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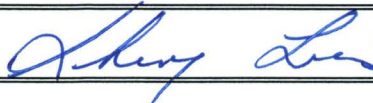
2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish department.

Minutes:

Attachment A

Chairman Brandenburg: Opened the hearing on HB1017 and HB1077.

Terry Steinwand, Director, ND Game and Fish Department: Made introductions.

Kim Kary, Chief of Administrative Services, ND Game and Fish Department: See testimony attachment A.

Chairman Brandenburg: What's the difference from the last two years to this two years?

Kim Kary: Our federal funds that we budgeted for the current biennium for 2015-2017 was \$32 million and we're on target for that.

Chairman Brandenburg: You have how much left?

Kim Kary: About another \$5 million.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Chairman Brandenburg: If I understand right, it went from \$7.7 million to \$11.9 million and you received a little extra; but you need to designate where it needs to go.

Kim Kary: That's exactly right. We have about \$5.2 million that we have to use by September 2017.

Vice Chairman Boehning: On that \$5.2 million you have to spend; do we have to designate that?

Kim Kary: Fish and wildlife services does not tell us how to spend that money. Under the PR funds there are rules and regulations that tell us the types of projects that are eligible. We decide where and who to give those grants to. We submit a grant application to the fish and wildlife service in Denver, they approve that grant application and then we get it obligated and signed by the cooperating partner. Then it's officially on the ledge and we have that amount of time to spend it.

Vice Chairman Boehning: So we don't have to get involved with legislation on that at all?

Kim Kary: No.

Chairman Brandenburg: Down in Emmons County we're looking for another boat ramp. Is this money you can use for that kind of project? It has to be to enhance wildlife?

Kim Kary: The DJ funds have to be for fish; boat ramp stuff. The PR funds are wildlife related.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Chairman Brandenburg: This is where I'm thinking we could possibly use some of this money to do some of those studies.

Terry Steinwand: The PR funds cannot be used on nongame species. We've committed \$100,000.00 of these nongame funds to help in these studies. One of the issues we have is a lot of these nongame species; we don't have a lot of information on them.

Chairman Brandenburg: That's one of things we talked about with the invasive species and endangered species. You're the first ones to get the 90 day notification that this species could be put on the endangered species or invasive species list.

Terry Steinwand: I agree.

Terry Steinwand continued with his testimony.

Chairman Brandenburg: If you don't respond and give them the proper data, it automatically goes on the time clock.

Terry Steinwand: The 12 month finding which ends up to be 5 to 10 years.

Representative Kempenich: We have issues with the southeast part with plants and butterflies. Where does that fall into?

Terry Steinwand: That's a tough one for us because we normal deal with things you can catch and shoot. You're talking about the Dakota Skipper; they call it a butterfly but it looks like a moth. A species is the most detail you can get.

Representative Kempenich: That gets to be a broad statement.

Terry Steinwand: This morning there was a species of bee called the Rusty Patch Bumblebee. They are listed as an endangered species, luckily they are not considering North Dakota as part of the geographic range.

Chairman Brandenburg: Invasive species cause endangered species.

Terry Steinwand: Using the Dakota Skipper, one of our arguments was this land should be grazed because Kentucky Bluegrass is an invasive species in North Dakota. The grazers probably don't care; but the Dakota Skipper as butterfly species does care because they will not lay their eggs nor will their larvae form in Kentucky Bluegrass.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Representative Kempenich: How far into North Dakota is it?

Terry Steinwand: For now it's just in the Red River.

Representative Kempenich: Does South Dakota have zebra mussels?

Terry Steinwand: The southern part of South Dakota has zebra mussels and clogger mussels. They can't move upstream without human help.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Representative Brandenburg: Do you challenge them and explain what you're trying to do? Is there a little bit of give and take?

Kim Kary: We know the guidelines but once in a while we'll get creative.

Chairman Brandenburg: You do have a check and balance to do the right thing for wildlife?

