150,000		150,000
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Lone Tree Reservoir	1,342,951	1,338,069	(516)	1,337,553
Wildlife services	400,000	800,000	(400,000)	400,000
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Less estimated income	39,759,673	40,218,403	(352,640)	39,865,763
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	139.00	141.00	1.00	142.00

Dept. 720 - Game and Fish Department - Detail of House Changes

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Capital assets					
Grants			(\$50,000)		(50,000)
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Noxious weed control					
Grants, gifts, and donations					
Nongame wildlife conservation					
Lone Tree Reservoir	(516)				(516)
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General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00

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Roll Call Vote Number #1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2019

House Appropriations: Government Operations Division Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 38042.0204

Action Taken Do Pass on Amendment

Motion Made By Rep. Carlson Seconded By Rep. Thoreson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Carlisle	x				
Vice Chairman Carlson	x				
Rep. Koppelman	x				
Rep. Skarphol					
Rep. Thoreson	x				
Rep. Timm	x				
Rep. Glassheim	x				
Rep. Kroeber	x				
Rep. Warner					

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment _____

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Date:04-03-03
Roll Call Vote Number #2

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2019

House Appropriations: Government Operations Division Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 38042.0204

Action Taken Do Pass as Amended

Motion Made By Rep. Carlson Seconded By Rep. Koppelman

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Carlisle	x				
Vice Chairman Carlson	x				
Rep. Koppelman	x				
Rep. Skarphol					
Rep. Thoreson	x				
Rep. Timm	x				
Rep. Glassheim	x				
Rep. Kroeber	x				
Rep. Warner					

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Carlson

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Roll Call Vote Number #3

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2019

House Appropriations: Government Operations Division Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 38042.0204

Action Taken Reconsider SB 2019

Motion Made By Rep. Carlson Seconded By Rep. Thoreson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Carlisle					
Vice Chairman Carlson					
Rep. Koppelman					
Rep. Skarphol					
Rep. Thoreson					
Rep. Timm					
Rep. Glassheim					
Rep. Kroeber					
Rep. Warner					
VOICE VOTE					
MOTION CARRIES					

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Carlson

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Representative Carlson
April 3, 2003

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2019

Page 1, line 2, after the semicolon insert "to amend and reenact section 20.1-03-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to nonresident waterfowl licenses;"

Page 2, after line 14, insert:

"SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-03-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-03-07.1. Nonresident waterfowl hunting license required. Except as provided in sections 20.1-03-07.2 and 20.1-03-07.3, a nonresident may not hunt waterfowl unless that person first obtains a nonresident waterfowl hunting license, in addition to a nonresident small game hunting license. The nonresident waterfowl hunting license entitles the nonresident to hunt waterfowl for any period of fourteen consecutive days, ~~any period of seven consecutive days,~~ or any two periods of seven consecutive days each. A license authorizing the fourteen-day hunting period allows hunting in a specified waterfowl hunting zone. ~~A license authorizing one 7-day hunting period allows hunting statewide.~~ A license authorizing two 7-day hunting periods allows hunting in a specified zone during each period. The governor, in the governor's proclamation, shall specify various waterfowl hunting zones for which nonresident waterfowl hunting licenses will be available, and may specify the number of licenses which may be issued in each zone and the manner in which they are to be issued. A nonresident is entitled to purchase only one nonresident waterfowl hunting license per year."

Renumber accordingly

Date:04-03-03
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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2019

House Appropriations: Government Operations Division Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 38042.0205

Action Taken To Further Amend SB 2019

Motion Made By Rep. Carlson Seconded By Rep. Kroeber

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Carlisle	x				
Vice Chairman Carlson	x				
Rep. Koppelman	x				
Rep. Skarphol		x			
Rep. Thoreson	x				
Rep. Timm	x				
Rep. Glassheim	x				
Rep. Kroeber	x				
Rep. Warner		x			

Total (Yes) 7 No 2

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Representatives Carlson and Kroeber
April 2, 2003

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2019

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2019

House Appropriations: Government Operations Division Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 38042.0205, 38042.0204

Action Taken Do Pass as Amended SB 2019

Motion Made By Rep. Carlson

Seconded By Rep. Kroeber

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Carlisle	x				
Vice Chairman Carlson	x				
Rep. Koppelman	x				
Rep. Skarphol					
Rep. Thoreson	x				
Rep. Timm	x				
Rep. Glassheim	x				
Rep. Kroeber	x				
Rep. Warner	x				

Total (Yes) 8 No 1

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
April 4, 2003 12:42 p.m.

Module No: HR-61-6818
Carrier: Carlson
Insert LC: 38042.0204 Title: .0300

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2019, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Svedjan, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (21 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2019 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SB 2019

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2019

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date APRIL 11, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
#1	x		2046- end
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jan Henderson</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Grindberg, chairman, called the Conference Committee on SB 2019 to order. (#2046).

Senator Grindberg added that the record should show that all members were present, except **Senator Christmann**.

Senator Grindberg asked the House to please explain their changes to the bill. (#2064)

Representative Carlson (#2074) explained the changes. The House did not make many changes, the most major one is the Wildlife services. That has grown over the last several years, last biennium the Game and Fish put in \$400,000, this biennium there was \$100,000. The Senate added another \$400,000 from the Game & Fish Trust Fund making that total \$800,000, the House returned that \$400,000 to the Game & Fish and took the other \$400,000 (that is in the Ag budget, it was passed) so there is still the same \$800,000 in Wildlife services, just that \$400,000 is Game & Fish and \$400,000 is general fund. **Senator Grindberg** stated that the Senate would probably be in accord with that. The other only significant change in the House that **Rep.**

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Carlson stated was a amendment to the Wildlife services that **Rep. Kroeber** handed out some information on that (Exhibit #1). This is for non traditional game and for the last biennium it was \$63,000 was the contribution and this biennium it was increased to \$150,000 from the Game & Fish Fund. The House reduced that from \$150,000 to \$100,000, they looked at the various types of games and that was a good contribution for that. The last amendment that the House added was for one more game warden. The Senate had added 2 new game wardens. The House's addition of a 3rd game warden will be for the licensing and regulating of the guides and outfitters. The reason this was done was that over the years the guides have gone from 43 licensed to about 400 licensed. This is starting to be a huge part of the outdoor businesses and it is very difficult to keep a handle on all of the activities of these people. His specialty will have to be guides and outfitters, and their licensing and regulating. Those are the changes that were made to this budget. **Rep. Kroeber** (#2296) handed out exhibit #1 and gave a brief explanation of the chart and talked about the wildlife service changes. He explained the footnotes on page 3 of exhibit #2 which deals with the Wildlife services line (footnote #2) which deals with the \$400,000 that was put in by the Senate and the House moved that amount to the Agriculture Commissioner budget to pay for services provided by the United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services Agency to alleviate wildlife depredation and damage in North Dakota. He also talked about the footnote #3 regarding the reduction of grants line by \$50,000 to reflect the reduction of game and fish funds given to the Board of Animal Health from \$150,000 to \$100,000 for assistance with contagious and infectious disease of nontraditional wildlife. **Rep. Carlson** (#2592) stated if this wasn't were the talk of the fee for service language, that they would bill for actual services that they are testing, it would be a fee for services. There were

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also additional FTE's put in for the PLOTS program but they do not show up in this but where in HB 1358 which did pass and has been signed. Comments from **Senator Grindberg** regarding the number of FTE's which total 147 , House version. **Senator Christmann** arrived and **Rep.**

Carlson and **Rep. Kroeber** recapped the changes made. **Senator Christmann** (#3045) What is the total between Ag, Dept and Game & Fish on the last biennium on wildlife services? Answer: \$400,000 for each. **Rep. Carlson** stated that the Senate bill had put \$800,000 which was all from Game & Fish, the House just it back to the funding of the last biennium. **Senator Christmann** (#3136) He wondered why more from Game & Fish shouldn't be used when the people are coming in and saying to raise their license fees. Perhaps if more was coming from Game & Fish, then Wildlife services would do more for predator control and beaver damage control, wild fowl damage management, they do projects on where they get their money, he didn't know which was the cause and what the effect. **Rep. Kroeber**, (#3257) He stated that they had a very good history of collecting special funds and using that money for those specials and agencies. This program is run by the Ag. Commissioner and 1/2 of the money is coming from Game & Fish and the breakdown approximately \$50,000 over the biennium would be probably direct Game & Fish responsibility. Game & Fish is putting in \$400,000. **Rep. Carlson** stated that he could agree and disagree with **Senator Christmann**, at the same time, regarding raiding the trust funds because he had fought the whole session regarding one time transfers and robbing trust funds to balance the budget. This happens to be one, it is the sportsmen's money, it is put in a fund and there is a lot of money there, but it is just another effort to balance the budget without doing the proper thing, which is probably reducing the size of government. If there is another 2 years of dry weather, they will be deficit spending because of the requirements that have been put on the

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PLOTS program by the Legislature and the all new license fee money goes to access which should go back to the Ag. community, he hopes. Senator Christmann (#3595) He stated that he doesn't completely disagree with the last 2 speakers but partially with both of them, citing the PLOTS program and the special funds. He just disagreed that the special funds were "pure" as they were making them sound. Rep. Carlson (#3807) stated that he thought the contribution was fair and the special funds were "pure" at this time. He has trouble with going after this money just because the it was there. **Rep. Carlson** stated that his committee all thought it was a good contribution, didn't want to do things to hurt the relationship, would rather do things that would help them, to pay for half of those services that they thought was legitimate was where they came up with the number. **Senator Grindberg** (#3929) stated that actually the version the Senate came up with at the end was 75-25 or 70-30? **Senator Christmann** stated that he wished he would have taken the time to refresh himself on this, but didn't the amount come out to \$835,000, **Rep. Carlson** stated that they wanted \$880,000 and he didn't know how they came up with that number. Discussion continued on how the amount was different. **Stephanie Johnson** from Legislative Council was asked to help with the figures. **Senator Grindberg** thought it had to with some past due payments that had not been paid? **Joe Morrisette** (#4007) from OMB explained that difference. Rep. Carlson gave Senator Christmann the rest of the changes in the bill. **Rep. Kroeber** stated that the Attorney General stated that the state has to allow non residents to be guides in North Dakota, and that adjustment was made. This was an Attorney General's opinion. **Senator Grindberg** (#4448) stated that perhaps they should adjourn for now and let all thing about these changes. **Senator Tallackson** and **Senator Grindberg** talked about the statement regarding the \$400,000 being okay at the beginning of the meeting and **Senator**

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Grindberg stated that he made that statement without thinking or looking more at the changes.

He was under the impression the split was 70-30, but he will look at his notes. Discussion continued on the Ag. bill which is SB 2009 which is also in conference committee and the \$400,000. There is still some disagreement regarding the amount that was sent over to the House from the Senate regarding the amount.

Meeting was adjourned (#4880) Tape did not pick up the end-- either mic problems or tape programs.

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB2019

Senate Appropriations Committee

☒ Conference Committee

Hearing Date April 17, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	1-1115
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jan Bendorich</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Grindberg called the conference committee to order. Committee members are; Senator Grindberg, Senator Christmann, Senator Tallackson, Representative Carlson, Representative Carlisle, Representative Kroeber. All committee members are present.

Senator Grindberg (mtr #37) - Review, one issue to discuss is the percentage difference between the Ag Dept and the Game and Fish for wildlife services.

Representative Carlson (mtr #73) - The two budgets have the same issue, so when we solve one, we will solve the other. Yesterday down to the point of what the two numbers should be.

Recapped where the committee was at yesterday. Had more information provided by Game and Fish from license fee income.

Senator Christmann (mtr #303) - Because of broader implications in Ag Dept bill, is comfortable with Ag. Dept subcommittee to sort out.

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Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

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Representative Carlson (mtr #360) - Representative Kroeber is assigned to Ag. We are agreeable to accepting numbers that will be brought over.

Senator Tallackson (mtr #383) - Don't agree with that. In his area, people believe all animal are game and fish. Feels funds should come from Game and Fish.

Representative Kroeber (mtr #426) - Doesn't feel that figures bear that out. Small amount of funds go to wildlife type management.

Senator Christmann (mtr #571) - Doesn't want the message to be that all six committee members agree unanimously with the ag committee members. Respects their personal belief.

Representative Kroeber (mtr #670) - Recapped the increase in funding over the past several years.

Senator Christmann (mtr #679) - Reviewed short history and frustration involved.

Senator Grindberg (mtr #734) - Question for Paul regarding projected fund balance.

Paul Shadowald, Game and Fish (mtr #760) - Reviewed the projected fund balance.

Representative Carlson (mtr #806) - Disagreement over plots money back to the farmers. Felt that was a good thing. His frustration on the budgeting process as a whole, regarding PSC conference committee and the rail fund. There is fund we haven't raided because it has the money.

Senator Christmann (mtr #911) - Commented on special funds and plots lands. Good for some and not for others. Does not want to see policies that leases more and more land away from farmers.

Representative Carlson (mtr #1062) - Recommends that we settle the Ag Dept, bring the results back.

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2019 Conference committee & Vote

Senate Appropriations Committee

☒ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 4-21-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	X		1021 - 1578
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Sandra Davison</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Grindberg opened the conference committee on SB 2019.

All members of the committee were present including **Senators Grindberg, Christmann and Tallackson** and **Representatives Carlson, Carlisle and Kroeber**.

Senator Grindberg presented and explained proposed amendment # 38042.0206 to the committee stating it captures the main part of the bill that caused the bill to be held which is funding of the wildlife services. Wildlife services will be funded by \$550,000.00 from the Game & Fish Department and \$250,000.00 from the Agriculture Department and a game warden will be added.

Discussion was held as the committee agreed upon the amendment but what was the best way to proceed correctly.

Representative Kroeber asked if 5% IT was captured in this budget.

Senator Grindberg confirmed there was not.

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Representative Carlson made a motion for the House to recede the House Amendment

38042.0206.

Senator Christmann second the motion.

Clarification of the amendment was made by Steph Johnson from the Legislative Council saying

it includes all the changes in .0206 and adds a game warden position for the licensing and

regulation of the guides and outfitters which will be a total of \$111, 705.00 which includes

\$25,000.00 operating expenses line.

Roll call vote of SB 2019 was taken indicating 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS AND 0 ABSENT OR NOT

VOTING.

Senator Grindberg and **Representative Carlson** will carry SB 2019.