Kim Kary: Yes. We like to call them and check first.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Representative Nathe: I see you show the 2014 increases for the license. Do you have 2015 numbers by chance?

Kim Kary: I can get those for you.

Representative Nathe: Were there an increase in deer licenses in 2015 over 2014?

Kim Kary: That was revenue.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Representative Vigesaa: Is there a maximum balance for the fund?

Kim Kary: No there is not.

Vice Chairman Boehning: On your game and fish fund; what is that going from \$28 million down to \$24 million? What is the cause of that? Is that going into the budget?

Kim Kary: With some of these federal funds that we're spending, some of them require a match. That's where that match is coming from.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Chairman Brandenburg: On the \$6.3 million increase, you're really dealing with \$1.1 million. The federal funds are the \$5.2 million.

Kim Kary: Of the \$6.3million, \$5.2 million are PR funds.

Chairman Brandenburg: Which are the federal funds; which are designated. So the \$1.1 million would be state funds?

Kim Kary: Of the remaining \$1.1 million; then \$881,000.00 is carryover by law. There's less than \$300,000.00 difference in our budget.

Chairman Brandenburg: You're looking at an increase; even though it's a special fund. They have to understand that the \$5.2 million is federal money that you have to designate or turn it back.

Kim Kary: Exactly.

Representative Nathe: When we're looking at this from the base level of \$77 million, we're looking at a \$300,000.00 increase?

Kim Kary: Exactly.

Vice Chairman Boehning: Is that \$5.2 million all federal money or does the state match that?

Kim Kary: That is the total appropriation spending authority we will need. That includes the federal share and the state share.

Vice Chairman Boehning: What is the breakdown of that?

Kim Kary: It's normally 75% federal, 25% state. Some graphs we can get the partner to pay the match for us. Then to us it's no outlay of state funds.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Chairman Brandenburg: On the wildlife management areas, the \$750,000.00; is that pretty much the same? What are you doing there?

Kim Kary: That \$750,000.00 is increase to what we're doing now; because we don't have enough staff, we are going to hire some contractors to do some tree plantings for us and some grass plantings, habitat work, some fencing. We have a focus group study going on in our private lands division. We've hired a consultant to do a focus group study and that's going to be starting shortly.

Representative Delmore: You have a \$180,000.00 increase to credit card bank fees. Do you take every credit card? I know some charge a higher rate for you than others. In order to be flexible do accept whatever someone will give?

Kim Kary: The Bank of North Dakota has done a good job. The only credit card we hadn't accepted until a year ago was American Express for that reason; because they had such a high merchant fee. The Bank of North Dakota did some negotiating with them. They're averaging from 2.5% to 3%.

Chairman Brandenburg: Is it right on track? Is it more or less?

Kim Kary: It is more because in 2014 we made everyone go electronic for purchasing their license. A lot more people are buying their license at home or through their smart phones. We still have people going into merchants and they can still pay cash.

Vice Chairman Boehning: Have you ever looked at putting a fee on the license to cover this cost?

Kim Kary: If in the future it keeps going this way we might look at a bill like that. We are doing a bill as far as a fee for the merchants. Right now in law the merchant can only tack on a \$.50 fee. If they're selling a \$50.00 combo license, that's \$1.50 that they're absorbing and paying that fee themselves; when they only get to keep \$.50 for it.

Vice Chairman Boehning: Along those lines we need to do this throughout the state government. It's costing the state millions for using these credit card fees.

Chairman Brandenburg: I had one individual who was not IT savvy approach me. He's pretty upset that he has to go online to get a fishing license. Are you requiring tax id numbers now? Maybe he was referring to social security numbers?

Kim Kary: We've always had that information required. We're revamping our license system now. It should go live before the end of the session. You will only give your social security, by law, one time. That social security number is cross checked with human services to make sure that they've paid their child support. You can't have a recreational license in North Dakota, hunting and fishing licenses are considered recreational, if you're delinquent in child support.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Vice Chairman Boehning: What is the reason why the state fair doesn't want to go through with it? Does it have to do with Pioneer Village?

Kim Kary: The church.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Chairman Brandenburg: Recessed the hearing.

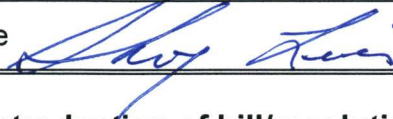
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Minutes:

Attachment A.

Chairman Brandenburg: Reopened the hearing on HB1017 and HB1077

Kim Kary continued with her testimony. See attachment A. See recording job# 26756.

Representative Kempenich: On these shooting ranges grants, are you safety issues or just more training?

Kim Kary: There are some cities who don't have one. In order to get people to shoot in a place that's more designated for it than shooting in a place you really shouldn't. There are two spots we've earmarked if they can get the land are Jamestown and Minot.

Terry Steinwand: In the Jamestown example, there used to be shooting range on the corp of engineer's land by Pipestem Reservoir. We have a group over there very actively seeking a place to put a new range. Watford City is going to be somewhere down the road; they were enveloped by development out there.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Chairman Brandenburg: The credit card transaction fee is \$690,000.00. The bill you're working on is going to cut that?

Kim Kary: Maybe next time. We aren't really working on a bill for this; it's to help the vendors.

Chairman Brandenburg: You get nothing out of it?

Kim Kary: We get nothing.

Vice Chairman Boehning: Is there two pieces to that pie? Is it just that Dan's is paying for it and he gives us the money? We don't have to pay any fees on that. Correct?

Kim Kary: Correct. The vendor signs an agreement with us and he sells the license. He can choose to add a service fee; right now it's limited to \$.50. Some vendors don't tack on that fee. When he gives us the money at the end of the month for the amount of sales that he has sold, he keeps that \$.50 per license; we get the revenue. We don't pay an additional credit card fee; we only pay credit card fees on what is sold through our website and our 1-800 number.

Representative Nathe: What are the fees that you pay on the credit cards?

Kim Kary: \$690,000.00.

Representative Nathe: The percentage.

Kim Kary: They range anywhere from 2.2% to 3%; depending on the card.

Representative Nathe: Has there been any thought given that we only work with one vendor?

Kim Kary: It's all handled by the Bank of North Dakota. They have the merchant agreement for the state. So if parks & recs or DOT uses credits through their system, the Bank of North Dakota deals with the merchant and the agreement.

Representative Nathe: Three percent is a lot for a credit card.

Kim Kary: The Bank of North Dakota for the state of North Dakota has worked with American Express. American Express was over 3% and now it's 2.6%. I'm rounding it; I think our highest is 2.6%.

Representative Nathe: I'm paying 1.52% in my business.

Kim Kary: It's something we can pass on to the Bank of North Dakota.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Vice Chairman Boehning: With those royalty payments and that one employee, are there enough funds coming in with the price of oil as low as it is to make the full payment? Do we have to take out some other funding to pay for that biologist?

Kim Kary: Yes. So far we've been able to sustain the payment for the one employee. In the beginning we used a few hundred thousand dollars on a wildlife study. Some of that money we're collecting is used to pay for that position and help fund some studies. We would probably use some of our PR money to help fund those studies versus cutting the position.

Vice Chairman Boehning: How much comes in on that?

Kim Kary: I don't have that number right now. I can get it for you.

Representative Kempenich: Is there a well?

Kim Kary: We leased the mineral rights to somebody and they did drill a well.

Chairman Brandenburg: That person that's working out there. Is the study data we can use dealing with endangered species and invasive species? Is that where you're gearing that type of study toward? Is it being documented so you have that information?

Kim Kary: The first one we did was a mule deer study and it was the effects of oil on mule deer.

Terry Steinwand: It was a five-year study; it's since been completed; on the effects of oil and gas on mule deer population in western North Dakota. That was partially covered by the Oil and Gas Research Council. The final report should be done this year sometime.

Chairman Brandenburg: So it was geared to that meaningful information.