Date _____
Roll Call Vote #:

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2019

Senate **APPROPRIATIONS** Committee

☒ Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 38042.0206
Action Taken House recedes House amendment

Motion Made By Carlson Seconded By Christmann

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Total (Yes) 6 No

Absent

Floor Assignment Grundberg / Carlson

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

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REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (420)
April 23, 2003 2:02 p.m.

Module No: HR-74-8224

Insert LC: 38042.0207

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SB 2019, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Grindberg, Christmann, Tallackson and Reps. Carlson, Carlisle, Kroeber) recommends that the **HOUSE RECEDE** from the House amendments on SJ page 1160, adopt amendments as follows, and place SB 2019 on the Seventh order:

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on page 1160 of the Senate Journal and pages 1296 and 1297 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2019 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 10, replace "15,300,190" with "15,373,582"

Page 1, line 11, replace "9,466,219" with "9,491,219"

Page 1, line 14, replace "6,881,931" with "6,881,415"

Page 1, line 18, replace "1,338,069" with "1,337,553"

Page 1, line 19, replace "800,000" with "550,000"

Page 1, line 20, replace "40,218,403" with "40,065,763"

Page 2, line 9, replace "\$800,000" with "\$550,000"

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2019 - Game and Fish Department - Conference Committee Action

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE VERSION	HOUSE VERSION	COMPARISON TO HOUSE
Salaries and wages	\$15,282,264	\$15,300,190	\$73,392	\$15,373,582	\$15,373,582	
Operating expenses	9,418,219	9,466,219	26,000	9,491,219	9,491,219	
Capital assets	2,259,944	2,259,944		2,259,944	2,259,944	
Grants	3,602,050	3,602,050		3,602,050	3,652,050	\$50,000
Land habitat and deer depredation	6,886,245	6,881,931	(516)	6,881,415	6,881,415	
Noxious weed control	300,000	300,000		300,000	300,000	
Grants, gifts, and donations	150,000	150,000		150,000	150,000	
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000	120,000		120,000	120,000	
Lonestree Reservoir	1,342,951	1,338,069	(516)	1,337,553	1,337,553	
Wildlife services	400,000	800,000	(250,000)	550,000	400,000	150,000
Total all funds	\$39,759,673	\$40,218,403	(\$152,840)	\$40,065,763	\$39,865,763	\$200,000
Less estimated income	39,759,673	40,218,403	(152,840)	40,065,763	39,865,763	200,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	139.00	141.00	1.00	142.00	142.00	0.00

Dept. 720 - Game and Fish Department - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	REDUCES RECOMMENDED FUNDING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE 1	DECREASES WILDLIFE SERVICES LINE 2	ADDS FUNDING AND 1 NEW FTE GAME WARDEN POSITION 3	TOTAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES
Salaries and wages	(\$13,313)		\$86,705	\$73,392
Operating expenses			25,000	25,000

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Capital assets				
Grants				
Land habitat and deer	(516)			(516)
depredation				
Noxious weed control				
Grants, gifts, and donations				
Nongame wildlife conservation				
Lone Tree Reservoir	(516)			(516)
Wildlife services		(\$250,000)		(250,000)
Total all funds	(\$14,346)	(\$250,000)	\$111,706	(\$152,640)
Less estimated income	(14,346)	(250,000)	111,706	(152,640)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00

¹ This amendment reduces the funding for state employee health insurance premiums from \$493 to \$488.70 per month.

² This amendment removes \$250,000 of the \$400,000 increase that was added by the Senate to the wildlife services line item, which is provided to the Agriculture Commissioner to pay for services provided by the United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services Agency to alleviate wildlife depredation and damage in North Dakota, resulting in a total of \$550,000 to wildlife services from the Game and Fish Department.

³ This amendment authorizes the addition of one new FTE game warden position for the licensing and regulating of guides and outfitters.

Engrossed SB 2019 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

2003 TESTIMONY

SB 2019

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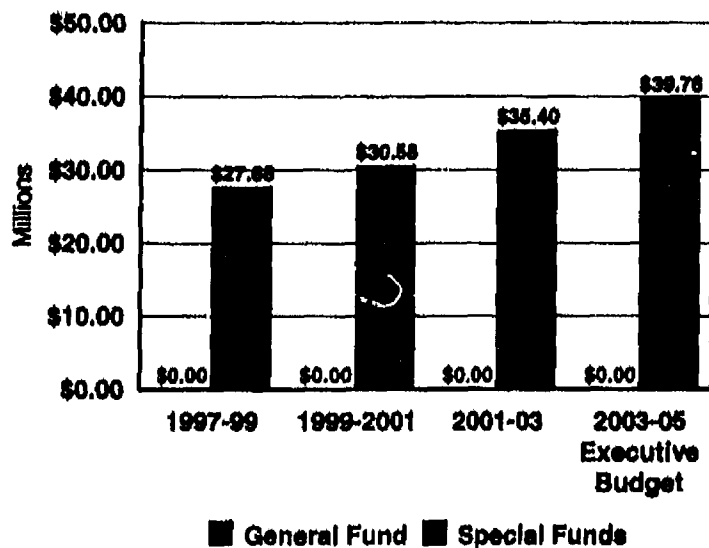
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Department 720 - Game and Fish Department
Senate Bill No. 2019

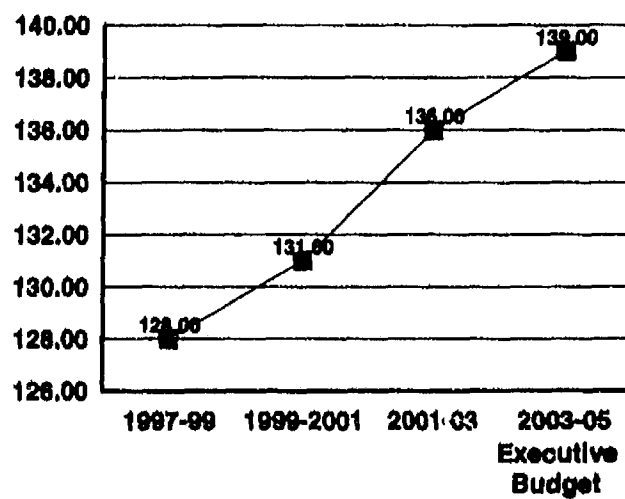
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 Executive Budget	139.00	\$0	\$39,759,673	\$39,759,673
2001-03 Legislative Appropriations	136.00	0	35,396,976	35,396,976 ¹
Increase (Decrease)	3.00	\$0	\$4,362,697	\$4,362,697

¹ The 2001-03 appropriation amounts include \$77,335 from other funds for the agency's share of the \$5 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees. The 2001-03 appropriation amounts do not include \$1,824,000 of additional special funds authority resulting from Emergency Commission action during the 2001-03 biennium and other funds spending authority of \$60,000 carried over from the 1999-2001 biennium for capital projects.

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



First House Action

Attached is a summary of the first house changes.

Executive Budget Highlights
(With First House Changes Noted)

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds 3 FTE biologist I positions for habitat and access programs		\$241,922	\$241,922
2. Provides increased funding for capital improvements, including \$600,000 for construction of a Bismarck shop and \$500,000 for hunting land acquisitions		\$663,758	\$663,758
3. Approves agency request to discontinue funding the waterbank program		(\$200,000)	(\$200,000)
4. Increases noxious weed control as a result of more weed control necessary along Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe, and anticipation of salt cedar, a new noxious weed		\$50,000	\$50,000
5. Provides funding for inflationary increases in operating expenses		\$554,700	\$554,700

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6. Decreases grants - game and fish line due to an agency adjustment (\$200,000) and increases for funding concerns regarding chronic-wasting disease (\$82,000) and for one-time extraordinary repairs to boat ramps (\$42,000) (\$76,000) (\$76,000)

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1050 - This bill establishes guide and outfitter licensing requirements and the license fees for hunting guides and outfitters.

House Bill No. 1122 - This bill establishes a mule deer license raffle and auction of one license per year by the mule deer foundation.

House Bill No. 1223 - This bill sets the opening date of pheasant season at not earlier than one-half hour before sunrise on the first Saturday of October and prohibits nonresidents from hunting for the first seven days of the pheasant season on land owned or private land enrolled by the department for the purpose of hunting or on land for which the department pays in lieu of tax payments.

House Bill No. 1343 - This bill provides penalties for the unlawful taking of big game animals.

House Bill No. 1358 - This bill increases fees for nonresident hunting and fishing and provides an appropriation of \$3,300,000 to the Game and Fish Department from the game and fish fund to increase funding for the private land open to sportsmen program.

House Bill No. 1391 - This bill increases big game hunting license fees by \$5 and provides that \$5 of each resident big game hunting license fee and \$5 of each nonresident big game hunting license fee must be used for the private land open to sportsmen program.

Senate Bill No. 2048 - This bill requires the number of nonresident waterfowl hunting licenses issued to be limited based on total hunting pressure.

Senate Bill No. 2242 - This bill provides that the 14-day, 7-day, and two 7-day hunting period restrictions do not apply to nonresidents hunting during the early September Canada goose season.

Senate Bill No. 2322 - This bill allows certain nonresident college students living in North Dakota to purchase resident hunting and fishing licenses.

Senate Bill No. 2363 - This bill allows nonresidents to participate in a lottery for deer licenses remaining after the second lottery for residents at a reduced fee of \$100 instead of \$150.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**Senate Bill No. 2019 - Funding Summary**

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Land habitat and deer depredation	6,886,245	(4,314)	6,881,931
Noxious weed control	300,000		300,000
Grants, gifts, and donations	150,000		150,000
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000		120,000
Lonetree reservoir	1,342,951	(4,882)	1,338,069
Wildlife services	400,000	400,000	800,000
Total all funds	<u>\$39,759,673</u>	<u>\$458,730</u>	<u>\$40,218,403</u>
Less estimated income	<u>39,759,673</u>	<u>458,730</u>	<u>40,218,403</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	139.00	2.00	141.00
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Senate Bill No. 2019 - Game and Fish Department - Senate Action

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Department No. 720 - Game and Fish Department - Detail of Senate Changes

	Removes Recommended Salary Increase ¹	Adds Funding and 2 New FTE Game Warden Positions ²	Increases the Wildlife Services Line ³	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$155,484)	\$173,410		\$17,926
Operating expenses		50,000		50,000
Capital assets				
Grants				
Land habitat and deer depredation	(4,314)			(4,314)
Noxious weed control				
Grants, gifts, and donations				
Nongame wildlife conservation				
Lonetree reservoir	(4,882)			(4,882)
Wildlife services			400,000	400,000
Total all funds	(\$164,680)	\$223,410	\$400,000	\$458,730
Less estimated income	(164,680)	223,410	400,000	458,730
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	2.00	0.00	2.00

¹ This amendment removes the Governor's recommendation for state employee salary increases and retains the recommended state payment for health insurance premiums.

² This amendment authorizes the addition of two new FTE game warden positions.

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SB 2019**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:****Senate Bill No. 2019 - Funding Summary**

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Game and Fish Department				
Salaries and wages	\$15,282,264	\$15,300,190	\$73,392	\$15,373,582
Operating expenses	9,416,219	9,466,219	75,000	9,491,219
Capital assets	2,259,944	2,259,944		2,259,944
Grants	3,602,050	3,602,050	(50,000)	3,552,050
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Wildlife services	400,000	800,000	(400,000)	400,000
Total all funds	\$39,759,673	\$40,218,403	(\$352,640)	\$39,865,763
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04/10/03

Department No. 720 - Game and Fish Department - Detail of House Changes

	Reduces the Recommended Funding for Health Insurance ¹	Decreases the Wildlife Services Line ²	Reduces Grants Line for Board of Animal Health ³	Adds Funding and 1 New FTE Game Warden Position ⁴	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$13,313)			\$86,705	\$73,392
Operating expenses				25,000	25,000
Capital assets					
Grants			(50,000)		(50,000)
Land habitat and deer depredation	(516)				(516)
Noxious weed control					
Grants, gifts, and donations					
Nongame wildlife conservation					
Lonecree reservoir	(516)				(516)
Wildlife services		(400,000)			(400,000)
Total all funds	(\$14,345)	(\$400,000)	(\$50,000)	\$111,705	(\$352,640)
Less estimated income	(14,345)	(400,000)	(50,000)	111,705	(352,640)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00

¹ This amendment reduces the funding for state employee health insurance premiums from \$493 per month to \$488.70 per month.

² This amendment removes the \$400,000 increase that was added by the Senate to the wildlife services line, which is provided to the Agriculture Commissioner to pay for services provided by the United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services Agency to alleviate wildlife depredation and damage in North Dakota.

³ This amendment reduces the grants line by \$50,000 to reflect the reduction of game and fish funds given to the Board of Animal Health from \$150,000 to \$100,000 for assistance with contagious and infectious diseases of nontraditional wildlife.

⁴ This amendment authorizes the addition of one new FTE game warden position for the licensing and regulating of guides and outfitters.



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North Dakota Game and Fish Department

1. What is the main purpose of your agency?

The mission of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department is to protect, conserve and enhance fish and wildlife populations and their habitats for sustained public consumptive and appreciative use.

2. How do you measure the achievement of your purpose?

Goals and objectives are set for the Department's programs. These are periodically reviewed and updated. Surveys of the public are used to determine success, priorities and satisfaction.

3. What can the legislature do, financially and otherwise, to help you achieve your purpose?

Continue to assist by making decisions on certain controversial issues. Allow the use of game and fish funding only for game and fish related items. Provide adequate staffing and appropriations for game and fish programs.

4. How can you report(measure) your results so the public can easily understand your purpose and evaluate your effectiveness?

The public measures our effectiveness with their satisfaction with hunting, fishing and boating activities. They also test our effectiveness when they contact us through our staff and the many programs and media that are used. We can evaluate our effectiveness by getting feedback(surveys and individual comments) from our customers. We can also use their fishing and hunting success information to rate our programs. We make this information available in publications, news releases, video and web pages.