Terry Steinwand: Yes.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Chairman Brandenburg: On the 75% federal funds on the Garrison Dam. Other places have their own fisheries. How did this happen that the feds have their own fishery and we don't? Is this the best arrangement?

Terry Steinwand: We went into agreement when I was chief of fisheries for the game and fish department in the early '90's. We had an old deteriorating fish hatchery north of Jamestown at Spiritwood Lake. There are two national fish hatcheries in the state; one at Garrison Dam and one in Valley City. We entered into an agreement with them where we would collect the eggs; they would raise them up and we would distribute them to statewide lakes. We stock the most walleyes in the nation. We do all the fish production and transportation for \$500,000.00 per year. The next closest nation in the state does it for \$2 million; so we do it for 25% of the cost of any other state in the nation. The state owns the salmon building.

Chairman Brandenburg: The federal money, the \$5.2 million, can you leave it this way or do you want to change it?

Terry Steinwand: That is PR money, we can't spend it on fisheries.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Representative Vigesaa: Do you have any unfilled positions at this time?

Kim Kary: I would say no.

Representative Vigesaa: Just give us an overview of your game warden status. Do you have any impending retirements coming soon?

Kim Kary: There are a few game wardens who have met the rule of 85. I haven't been told of any official retirements.

Representative Brabandt: What does it cost for salaries, fringes, payroll taxes, vehicles, vehicle expenses for a game warden per year?

Kim Kary: I will have that for you next time.

Representative Kempenich: Did you replace an airplane or are your going to?

Kim Kary: In the administrative services division with some of the PR funds, we are going to replace our 2006 Champion Scout aircraft; it was purchased in 2006. It will cost about \$250,000.00 after trade-in and that will be 75% federal funds.

Representative Kempenich: Are you looking for the same type?

Kim Kary: We would get a Scout.

Becky Keller, Fiscal Analyst, Office of Management and Budget: It is \$154,327.00 for the biennium.

Kim Kary: Plus the \$77,000.00.

Chairman Brandenburg: Closed the hearing.

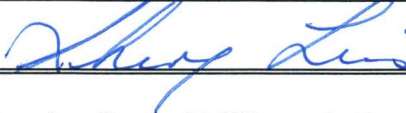
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Minutes:

Attachments A through C

Chairman Brandenburg: Opened the hearing on HB1017 and HB1077.

Kim Kary, Chief of Administrative Services, ND Game and Fish Department: See testimony attachment A from January 11, 2017. See recording job# 26756.

Vice Chairman Boehning: Do we have a coast guard presence in the state? Is it just funds that they give to us to do these projects? Do they do any enforcement in the state?

Kim Kary: It's money to us to do our boating education on our boat safety. If someone wants to run a watercraft, they have to take a boat safety course if they're over 15 years old. It's funds to do those types of programs. The coast guard doesn't patrol Lake Sakakawea.

Vice Chairman Boehning: I didn't know if it was just educational in lieu of them not being here.

Kim Kary: It's also enforcement. When enforcement is out there patrolling the lakes and rivers, that's part of this boat safety money.

Representative Delmore: Can you tell me where the shooting ranges are now? You have money for two additional locations. How many ranges do we have that you're supporting now?

Kim Kary: There are too many. We do have state ranges that we manage. We also give money to private ranges; there are a lot of private ranges that we fund every year. The state ranges that we have are: The Louis & Clark Range in Williston, Schmidt Bottoms Range, Kimball Bottoms Range, in Wilton we have a range; those are the only four state ranges. It's not only gun ranges; it's also archery ranges.

Representative Delmore: Do they apply for that money on a need to fix up the range basis?

Kim Kary: They have to apply to our program by a certain date; we analyze them, we find out if they have all the requirements to meet our eligibility, enough to support the match and when was the last time we funded that club.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Chairman Brandenburg: When you do the research, is all of the data geared towards the numbers; so when they start putting them on that list you have that data?