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January 8, 2003

Senate Bill 2019
2003-2005 Appropriation Request
North Dakota Game and Fish Department

The Game and Fish Department is a special fund agency using only hunting, fishing, and boat license revenue and federal funding. The total budget request is \$39,759,673. This is an increase of \$2,478,697 (6.6) from the 2001-2003 appropriation. Department accounts will support this level of funding. This request includes the following amounts:

Game and Fish Fund	\$35,766,287
Nongame Wildlife Fund	\$120,000
Private Land Habitat Fund	\$3,873,386

Appropriation Total \$39,759,673

Fund Balances - Fund balance projections are as follows:

	<u>6/30/01</u>	<u>6/30/03</u>	<u>6/30/05</u>
Game and Fish Fund	\$18,332,162	\$19,126,520	\$17,970,000
Private Land Habitat Fund	\$3,157,236	\$2,100,000	\$245,000
Non-Game Wildlife Fund	\$30,997	\$27,000	\$20,000

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Revenue - Federal revenue is expected to be as follows:

Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act	\$5,900,000
Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act	\$5,300,000
Recreational Boating Safety Program	\$900,000
State Wildlife Grants	\$1,000,000
Bureau of Reclamation (Lonetree)	\$1,300,000

Total Federal Revenue \$14,400,000

State Revenue by Fund:

Game and Fish Fund(Licenses + Misc.)	\$20,330,000
Private Land Habitat Fund	\$2,000,000
Nongame Wildlife Fund(Donations)	\$35,000

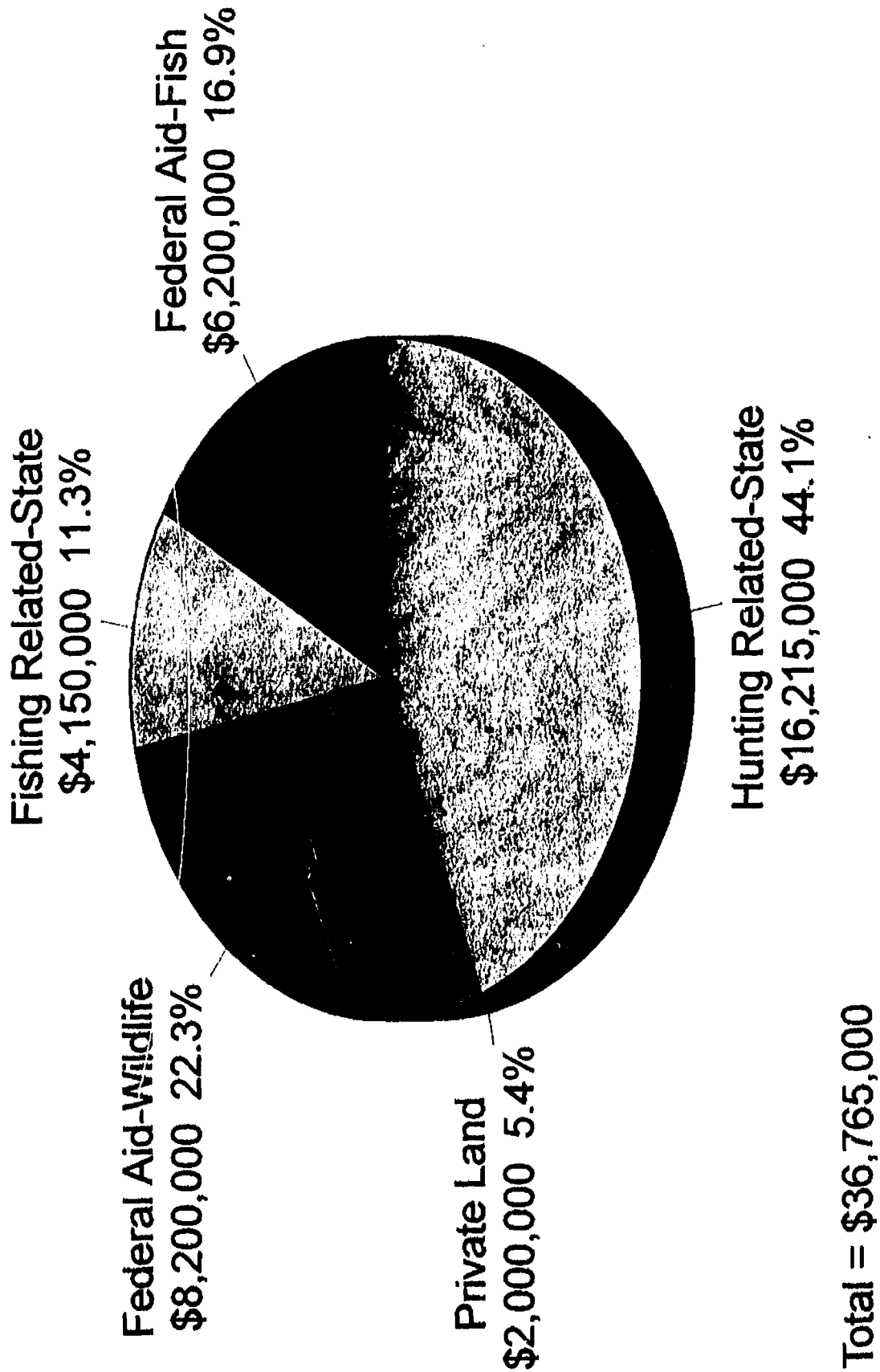
Total State Revenue \$22,365,000

Total All Revenue \$36,765,000

2003-2005 Revenue

ND Game and Fish Department

Projection



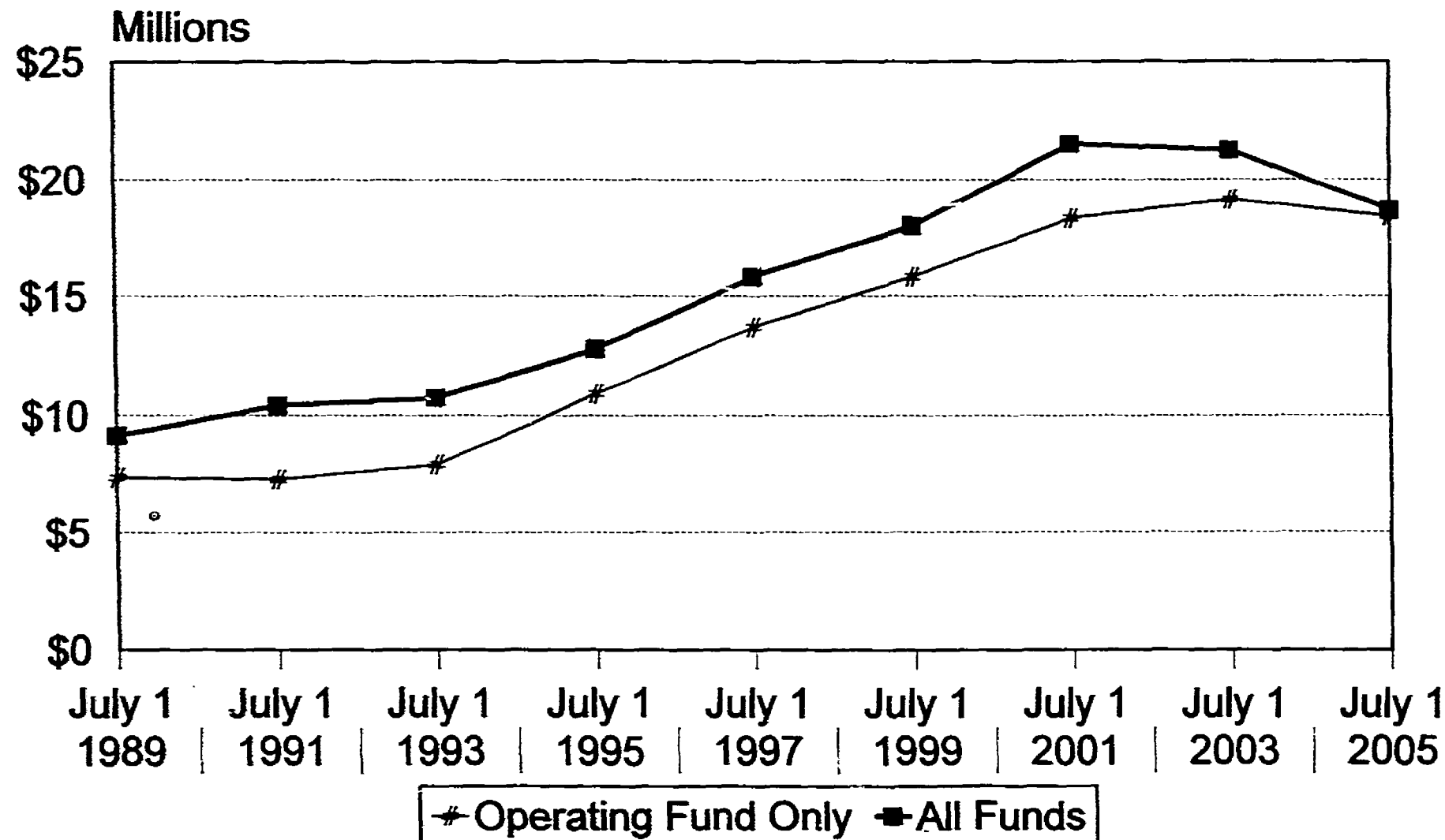
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Items of Special Interest

Brief details on the budgets for the Department's five divisions are presented below. Major items include funding for three private lands program positions and \$6,871,862, a record high amount, is requested for the Private Lands line item. \$600,000 is requested for completion of the Bismarck shop/storage facility. \$500,000 is requested for land acquisition.

1. Administrative Services Division Budget - Costs in this Division include the following:

- *Secretarial support for all Divisions
- *Licensing section costs
- *Accounting costs
- *Information Tech. Division Data Processing \$398,000
- *All Department utility, telephone, office rental, janitorial, office supply, insurance, postage, air craft costs, office machine rental, and other similar costs.
- *Legal services
- *Costs for the Game and Fish Advisory Board
- *In Lieu of Tax payments for all Department lands-\$900,000
- *North Dakota Risk Management fund - \$32,000
- *Costs for the Director, Deputy Director, Administrative Services Division Chief, Data Processing Coordinators and Planner.
- *Capital improvement funds for office and shop facilities-\$149,944 for regular maintenance.
- *The Department Donation account-\$150,000
- *Statewide Cost Allocation-\$250,000
- *CoverLocks Private Land Habitat Program - \$1,200,000

The Administrative Services Division budget is increased 4.3% from 2001-2003. Inflationary increases are included in the operating expense line for postage, repairs and data processing.

CoverLocks Program - \$1,200,000 from the Game and Fish Operating Fund.

CoverLocks for Conservation is a private lands resident wildlife winter habitat project under the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's new Missions in Woodland Habitats program. CoverLocks addresses the need for winter habitats in the form of 20-acre blocks that include heavy winter tree block plantings, herbaceous cover and winter food. Establishment of 1,000 CoverLocks on six EPA-319 watersheds in south-central and southwestern North Dakota will further enhance proposed EPA land-use practices on those watersheds. These areas have been identified as needing treatments to improve water quality through reduction

in sedimentation and chemical and animal waste runoff while at the same time adding long-term, high quality wildlife habitat to the landscape.

This project unveils new producer incentives to participation in return for a 30-year use easement on the 20-acre CoverLock along with the right of public access on the entire quarter section on which the CoverLock sits for the same 30 years. CoverLocks answer to the concerns of private lands public access in exchange for realistic producer compensation for such rights along with the development of high quality wildlife habitat on private lands. It is the Department's view that the future of North Dakota's wildlife resources is on private lands.

The estimated \$44 million dollar project proposed by the ND Game and Fish Department - covering an establishment time line of 15 years - seeks federal cost-share dollars from USDA's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). We anticipate a positive decision on this CREP application prior to the start of the next legislative session.

The Department's request for a biennial appropriation of \$1,200,000 provides the match that we anticipate will be needed for the CREP funds. Financial commitments are subject to availability of both federal and state funds. Federal dollars continue only with the continuation of the CREP program in future farm bills, while state dollars can be appropriated only biennially by the ND Legislature.

The funds for this \$1,200,000 portion of the Private Land Habitat and Depredation program are to come from Game and Fish Department Fund, not the Private Land Habitat Fund. The Game and Fish Department Fund has a high balance. This is a good program for this funding.

2. Fisheries Division Budget - This program includes fish production and distribution, fishery research and surveys, and fishing area and boating facility development and maintenance. This division budget is increased by 3.3%. The increases are in the salary and operating expense lines. Most of these are normal inflation increases. Grants are used for cost sharing with local governments on fishing and boating facilities and to pay the department's share of costs for the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery. Grants are also used for creel survey and other fisheries management work. Capital improvements are used for fishing and boating facilities on Department managed lands. The Department receives 75% federal funding for most of the work in this division. In some cases the 25% match comes from local partners such as park boards.

AQUATIC HABITAT/SAVE OUR LAKES

Budget = \$90,000 Salaries, \$35,700 Operating Expenses, \$5,000 Equipment, \$340,000 Capital Improvements, \$81,000 Grants, and \$400,000 in the Private Land Habitat & Deer Depredation line item.

Narrative

Good fishing has been widespread across the state in recent years. Yet the long-term trend points toward deteriorating aquatic habitat and diminishing opportunities. The number one threat to sustaining quality fisheries is loss of aquatic habitat. As water bodies in North Dakota age, their ability to produce desirable fish declines. Accumulation of silt from the watershed, shoreline erosion, increased turbidity and excessive nutrients combine to limit desirable fish populations and in turn limit the quantity and quality of fishing. Approximately 75% of managed fishing waters in North Dakota have experienced a fish kill. These kills are largely a result of reduced volume attributable to sedimentation and high oxygen demand, due to high organic content caused by excessive nutrients.

Fishing is a \$360 million per year industry in North Dakota. While the number of anglers in the United States declined between 1991 and 1996 the number of anglers in North Dakota increased 58% between 1993 and 2001. Much of this can be attributed to new waters across the state but we must prepare for the future when we return to more "normal" conditions. The ability to sustain the state's fishery into the future lies in the ability to adequately address the issues negatively affecting those fisheries.

Fisheries staff identified issues suppressing recreational fisheries across the state and prioritized 55 lakes for potential action. The actions ranged from simple fencing and alternative water sources for livestock to dredging of lakes. The cumulative cost of corrective actions for these lakes exceeds \$36 million. Dredging is many times not a feasible alternative and when removed as an option the remaining actions still entail approximately \$6.5 million on the 55 prioritized lakes. Options such as buffer strips, sedimentation dams, bypass channels, low level evacuation tubes, etc. must be considered in lieu of expensive and infeasible methods such as dredging.

Funds for preserving and restoring aquatic habitats must be utilized in concert with other funding mechanisms and entities in order to truly be effective. This entails communication and cooperation with other entities and individuals. Some examples would be 319 projects administered by the State Health Department or Conservation Reserve Program or Emergency Watershed Program administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Funding at the requested level and personnel to administer and implement projects are required in order to proactively address the challenges. Not all issues can be resolved but a concerted effort will help in reaching our goal of sustaining quality fisheries into the future.

\$600,000 is budgeted as regular line items for work on public lands. Much of the land where lakes and reservoirs are is publically owned. \$400,000 is budgeted in the private lands line item. Dollars from this line item can be spent only on private land. A significant portion of our watershed work will be on private land. The dollars for this entire proposal, including the private land habitat portion, are to come from the game and fish operating fund, not the private land habitat fund. The game and fish operating fund is in excellent shape and can be used to fund this work.

3. **Enforcement Division** - This budget supports a staff of thirty law enforcement employees. This program is increased by 6.2%. Most of this increase is related to a \$95,000 increase in travel. The budget includes operating expenses mainly for State Fleet and travel costs. Game wardens are very dependent on vehicles to do their work. Replacement boats, motors, campers, and computers are budgeted in the equipment line item.

4. **Conservation and Communication Division** - Programs include aquatic and hunter education, ND Outdoors magazine, boating education, and supplying general information to the public. This Division's budget request is a 9.0% increase from 2001-2003. The increase is mainly in the salary line item to support current staff salary levels. Printing costs have increased and are needed for the ND Outdoors magazine and other publications. Funds are needed to replace and enhance computer systems and video production equipment. Grants are increased to provide funding for local shooting range projects.

Natural resource related reviews and recommendations are provided to private and government entities. This division also includes the nongame wildlife program. It is supported by an income tax checkoff and federal matching funds.

6. **Wildlife Division** - This budget includes private land habitat and deer depredation programs, operating costs for Department managed lands, and wildlife surveys and investigations. This Division's budget is increased by about 9.5% from 01-03. The Private Land and Depredation Program is increased by \$233,000 to enhance the regular habitat and access programs. This is in addition to \$1,500,000 added to this through the Emergency Commission and Budget Section in 2002. The Waterbank Program

line is not funded. This work can be done by Game and Fish staff, rather than ND Dept. of Agriculture. Salaries are increased to support current staff. \$400,000 is included to support Wildlife Services's animal damage control work. \$300,000 is requested for noxious weed control on Department lands. \$150,000 is included to reimburse the State Veterinarian for game and fish related work.

Lonetree Funding - A \$1,328,000 appropriation(+\$107,649) is requested to operate the Lonetree area. The Lonetree area consists of over 30,000 acres of land managed for wildlife purposes. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department provides technical services for this area for the State of North Dakota as laid out in the Garrison Diversion Reformulation Act. 100% of the funding for these services comes from the Bureau of Reclamation. This is the amount of funding anticipated for 2003-2005.

Department Appropriation Increase(5.5% or +\$2,034,094)

The Game and Fish Department's budget request is a 5.5% increase over 2001-2003. Department funds and anticipated revenue are adequate to support this increase. Some key items follow:

Private Land Habitat Program 2002 Budget Section	
increase continued for 2003-05 with 3 FTE's	\$1,500,000
Land Acquisition	\$500,000
Bismarck shop and storage facility	\$600,000
Operating Expenses - State fleet & inflation	\$500,000
Noxious Weed Control Line Item Increase	\$50,000
Cost Allocation Costs - OMB	\$250,000
Wildlife Services Animal Damage Control	\$400,000
State Veterinarian Funding	\$150,000
State Employee Salary Adjustment	\$440,603

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REQUEST / RECOMMENDATION COMPARISON SUMMARY

720 GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT
Biennium: 2003-2005

Bill#: SB2019

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Description	Expenditures Prev Biennium 1999-2001	Present Budget 2001-2003	2003-2005 Requested		Requested Budget 2003-2005	2003-2005 Recommended		Executive Recommendation 2003-2005
			Incr(Decr)	% Chg		Incr(Decr)	% Chg	
BY MAJOR PROGRAM								
FISHERIES	5,042,394	6,751,840	235,985	3.5%	6,987,825	225,868	3.3%	6,977,708
ENFORCEMENT	3,885,213	4,878,388	335,431	6.9%	5,213,819	302,053	6.2%	5,180,441
COMMUNICATIONS & CONSERVATION	3,186,753	3,788,943	313,439	8.3%	4,102,382	342,130	9.0%	4,131,073
WILDLIFE	8,005,880	12,783,966	748,077	5.9%	13,532,043	1,219,800	9.5%	14,003,766
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	8,385,570	9,077,839	566,385	6.2%	9,644,224	388,846	4.3%	9,466,685
TOTAL MAJOR PROGRAMS	28,505,810	37,289,976	2,199,317	5.9%	39,480,293	2,478,697	6.6%	39,759,673
BY LINE ITEM								
SALARIES & WAGES	11,999,935	14,166,394	862,790	6.1%	15,029,184	1,115,870	7.9%	15,282,264
OPERATING EXPENSES	7,975,973	8,861,519	743,700	8.4%	9,605,219	554,700	6.3%	9,416,219
CAPITAL ASSETS	1,626,415	1,596,186	901,792	56.5%	2,497,978	663,758	41.6%	2,259,944
GRANTS-GAME AND FISH	3,058,952	3,678,050	(200,000)	-5.4%	3,478,050	(76,000)	-2.1%	3,602,050
LAND HABITAT & DEER DEPREDAION	2,212,870	6,638,476	233,386	3.5%	6,871,862	247,769	3.7%	6,886,245
NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	199,328	250,000	50,000	20.0%	300,000	50,000	20.0%	300,000
GRANT-GIFT-DONATION	75,442	150,000	0	.0%	150,000	0	.0%	150,000
NONGAME WILDLIFE CONSERVATION	107,823	120,000	0	.0%	120,000	0	.0%	120,000
WATERBANK PROGRAM	200,000	200,000	(200,000)	-100.0%	0	(200,000)	-100.0%	0
LONETREE RESERVOIR	959,129	1,220,351	107,649	8.8%	1,328,000	122,600	10.0%	1,342,951
WILDLIFE SERVICES	89,943	400,000	(300,000)	-75.0%	100,000	0	.0%	400,000
TOTAL LINE ITEMS	28,505,810	37,289,976	2,199,317	5.9%	39,480,293	2,478,697	6.6%	39,759,673
BY FUNDING SOURCE								
GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	.0%	0	0	.0%	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	11,104,224	13,357,816	1,078,734	8.1%	14,436,550	1,198,004	9.0%	14,555,820
SPECIAL FUNDS	17,401,586	23,923,160	1,120,583	4.7%	25,043,743	1,280,693	5.4%	25,203,853
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE	28,505,810	37,289,976	2,199,317	5.9%	39,480,293	2,478,697	6.6%	39,759,673
TOTAL FTE	131.00	136.00	6.00	4.4%	142.00	3.00	2.2%	139.00

GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT

Statutory Authority

North Dakota Century Code Title 20.1.

Agency Description

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department manages publicly owned wildlife resources for the state of North Dakota. The Game and Fish Department consists of five major divisions, as follows:

- Administrative Services provides policy, planning, and support services and is responsible for all game and fish licensing.
- Fisheries manages the state's fisheries.
- Enforcement provides enforcement of the laws and regulations governing the use of the state's wildlife resources and recreational waters.
- Conservation and Communication informs the public of rules, regulations, and guidelines for safe, lawful hunting, fishing, trapping, and boating.
- Wildlife provides for the management of wildlife resources in the state.

Major Accomplishments

1. Expanded the private land initiative (PLI) to include a conservation reserve program (CRP) cost share and hunting access program.
2. Emphasized biological control of leafy spurge and other noxious weeds.
3. Continued the special spring snow goose hunting season and expanded Canada goose hunting opportunities.
4. Developed a state management plan for the black-tailed prairie dog.
5. Developed a department web site that includes a large variety of game and fish information, on-line game and fish license sales and lottery applications.
6. Provided hunter safety education to 6,000 youth in 200 communities.
7. Expanded the Department's shooting range grants program to fund larger shooting range projects throughout the state.
8. Increased the number of recreational fishing lakes in North Dakota to over 300 in the past five years.
9. Instituted the Aquatic Habitat-Save Our Lakes Program to restore deteriorating aquatic habitat.
10. Improved boating access throughout the state.

Agency 720

Executive Budget Recommendation

- Increases funding for habitat improvement and access programs by approximately \$1.7 million, compared to the 2001-03 appropriation. In addition, 3.0 new FTE positions (authorized by the Emergency Commission for the 2001-03 biennium) are authorized for habitat and access programs.
- Provides \$500,000 for land acquisitions.
- Approves the agency request to discontinue funding the Waterbank program due to the significant increase in habitat programs administered by the agency.
- Provides \$400,000 to the Department of Agriculture to continue Game and Fish funding of a portion of state costs for services provided by the USDA Wildlife Services.
- Provides \$122,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department; \$80,000 for recurring state park boat ramp maintenance and operation costs and \$42,000 for one-time extraordinary repairs to boat ramps.
- Increases Game and Fish funding for Board of Animal Health services from \$68,000 in the 2001-03 biennium to \$150,000 in the 2003-05 biennium to address concerns regarding Chronic Wasting Disease and other issues.

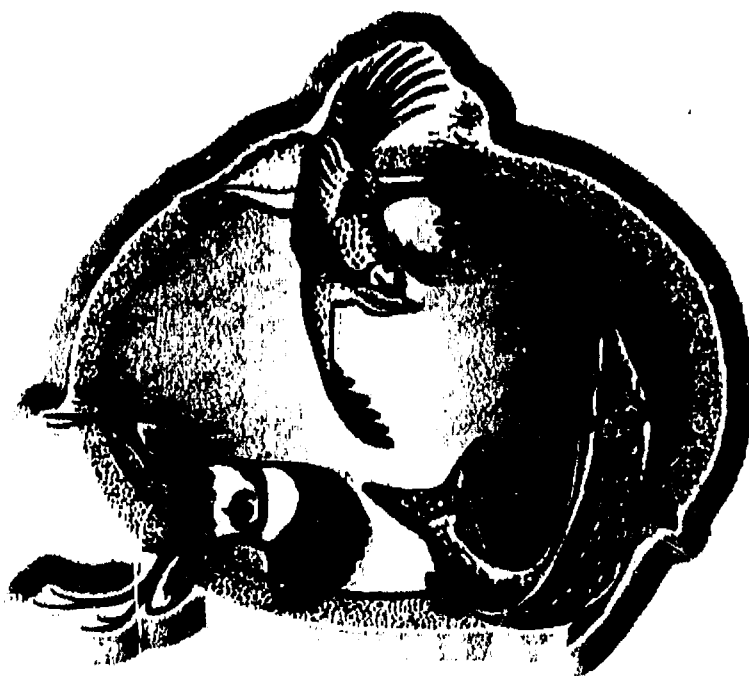
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North Dakota Game and Fish Department 2003-2005 Budget



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2003-2005 Budget Highlights

- \$39,759,673 Total Approved
- \$6,886,245 PLI Programs with 3 full-time positions
- 1% + 2% January salary increase funding
- \$500,000 for land acquisition
- \$400,000 for Wildlife Services Animal Damage Control
- No Waterbank Funding
- \$150,000 for the Board of Animal Health
- \$122,000 for State Parks boating facilities
- \$600,000 for Bismarck shop and storage facility

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Fisheries Division

- ✓ Fish Hatchery Operations and Maintenance
- ✓ Fish Spawning and Stocking
- ✓ Fishing Facilities and Boating Access
- ✓ Save Our Lakes Program
- ✓ Fishing Waters Surveys and Management

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Wildlife Division

- ✓ Private Lands Habitat and Access Program
- ✓ Wildlife Research and Surveys
- ✓ Wildlife Management Area Operations and Maintenance
- ✓ Lonetree Area Management

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Conservation and Communications Division

- ✓ Hunter Education
- ✓ Aquatic and Project Wild Education
- ✓ ND Outdoors Magazine
- ✓ ND Outdoors Weekly TV Program
- ✓ Web Page Management
- ✓ Outreach/Public Information Staff
- ✓ Nongame Program
- ✓ Boating Education
- ✓ Conservation Review

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Administrative Services

- ✓ Statewide Licensing
- ✓ In Lieu of Tax Payments \$900,000
- ✓ CoverLocks Habitat Program
- ✓ Accounting, Administrative and Secretarial Support for Entire Dept.
- ✓ General costs, such as utilities, postage, telephone, office supplies
- ✓ Office and Shop Facility Costs