Kim Kary: The studies I was talking about with the PR funds is not with endangered species. That's for active hunting species with PR wildlife funds.

Chairman Brandenburg: Could you use that information to put together for data?

Kim Kary: The data that we're collecting with this is to figure out how many licenses we should give for moose this year. We fly the surveys, we decide how many licenses to do, we find out about their habit and what types of habit we should plant to keep the species. There is a slight crossover.

Chairman Brandenburg: It could be used if it was needed.

Kim Kary: Some of it.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Chairman Brandenburg: This is the one that you tie together with a partnership with the ag department?

Kim Kary: Correct.

Kim Kary continued with her

Terry Steinwand, Director, ND Game and Fish Department: See testimony attachment A for January 13, 2017.

Vice Chairman Boehning: It looks like a lot of that land is farmable. Do you continue to have it farmed and pay cash rent off of it then?

Terry Steinwand: Most of the time we do.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Representative Nathe: In regards to the private land deer depredation line; the \$17.8 million. Will that be enough?

Kim Kary: In the 2010-2011 session, there was SB2027; which mandated \$1 million for the depredation fund. That is where they told us to set aside out of that \$17 million; to set aside \$1 million for depredation, plus \$100,000.00 for some food plots. The carry over of \$881,000.00; that's also the law where if we don't use that money, we can carry over any of the unused \$1 million to the next biennium. In addition to this \$1 million this biennium, we have \$881,000.00 from the previous biennium on top of this. We carry it forward up to \$2 million each biennium.

Representative Nathe: I just remember from that year that those hearings were quite emotional.

Kim Kary: The program seems to be working very well under the new rules and guidelines.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Representative Nathe: Was it last session that we had an increase in fees or was it two sessions ago?

Kim Kary: Two sessions ago.

Representative Nathe: Are we going to have anything like that now? Do you foresee any of that coming in the future?

Kim Kary: No.

Representative Brabandt: How many acres of land in the state of North Dakota does the game and fish own? How many do they manage?

Kim Kary: Referenced maps from attachment B.

Terry Steinwand: Game and fish owns and manages 117,000 acres. We lease and manage about 98,000 acres. The national wildlife refuge is about 500,000 acres and the waterfall production areas are about 250,000 acres statewide.

Kim Kary continued with her testimony.

Representative Nathe: Just so I understand correctly. In 2014 there was an increase of \$183,000.00 in revenue. In 2015 we're \$171,000.00 less?

Kim Kary: Correct. It has to do with the number of licenses issued. We issued less licenses in 2015 than we did in 2014.

Representative Nathe: Is there any reason for that?

Kim Kary: Our deer still haven't recovered; and so the number of deer that we issued that year was less. With this winter, there might be even less next year.

Representative Nathe: Could you talk a little on the plane?

Kim Kary: I didn't talk much about it but the details are in there, it is 75% PR funds. We're asking for a replacement of our aircraft that was purchased in 2006. We would get the best trade in if we traded it in and purchased a new one towards the end of the next biennium. The net cost between what the pilots estimate of what a new one is versus our trade-in value; the net would be \$250,000.00 for a new airplane.

Vice Chairman Boehning: How many deer car crashes are there? Do you keep statistics of that or does the highway patrol?

Terry Steinwand: We used to keep track of that; but a bill was passed within the last couple of sessions that the highway patrol or DOT does not have keep track of that anymore.

Vice Chairman Boehning: With all the driving I do, it seems like there are more deer killed on the highways than people harvest.

Terry Steinwand: That's probably true this winter more than anything. Once they get on those less snowy areas, they tend to stay on them.

Scott Rising, Soybean Growers Association: I just want to take the opportunity to thank the fish and game publicly. We collaborate with them on something that's called the farm bill specialist program. What that program does is it puts national farm bill legislative conservation practices available to ag producers and ranchers across the state. In the past there's been significant divide between agriculture and some of the conservation groups. This program says that farm bill money will be available on a matching basis; 50/50 by people who are willing to participate in this program.