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Enforcement Division

- ✓ Boating
- ✓ Hunting
- ✓ Fishing
- ✓ Hunter Education

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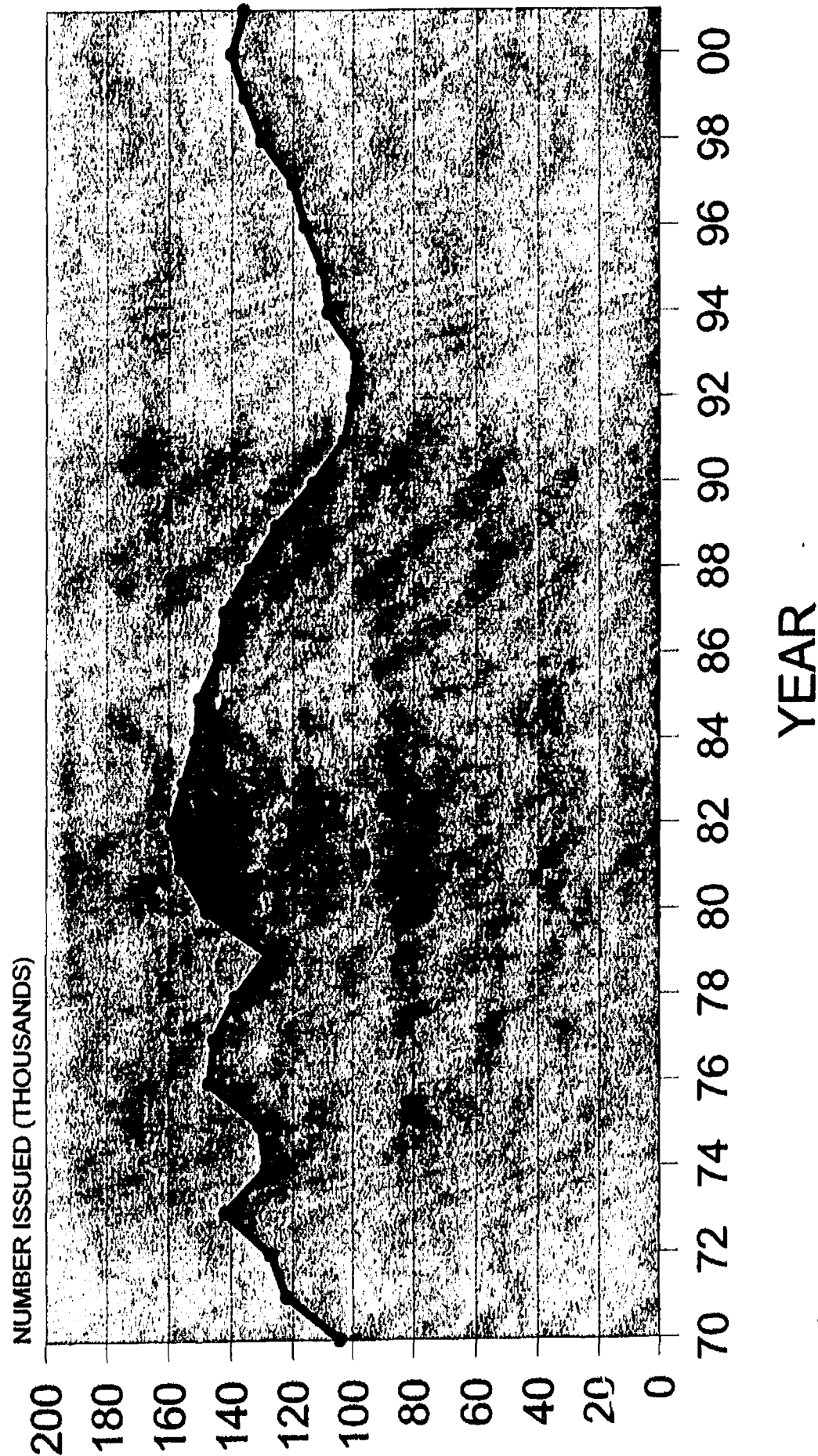
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RESIDENT FISHING LICENSE

North Dakota Game and Fish Department

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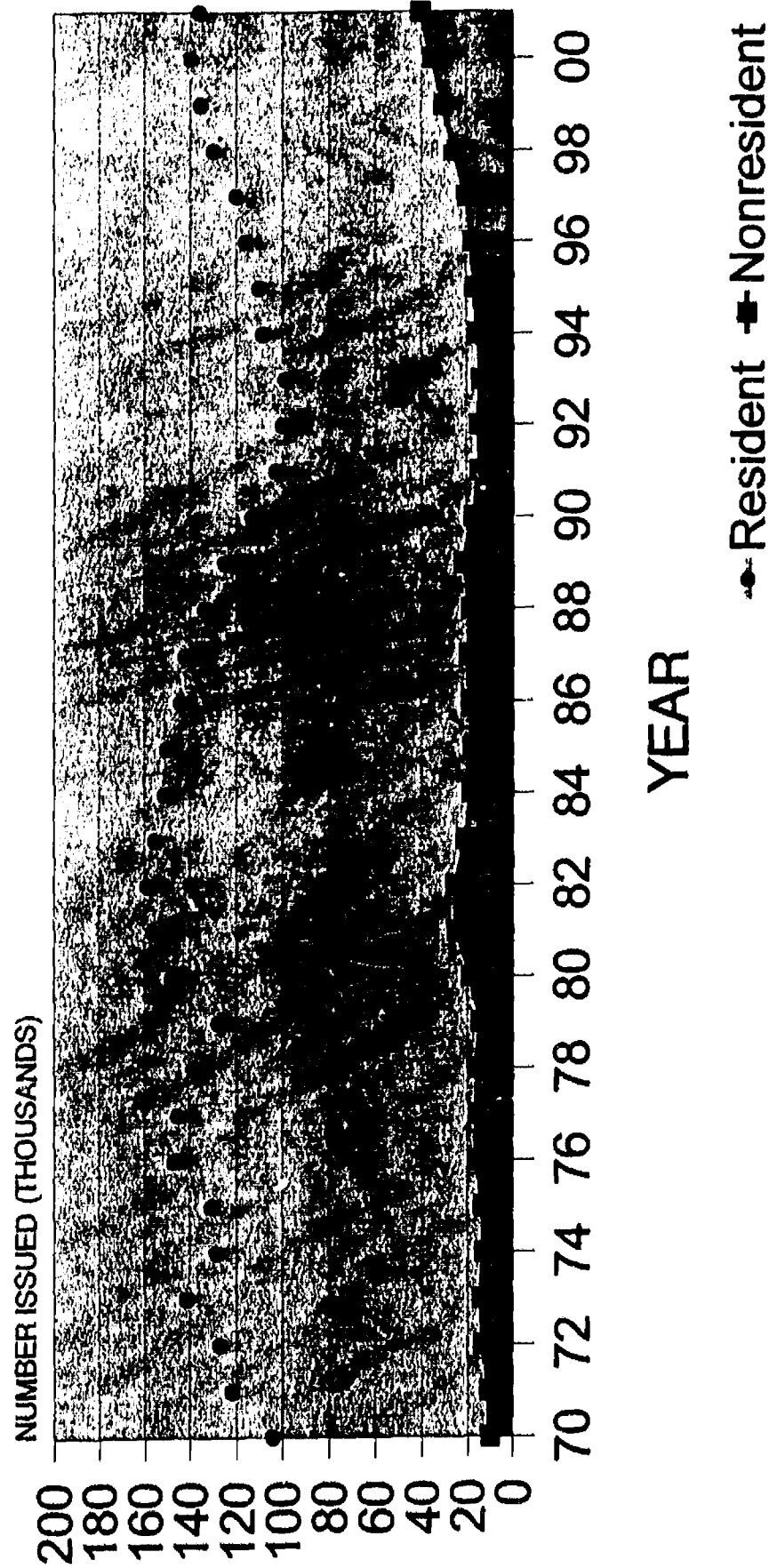
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FISHING LICENSE SALES

North Dakota Game and Fish Department



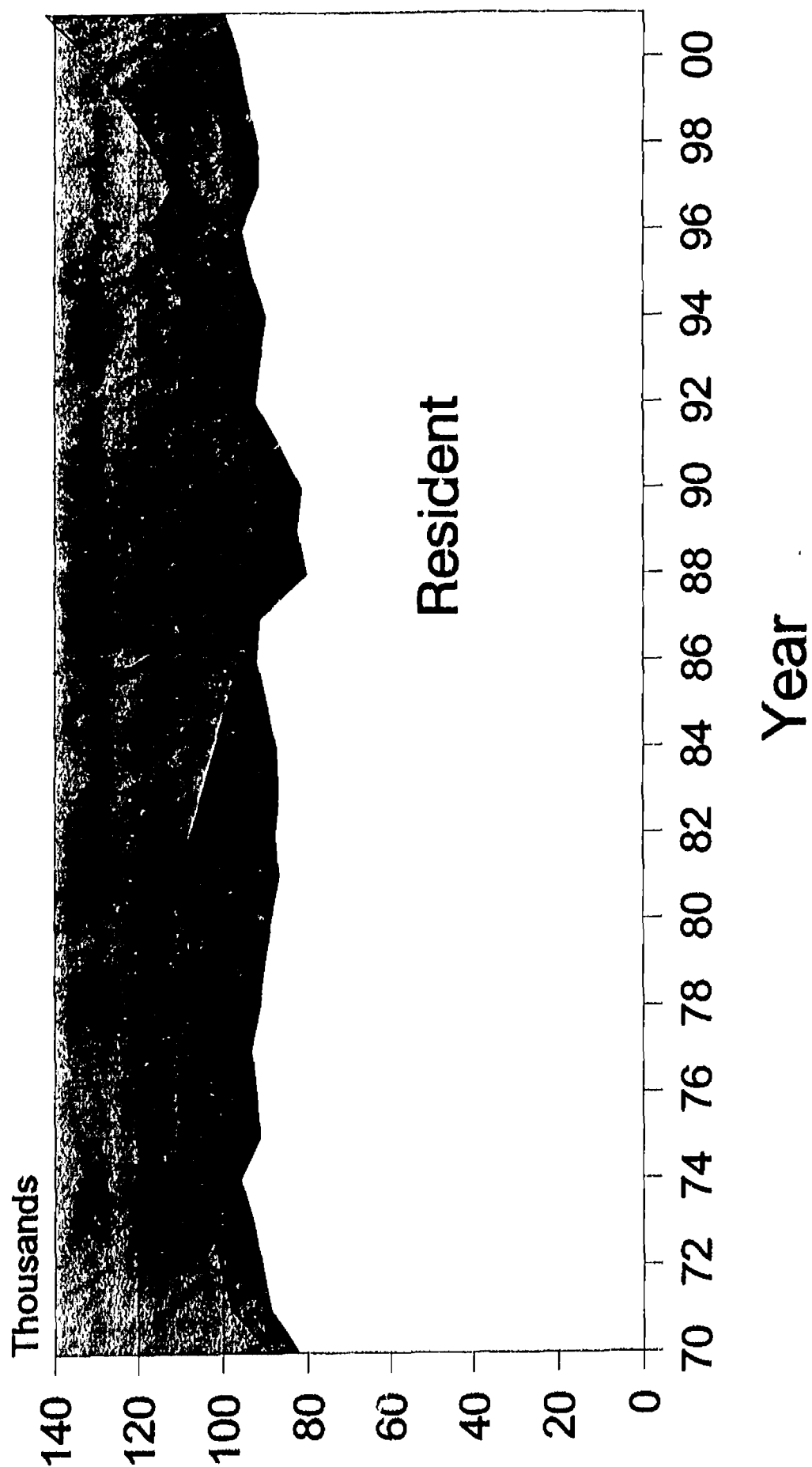
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GENERAL GAME LICENSE SALES



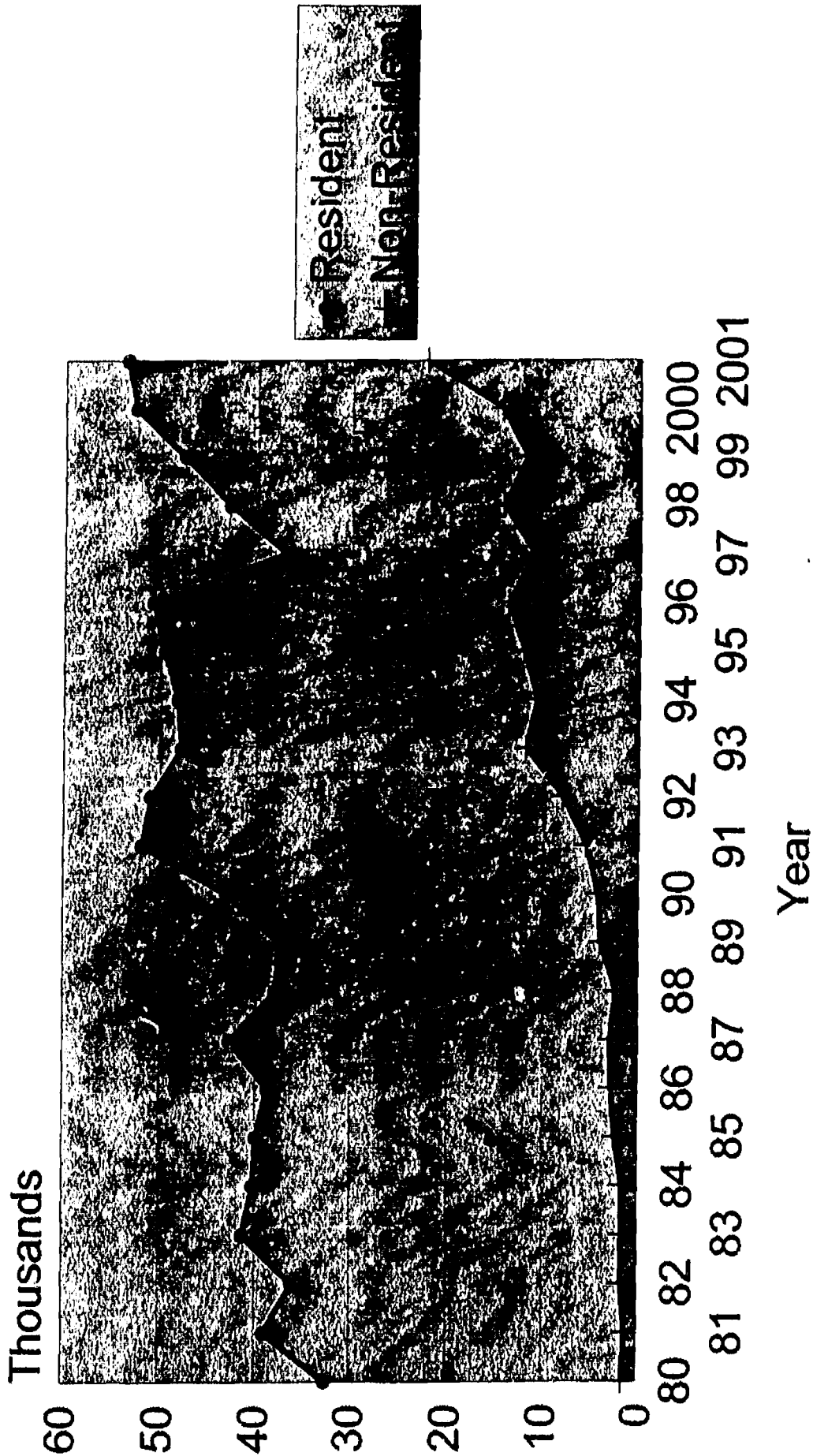
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Licensed Pheasant Hunters

North Dakota



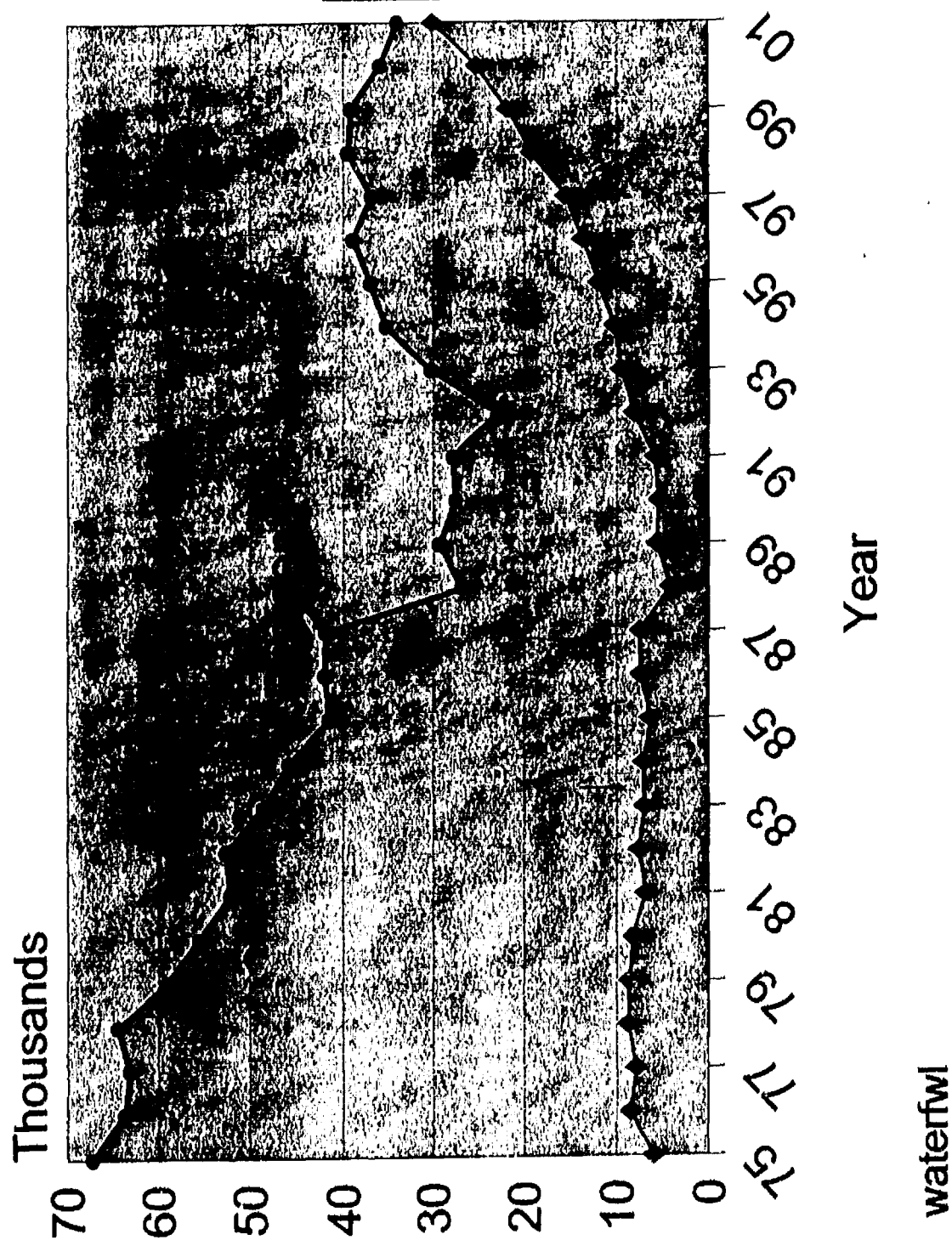
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Waterfowl Hunters

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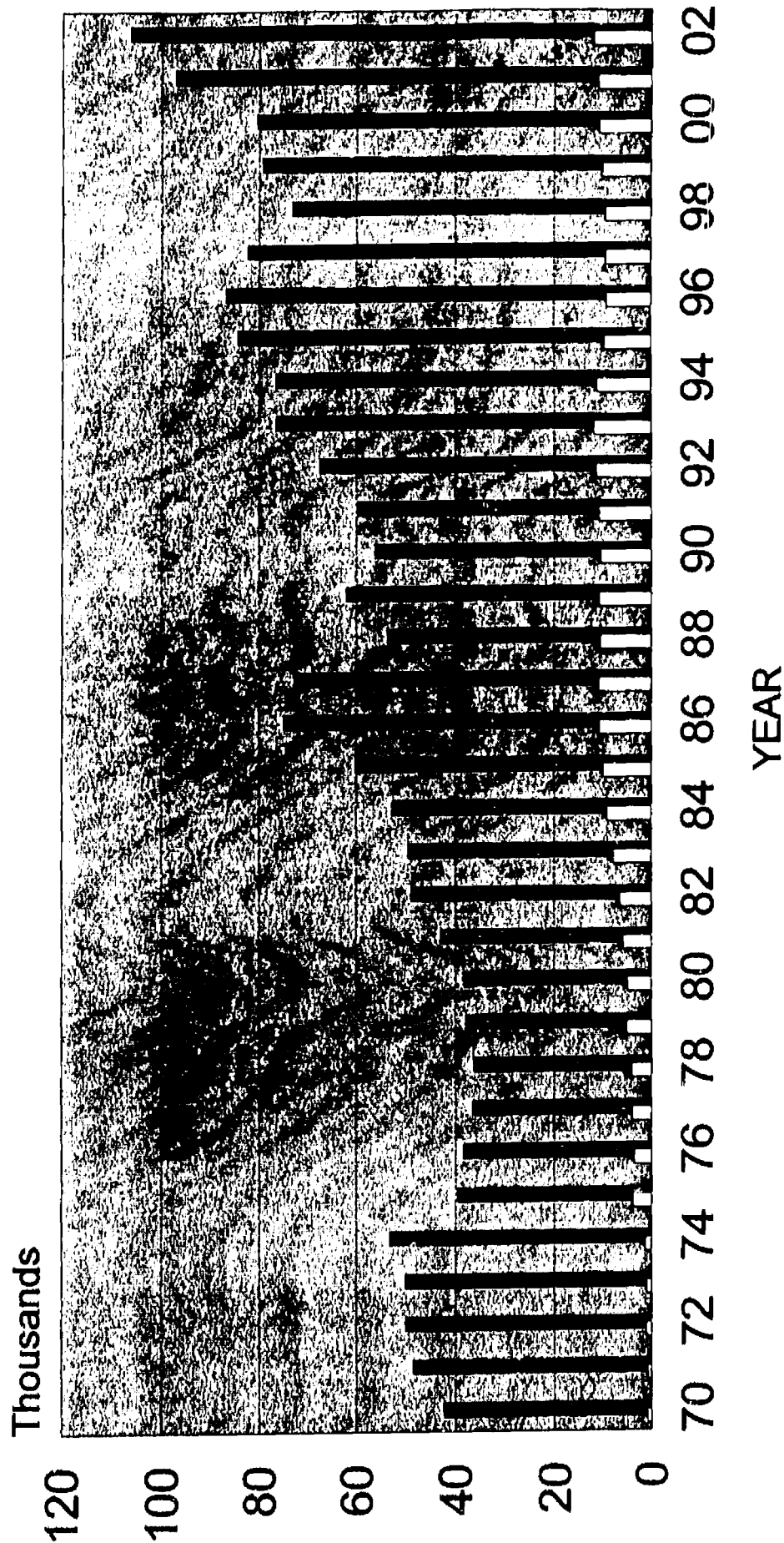


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March 6, 2003

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Senate Bill 2019
**2003-2005 Appropriation Request
North Dakota Game and Fish Department**

The Game and Fish Department is a special fund agency using only hunting, fishing, and boat license revenue and federal funding. The total budget request is \$40,218,403. This is an increase of \$2,937,427 (7.9%) from the 2001-2003 appropriation. Department accounts will support this level of funding. This request includes the following amounts:

Game and Fish Fund	\$36,225,017
Nongame Wildlife Fund	\$120,000
Private Land Habitat Fund	\$3,873,386

Appropriation Total \$40,218,403

Fund Balances - Fund balance projections are as follows:

	<u>6/30/01</u>	<u>6/30/03</u>	<u>6/30/05</u>
Game and Fish Fund	\$18,332,162	\$19,126,520	\$17,970,000
Private Land Habitat Fund	\$3,157,236	\$2,100,000	\$245,000
Non-Game Wildlife Fund	\$30,997	\$27,000	\$20,000

Private Land Habitat Program 2002 Budget Section
 increase continued for 2003-05 with 3 FTE's \$1,500,000
 Land Acquisition \$500,000
 Bismarck shop and storage facility \$600,000
 Operating Expenses - State fleet & inflation \$500,000
 Noxious Weed Control Line Item Increase \$50,000
 Cost Allocation Costs - OMB \$250,000
 Wildlife Services Animal Damage Control \$800,000
 State Veterinarian Funding \$150,000

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North Dakota Game and Fish Department 2003-2005 Budget

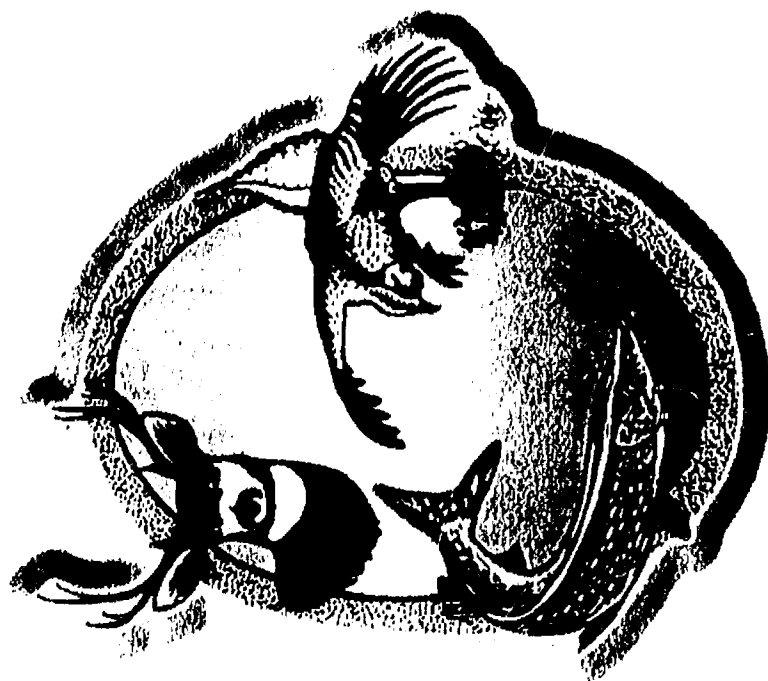


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2003-2005 Budget Highlights

- \$40,218,403 Total Approved With Senate Amendments
- \$6,886,245 PLI Programs with 3 full-time positions
- Funding for two game warden FTE's added in Senate
- \$500,000 for land acquisition
- \$800,000 for Wildlife Services Animal Damage Control
- No Waterbank Funding
- \$150,000 for the Board of Animal Health
- \$122,000 for State Parks boating facilities
- \$600,000 for Bismarck shop and storage facility

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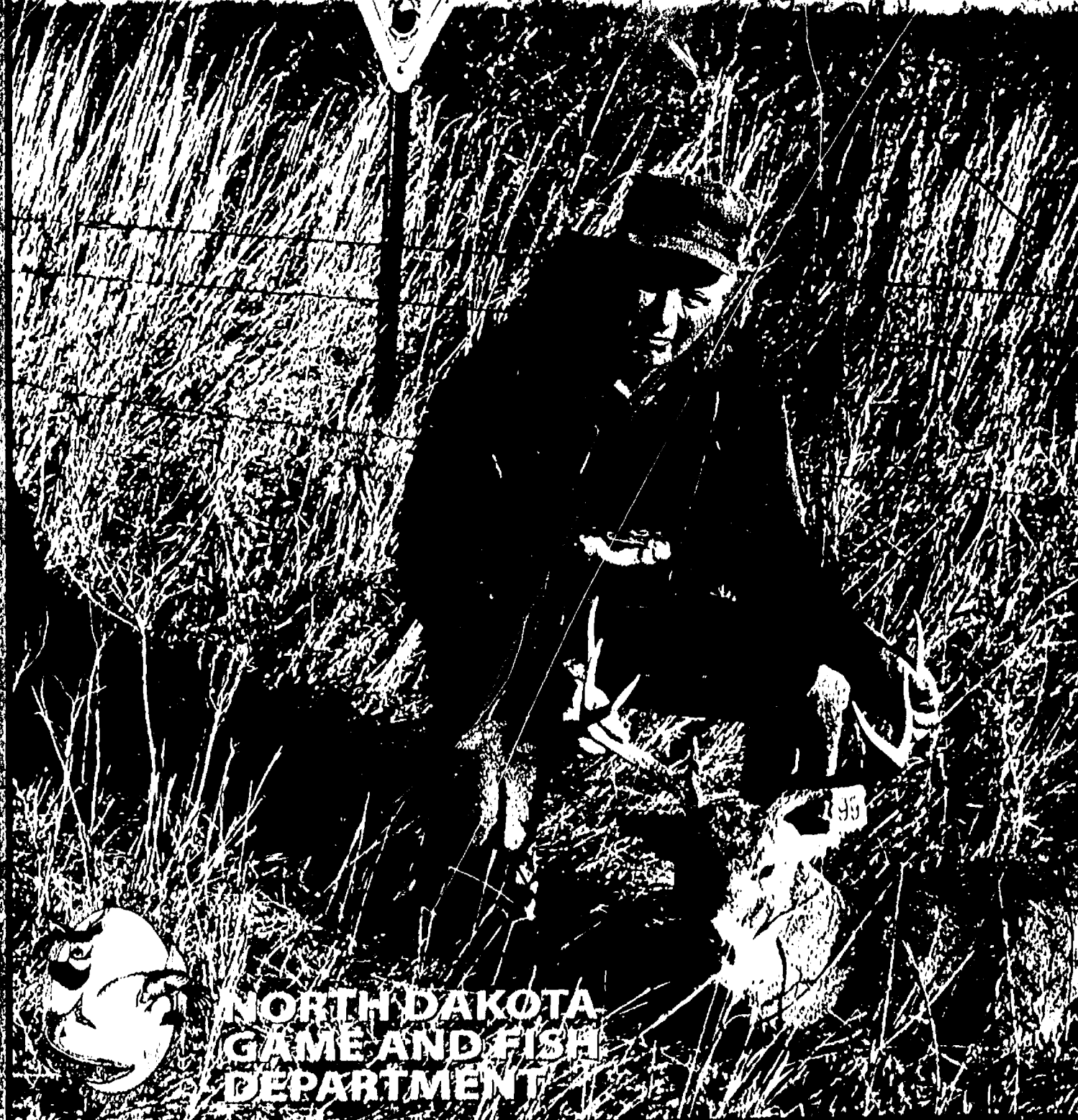
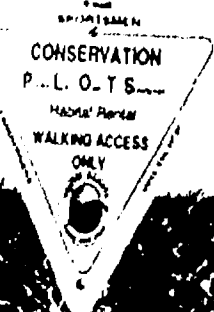
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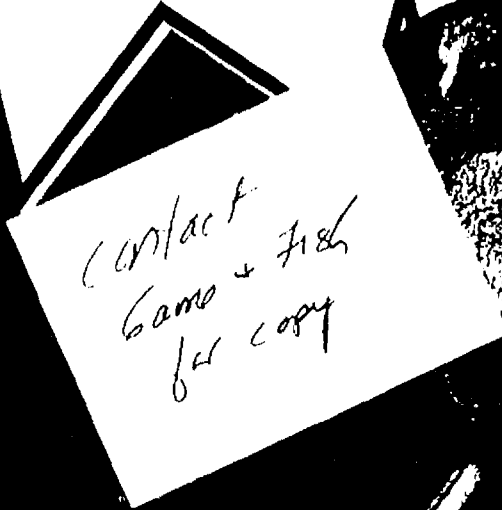
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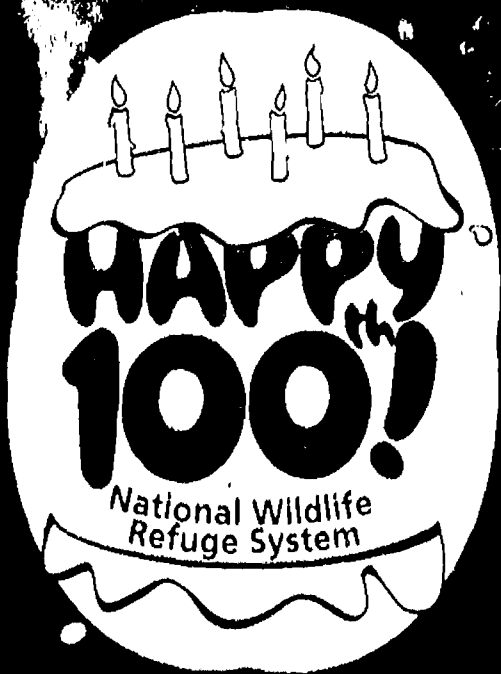