Rachel Grosz, ND Farm Bureau: I would just like to echo the comments made by Mr. Rising. The farm bureau has participated the last go round in the specialist program. We would like to continue that collaboration and participation with our agency. We would also like to thank the director and game and fish for their efforts.

Kim Kary: See attachment C.

Chairman Brandenburg closed the hearing.

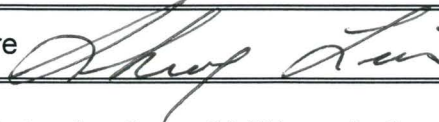
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A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish department.

Minutes:

See attachments A and B

Chairman Brandenburg: Opened the hearing on HB1017 and HB1077.

Representative Nathe: Explained attachment A.

Representative Kempenich: How do you buy one boat and five motors?

Terry Steinwand, Director, ND Game and Fish Department: We have boats that are in good shape; we're just replacing the motors.

Representative Nathe continued with his explanation.

Representative Kempenich: Who owns that plane?

Terry Steinwand: These are federal aid monies through excise taxes on hunting equipment. Game and fish would own the plane.

Representative Nathe continued with his explanation.

Representative Kempenich: I see that game and fish has new infrared night vision binoculars to find that boat on the river.

Terry Steinwand: I think we have a strategy to deal with that. The binoculars are to allow night vision optics for night time coyote hunting in North Dakota via proclamation. This is to help our wardens enforce that portion of it.

Representative Delmore: Did you say what 17, 18 and 19 were for?

Representative Nathe: They were for special funds.

Kim Kary, Chief of Administrative Services, ND Game and Fish Department: See attachment B.

Chairman Brandenburg: That's your increase in health care?

Kim Kary: For the temps.

Kim Kary continued with her explanation.

Representative Kempenich: Are those temporary's spread across the different divisions or is it mainly in one division that you use most of those?

Kim Kary: The temporary dollars that are for these health insurance can be for any temporary person that we have. We have temporary people in every division.

Representative Kempenich: Some temps are more permanent than others. These are really temporary people?

Kim Kary: These are not FTE's; they fall under the temporary health care act.

Representative Delmore: The \$180,000.00 increase in credit card fees, is that still just for vendors? You're not going to do anything about it to cover yourselves?

Kim Kary: That \$180,000.00 is not for vendors. This is for our credit card fees that the game and fish pays on behalf of hunters. We don't pass that fee onto hunters. We absorb that ourselves when they buy a license through our website, that credit card fee is paid by game and fish.

Representative Delmore: I think that some of us on this committee look at that as a great deal of money that perhaps should be passed on to the people that are using their credit cards to apply for it. I was just wondering if you've looked at a fee or thought about what would be reasonable.

Kim Kary: We did not consider passing a law to have the sportsmen pay a credit card fee when their purchasing a license through game and fish. That would have to be a separate legislative law since you would have to increase the fees. We can't charge a fee to a customer without legislative approval.

Vice Chairman Boehning: What is the total amount that game and fish is paying for credit card fees?

Kim Kary: It's about \$690,000.00.

Vice Chairman Boehning: Plus this \$180,000.00?

Kim Kary: The \$690,000.00 includes the \$180,000.00; and that's for two years.

Representative Nathe: We wouldn't be able to put an amendment on here that says you charge \$10.00 for the license and then they have to pay the fee? Is that what we'd be looking for in order to address Representative Delmore's concerns?

Representative Kempenich: Was it about two sessions ago where you raised your fees?

Kim Kary: Right now our fee keeps our fund balance to the positive. This is just the cost of doing business and it has gone up; but, it still hasn't affected a fee increase to the public to increase their hunting and fishing fees.

Representative Kempenich: What is the percentage of people using credit cards?

Kim Kary: The people that purchase through our vendors is about 90%. If they're going through our state website, obviously it's a credit card.

Chairman Brandenburg: I think it's something that should be discussed that should be worked out during the interim.