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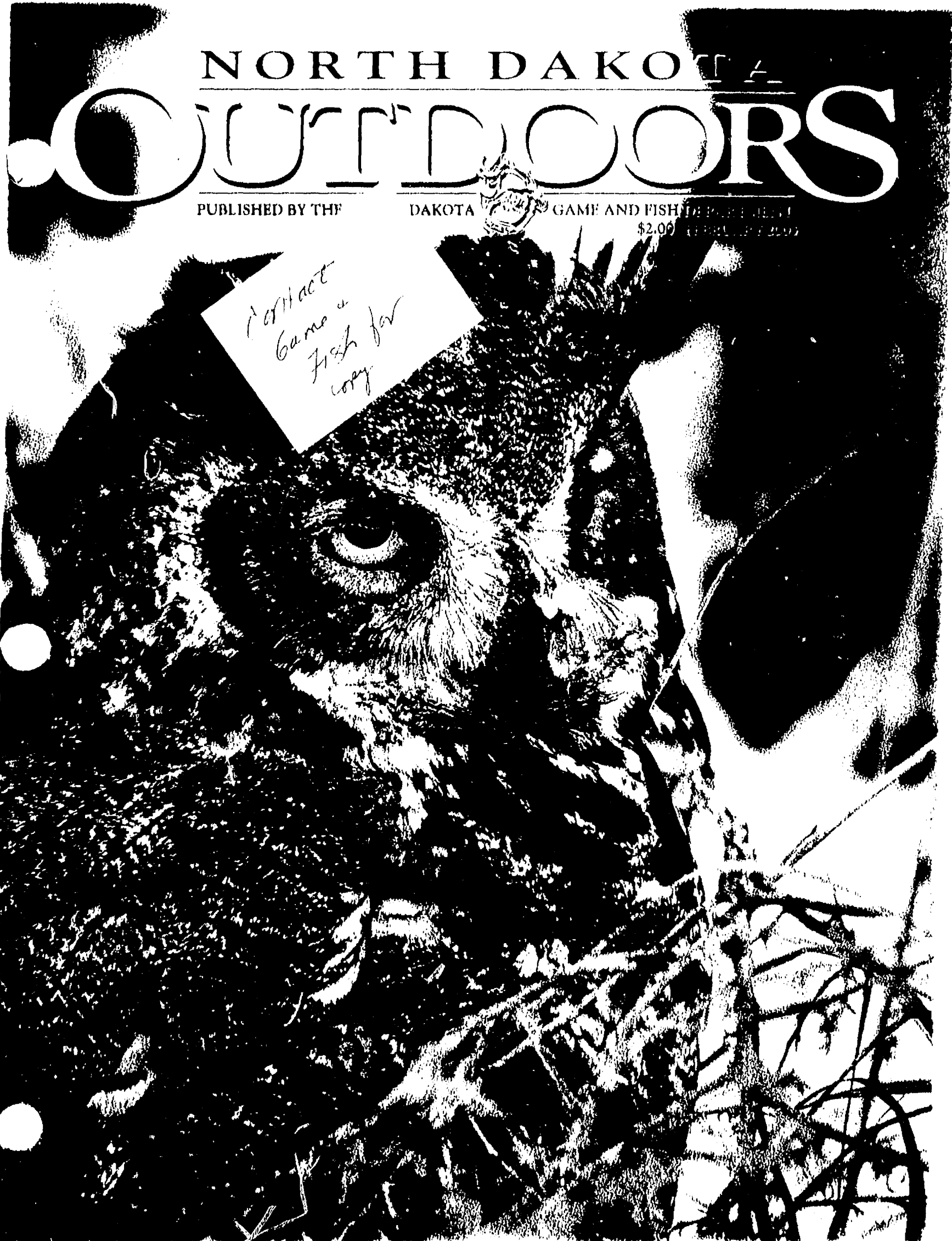
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Private Lands Initiative

Access Acres Provided 2002-PLOTS Program

❑ CRP Cost-sharing Plots	127,735 acres
❑ Habitat Plots	98,410 acres
❑ CRP Cost-share Replacement	10,250 acres
❑ CREP/Coverlocks	10,140 acres
❑ Native Forest Plots	8,991 acres
❑ Waterbank (NDGF \$\$)	4,256 acres
❑ Tree Planting Cost-share Plots	1,527 acres
❑ WRP Incentive Plots	1,523 acres
❑ Food Plots	1,501 acres
❑ Beginning Farmer Plots	1,200 acres

Total Public Access Available : 265,533 acres
(as of December 31, 2002)



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Private Lands Initiative

Access Acres Provided -PLOTS Program

PROGRAM	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
CRP C/S	20,112	40,750	61,108	82,428	127,735
Habitat Plots	37,430	39,631	46,905	53,874	98,410
CRP C/S Replacement					10,250
CREP/Coverlocks				640	10,140
Native Forest	5,111	5,414	7,728	7,728	8,991
Waterbank	2,203	2,203	2,793	3,053	4,256
Food Plots	1,484	701	695	231	1,501
Tree Planting C/S				568	1,527
WRP Incentive					1,523
Beginning Farmer					1,200
TOTALS	66,340	88,699	119,229	148,522	265,533

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PRIVATE LAND INITIATIVE

Private Land Initiative (PLI) - The North Dakota Game and Fish Department's mission is to protect, conserve, and enhance fish and wildlife populations and their habitats for sustained public use. The Private Land Initiative is the Department's overall mechanism for applying this mission onto the private landscape of North Dakota.

The PLI has 3 main goals:

- 1) Conservation of habitats for fish and wildlife populations.
- 2) Provide landowners interested in wildlife conservation with cost-share assistance for developing and protecting wildlife habitat.
- 3) Provide the public with opportunities to access fish and wildlife resources on private land. The primary focus of this goal is hunting access.

The PLI is funded with revenue from the sale of Habitat Stamps and the interest accrued from the Department's general fund balance. The PLI provides financial and technical assistance to private landowners through the following array of components and activities.

Habitat Establishment/Enhancement Cost-sharing Programs

- Grass Plantings
- Wildlife Tree/Shrub Plantings
- Forest Management
- Wildlife Water Developments
- Nesting Structures
- Cooperative Projects

Specific Conservation PLOTS Programs (Private Land Open To Sportsmen)

Habitat Plot Program - multi-year rental contracts to create/protect/enhance habitat and provide public access.

CRP Cost-sharing Program - assists in habitat establishment (grass, trees, and food) and provides public access on Conservation Reserve Program acres.

WRP (Wetland Reserve Program) Incentive is a partnership program between USDA and North Dakota Game and Fish Department, which provides additional incentives to producers enrolling their land in WRP. The primary purpose of WRP Incentive is to restore, protect or enhance wetlands on private property as well as provide for public access.

PRIVATE LAND INITIATIVE

Tree Planting Cost-sharing Program - provides assistance with the establishment costs of tree plantings. The goal of this program is to enhance wildlife habitat and conservation on private land. This program provides higher incentives to producers who improve wildlife habitat and provide public access.

Food Plot Program - single year establishment and rental contracts to provide wildlife food and public access.

Private Forest Conservation Program - multi-year rental contracts to protect/enhance unique forest tracts and provide public access.

CREP/CoverLocks - uses USDA's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) to establish 20-acre habitat complexes (10 acres grass, 5 acres trees and 5 acres food plots) along priority watersheds and provides public access to the 160 acres encompassing the complex for a period of 30 years.

Cooperative Programs

State WaterBank Program provides funds for 10 year rental contracts for wetland tracts along priority watersheds through ND Department of Agriculture program.

North American Wetland Conservation Act - provides matching dollars for federal grants for waterfowl habitat projects in North Dakota contributing to the goals of the North American Waterfowl Plan.

Beginning Farmer/Rancher Program - provides up-front payment for long term rental contracts to producers purchasing land in exchange for conservation practices, habitat development and public access through Natural Resources Trust Program.



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Habitat Plot Program

The NDGFD Habitat Plot Program is a short term and multi year rental of private land providing nesting, wintering, and other key wildlife habitat. The Habitat Plot can be newly established cover, existing cover, or a combination of both.

Goal: To provide and enhance wildlife habitat in locations most likely to benefit and sustain wildlife populations and to provide access to this habitat for the public utilization of the wildlife resource.

General Program Guidelines

Tracts of newly established and/or existing habitat will be considered for enrollment.

New Habitat Establishment

- NDGFD will provide 50% cost-share (up to \$30/acre) to establish herbaceous cover on cropland. NDGFD will work with landowner to determine seed mix.
- Payment based on soil classification and regional location (see map opposite page):
Class II-III - \$24-\$34/acre
Class IV - \$17-\$24/acre
Class VI-VII - \$9-\$12/acre (Existing Habitat Rate)

Existing Habitat

- Areas for consideration include grasslands, wetlands, woodlands, and riparian zones.
- Existing habitat can be enrolled in combination with converted cropland.
- Rental payment same as Class VI - VII (see above). Most existing cover Habitat Plots are in the \$9-\$12/acre payment range.
- Priority for acceptance given to areas greater than 80 acres in size.



Habitat Plot Program

Short-Term Option

- Landowner receives an annual soil rental rate based payment during 6-year agreement period for new habitat establishment.
- Landowner receives an annual existing habitat rate based payment during 3-year agreement period for existing habitat maintenance.

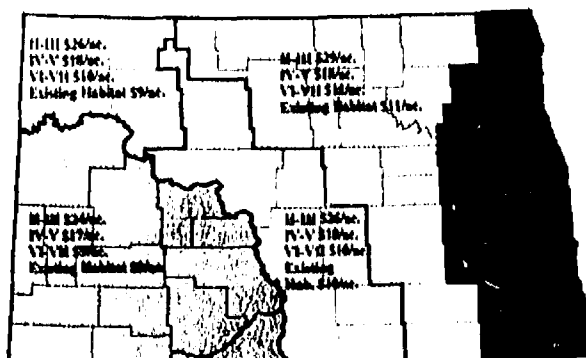
Long-Term Option

- Landowner receives an upfront payment for a 10, 15 or 20 year conservation agreement.
- Compensation starts at 65% - 10-year agreement; 75% - 15-year agreement; 85% - 20-year agreement of the cumulative payment.

Cooperators must agree to:

- Allow unrestricted walk-in public use of tract enrolled in program.
- Not hay or graze the tract.
- Allow the NDGFD to sign and publicize the tract open to public use.

Private Land Initiative Rental Rates and Regions



CRP Cost-Sharing Program

The NDGFD CRP Cost-sharing Program offers cost-share funds to landowners for establishing cover on acres enrolled in USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in exchange for public access to these tract acres.

Goal: To assist in the establishment of wildlife habitat on CRP and to provide access to this habitat.

General Program Guidelines

This program provides cost-sharing assistance to qualifying landowners for establishing three wildlife habitat cover types on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres. These are grass, shrubs, and food plots. The guidelines for each cover type are as follows:

Grass Seed Cost-share (statewide)

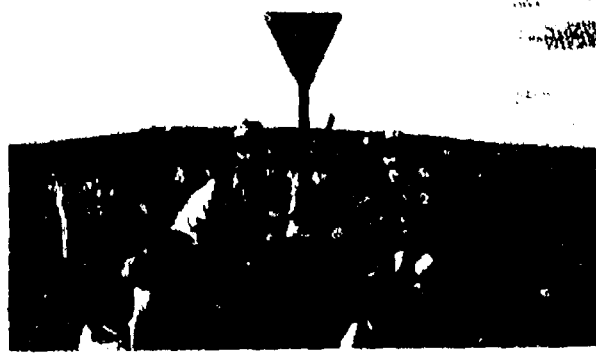
The ND Game and Fish Department (NDGFD) will provide up to 50% cost-sharing on grass seed for **selected** CRP grass plantings. This cost-sharing can be applied to new, established and renovation grass seedings.

Cost share rates vary depending upon the number of years remaining on the CRP contract:

8+ years remaining = full 50% cost share
6-8 years remaining = 40% cost share
6 years or less remaining = 25% cost share

To qualify, a landowner must:

- Have CRP acres, 80 acres minimum total acreage.
- Be willing to sign an agreement with the Department allowing access for walking hunting from Sept. 1 - April 1 on respective CRP and other ownership within the quarter section for the term of their CRP contract (does not pertain to motorized vehicle use, trapping, or any other non-hunting activities).
- Be willing to limit CRP haying to only maintenance manipulations specified by NRCS in CRP contract.
- Allow the NDGFD to sign and publicize the tract open to public use.



CRP Cost-Sharing Program

CRP Shrub Planting Cost-share & Incentive Payment (statewide)

NDGFD will provide up to 50% cost-sharing and a \$100/shrub acre incentive payment for CRP shrub plantings on a maximum of 5% of CRP contract acres statewide.

Cost share rates vary depending upon the number of years remaining on the CRP contract:

8+ years remaining = full 50% cost share
6-8 years remaining = 40% cost share
6 years or less remaining = 25% cost share

Assistance includes only the cost of trees not site preparation, chemical application, tree maintenance or weed barrier. To qualify, a landowner must:

- Be willing to sign an agreement with the Department allowing access for walking hunting from Sept. 1 - April 1 on respective CRP and other ownership within the quarter section for the term of their CRP contract (does not pertain to motorized vehicle use, trapping, or any other non-hunting activities). Minimum 80 acre access area required.
- Be willing to limit CRP haying and grazing to only maintenance manipulations specified by NRCS in CRP contract.
- Allow the NDGFD to sign and publicize the tract open to public use.
- Plant shrub planting according to NDGFD's standards specifying size, arrangement, species, and location.

CRP Food Plots Cost-share (statewide)

The NDGFD Food Plot Program will provide an annual establishment payment for the planting of agricultural crops left unharvested for a wildlife food source on CRP acres statewide.

Establishment cost-share payment only, **NO rental**

\$30/acre for small grains
\$50/acre for row crops

To qualify, a landowner must:

- Be willing to sign an agreement with the Department allowing access for walking hunting from Sept. 1 - April 1 on respective CRP and other ownership within the quarter section for term of the CRP contract (does not pertain to motorized vehicle use, trapping, or any other non-hunting activities).
- Allow the NDGFD to sign and publicize the tract open to public use.

Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) Incentive

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department offers a one time incentive payment on WRP signups. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department will provide an additional 15% of the appraised land value (not to exceed \$100 acre) above the 75% of the appraised land value that would be paid for a 30 year WRP easement by the USDA. Producers enrolling their land in the USDA/NDGFD partnership would receive up to 90% of the appraised value of their land. This program can be applied to new WRP applications and current contracts and is only available for the 30 year easement feature of the WRP program.

Goal: The primary purpose of WRP Incentive is to restore, protect or enhance wetlands on private property as well as provide for public access.

General Program Guidelines

To qualify, a producer or operator must:

- Be willing to sign an conservation easement with the Department allowing public access for walk-in hunting from Sept. 1-April 1 on the entire WRP contract for the term of the WRP contract with USDA.
- Be willing to limit WRP haying and grazing only to maintenance manipulations specified in WRP contract.
- Allow the NDGFD to sign and publicize the tract open to public use.

The Department will select applications using a ranking system, which gives priority to:

1. Size of Tract - preference will increase with size (80 acres minimum).
2. Accessibility - greater preference for road/trail access to the tract.
3. Upland/Wetland Ratio - three or four acres of upland for each acre of wetland.
4. Cost Rate - greater preference for lower cost per acre ratio.
5. Location - preference for tracts close to public lands.
6. Habitat Diversity - greater preference for habitat interspersed such as adjacent food supplies and winter cover (brush, tree plantings, creek bottoms and cattails).

Tree Planting Cost-Share Program

The NDGFD Tree Planting Cost Share Program offers cost-share funds to landowners as an incentive for establishing wildlife tree plantings on private land.

Goal: To establish and enhance thermal (winter) and forage habitat components for wildlife in locations most likely to benefit and sustain resident wildlife populations and to provide public access to this habitat.

General Program Guidelines

Option 1 (statewide)

- Requires 10 year access to planting and associated or detached legal subdivisions (80 acres or more).
- 25% -50% cost share on trees and shrubs, with NDGFD criteria, standards, and specifications, in association with multi-year enhancement/protection programs or other federal cost-share programs (EWP, WHIP, 319, Habitat Plots, EQIP, State Waterbank and/or other easement or term habitat programs.)
- 25% cost-share on weed barrier.
- Practice Incentive payment: (one time up-front) \$100.00/planted acre.
- 10 row minimum (recommended minimum length of 400 ft.).

Option 2 (statewide)

- Requires no access.
- 10 % cost share on trees and shrubs with NDGFD criteria, standards and specifications.
- 10 row minimum (recommended minimum length of 400 ft.)



Food Plot Program

The NDGFD Food Plot Program provides an annual establishment and rental payment for the planting of agricultural crops left unharvested for a wildlife food source during the winter.

Goal: To provide and enhance wildlife food sources in locations most likely to benefit and sustain wildlife populations and to provide access to this habitat for the public utilization of the wildlife resource.

General Program Guidelines

Food Plots (cropland/non-CRP)

- Establishment
\$30/acre for small grains
\$50/acre for row crops
- Rental-payment based on soil classification and regional location:
Class II-III - \$24-\$34/acre
Class IV-V - \$17-\$24/acre
Class VI-VII - \$9-\$12/acre

CRP Food Plots

- Establishment payment only, **NO rental**.
\$30/acre for small grains
\$50/acre for row crops

Terms of Agreement

- All food plots must be open to walking access and accessible to the public through adjacent land.
- CRP food plots-the entire field containing the food plot must be open to walking access and accessible to the public through adjacent land.
- NDGFD and landowner will work together to determine food plot locations that are proximate to winter cover (multi-row tree planting, natural woody areas, large cattail slough).
- The food plot must be planted by date specified by Federal Crop Insurance. The cooperator must certify planting date.
- Cooperator must use a reliable seed variety which has dependable germination and vigor (corn must be 95 day or less variety).
- The food plot and other access acres will be posted with NDGFD Conservation PLOTS (Private Land Open To Sportsman) signs.

Private Forest Conservation Program

The NDGFD Private Forest Conservation Program provides a multi-year rental payment for maintaining and protecting native woodland habitat on private land.

Goal: To maintain and protect North Dakota's diminishing native forest resource in private ownership and to provide public access to this habitat for the public utilization of the wildlife resource.

General Program Options

Landowners enroll in the PFCP through a conservation agreement and choose from two forest conservation options:

- Short term - landowner receives an annual \$9 to \$12 per acre lease payment and has the option to renew annually within a 3-6 year contract period.
- Long term - landowner receives variable annual payments based on forest acreage, land value, and term of conservation agreement. Agreement term ranges from 10 to 30 years. Compensation starts at 35% (10 year agreement) and increases 1.5% each successive year to a maximum 65% (30 year agreement) of the land value.

Cooperators must agree to:

- Prohibit permanent clearing of the forest.
- Prohibit grazing, forest subdivision, and agricultural use.
- Allow the NDGFD to sign and publicize the tract open to public walking access.

Eligibility:

A private landowner having a tract of continuous native forest that would:

- Abut existing public lands; or
- Be threatened by present or future conversion to non-forest uses; or
- Exhibit connective habitats between forested areas.



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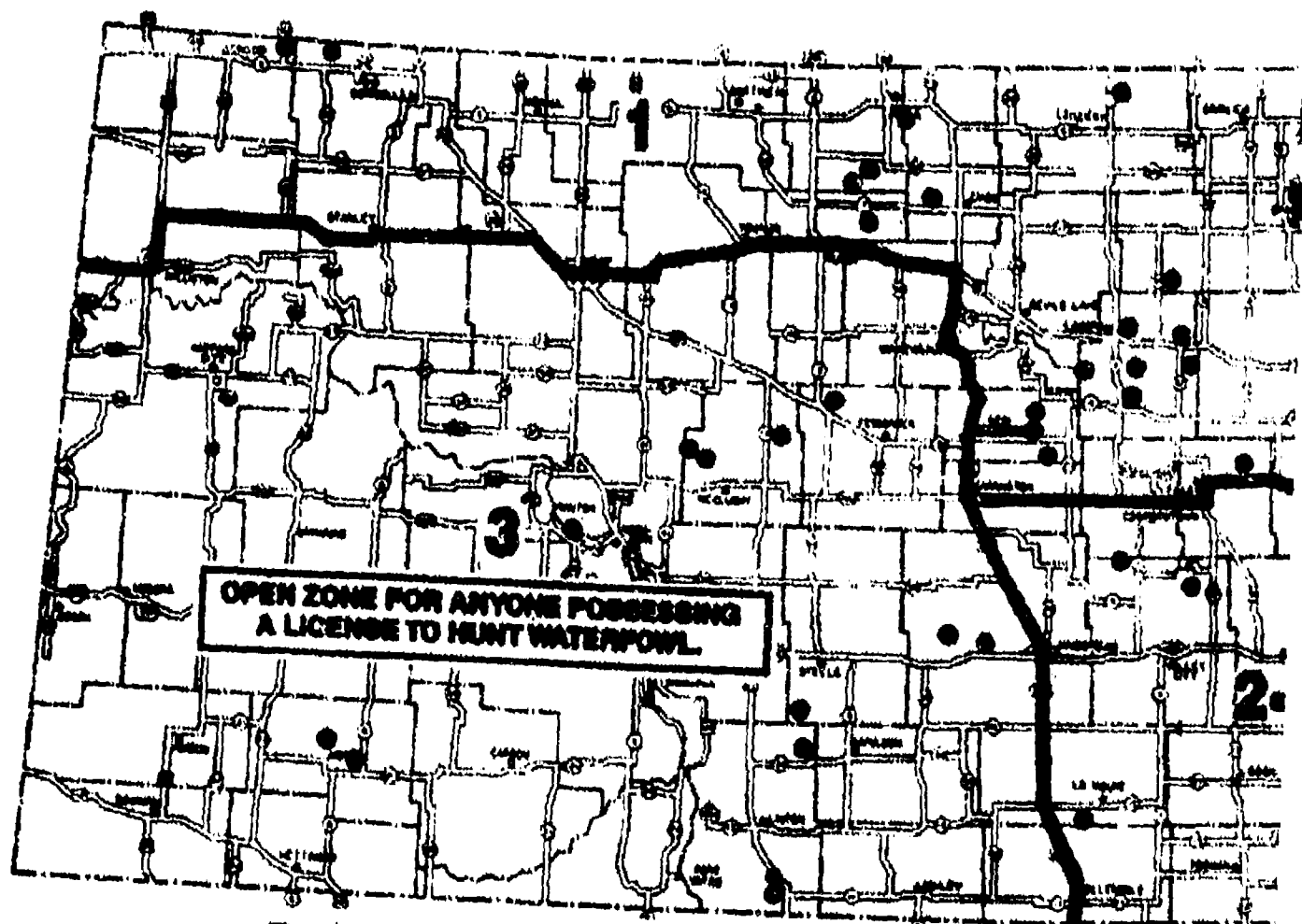
Activity	State	2002			2003		
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Predator Damage Management (coyote, fox, etc.)	159,837	157,036	0		158,203	157,036	0
Beaver Damage Management	152,040	149,375	17,845		150,485	149,375	505
Protection of Human Health (raccoon, skunk, etc.)	38,985	38,301	0		38,586	38,301	0
Waterfowl Damage Management ✓	23,393	22,981	0	50,000	23,152	22,981	0
Urban Wildlife Damage Mgt. (raccoon, skunk, rabbit, etc.)	15,592	15,321	0		15,434	15,321	270
Blackbird Damage Management	0	377,305	0		0	377,305	0
Airport Protection (deer, birds)	0	0	4,327		0	0	0
Totals	389,845	760,319	22,172		385,860	760,319	775

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Missouri/Yellowstone Confluence Project

Two properties to be acquired in fee and managed as State Wildlife Management Areas by NDGFD.

1. Neu property – approximately 400 acres.
 2. Och's brothers property – approximately 1000 acres.
- An area of outstanding historic, cultural and wildlife value of high recreational value and current use. A necessary and appropriate land acquisition to compliment other activities in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition of discovery.
 - All owners are willing sellers, who wish to see their land secured for public use and future generations to use and appreciate. Mr. Neu wishes to have the area dedicated to public hunting and named after his father.
 - These are the two largest major natural woodland areas at the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers. Much of the natural woodlands along the Yellowstone and Missouri River have been cleared.
 - Excellent deer and wild turkey; Adjacent sandbars are critical habitat for federal listed Piping plovers and nesting areas for Least Terns.
 - The Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers in this area are considered the most biologically important waters in North Dakota. Important to Paddle fish, pallid sturgeon and as walleye spawning habitat. Shorelines of both properties provide excellent fishing.
 - Will compliment and enhance value and use of Fort Buford State Historical Site and Fort Union National Historic Site. A new confluence visitor center, to be opened this summer, and is located directly across the rivers and features the view of these two properties.
 - Major historic point in Lewis and Clark exploration; more than one dozen expedition campsites associated with the area and numerous records in the Lewis and Clark Journals of the confluence area.
 - Strong local support from Williston as enhancement for tourism and economic development.
 - Strong funding and promotional partnership – total price estimated at \$2.8 million
 - North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant - \$1,000,000
 - NRCS Wetland Reserve Program - \$650,000
 - North Dakota Game and Fish Department
 - North Dakota Natural Resources Trust
 - The Conservation Fund
 - American Rivers
 - Friends of Fort Buford
 - North Star Caviar
 - American Foundation for Wildlife
 - US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - National Geographic
 - Richard King Meland Foundation
 - National Park Service
 - State Historic Society

- Compliment to nearly 10,000 acres of existing State Wildlife Management areas on upper Lake Sakakawea. River front of both properties is heavily used as shore access for paddle fishing. All compatible uses would be allowed to promote tourism, nature study, camping and other outdoor recreation associated with the Confluence area and the two historic sites.
- Will help resolve frequent landownership and management issues in this dynamic area.
- Proposed to be completed in 2003.