Vice Chairman Boehning: We're looking at \$690,000.00; and the thing I'm hearing from hunters is they don't have any place to hunt. This would buy a lot of PLOTS land.

Terry Steinwand: I want to state our philosophy as to why we aren't passing these fees on to the hunters and fishermen. These are truly user pay dollars whether it's license fees or the federal excise tax on hunting and fishing equipment they buy. We feel we ought to be as pro customer services as we can by not passing them on to them. If you do something as a study resolution it has to be a bill passed for vendors up to 3%. \$700,000.00 would get us some PLOTS land; but it wouldn't be very much.

Representative Delmore: There are businesses in Grand Forks that only accept certain credit cards because they have a lower fee. There are some that say they'll give a discount for cash. I think it's probably something that needs to be looked at.

Representative Nathe: What is the total amount in credit card fees paid?

Kim Kary: I believe it's about \$690,000.00.

Representative Kempenich: What is the average of your customer base?

Terry Steinwand: It varies from year to year. When you combine hunting and fishing, resident and non-resident; it's going to be between 180,000 and 200,000.

Representative Kempenich: That's a yearly amount that you're giving me.

Terry Steinwand: It makes a difference if someone buys a single annual fishing license for \$16.00 and a non-resident comes in for deer and duck; that's \$400.00 or \$500.00.

Representative Nathe: This study, will it be on the back end of this?

Chairman Brandenburg: We'll look at OMB or the industrial commission.

Chris Kadrmas, Fiscal Analyst, ND Legislative Council: What's being included in there that's not being included in any other state agency is the 1% salary increase. We would have to reduce by \$124,970.00.

Chairman Brandenburg: We will have to take that out.

Chairman Brandenburg: Closed the hearing.

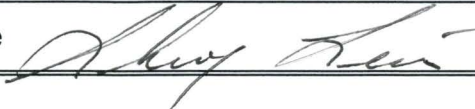
2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee - Government Operations Division
Medora Room, State Capitol

HB1017
2/7/2017
Recording Job# 27970

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish department.

Minutes:

Attachments A and B

Chairman Brandenburg: Opened the hearing on HB1017 and HB1077.

Chairman Brandenburg: Explained attachment A. Recording problem not recorded.

Representative Nathe: Made a motion to change the EARP funding to \$500,000.00.

Representative Kempenich: Seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Made.

Motion Carried.

Representative Nathe: Explained amendment 17.0502.01001 Attachment B.

Representative Nathe: Made a motion for a "Do Pass as Amended".

Representative Kempenich: Seconded the motion.

Representative Brabandt: Made a motion to take \$800,000.00 out of the bill for land acquisitions.

No second was made. Motion died for lack of second.

Representative Vigesaa: These purchases have to go through the budget section.

Chairman Brandenburg: They have to go to the county commission also to get approval.

Roll Call Vote Made: 7 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent

Motion Carried.

Chairman Brandenburg: Closed the hearing.

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee
Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1017
2/14/2017
28356/28335

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Virginia L Moch

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

To provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish department.

Minutes:

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Recording 28356 6:20-7:45

Representative Kempenich: The court is waiting on us about the shooting range at Minot State Fair. They had a schedule date for January. They cancelled it and said that this is a legislative issue. Representative Ruby and Senator Ole Larsen had a bill addressing this last session with the state fair and it didn't get very far. They scheduled a date for November if we don't do anything with it.

Chairman Delzer: I don't think we should change what we did because it is not settled. I don't think we want to make a stand on an issue like that in this bill.

Recording starting at 3:00

Representative Nathe: Committee you will see under statement or purpose on amendment 17.0502.01002 you'll see an increase in the house changes of a little over \$6.3 million, of that \$1.1 million is an increase in special funds and of that, \$5.2 million is an increase in PR funds and federal funds to help it out. Going down the line: operating expenses is an increase of \$1.6 million, a lot of that has to do is the PR division, fisheries enforcement division and that kind of thing, capital assets is an increase of \$1.3 million relating to the replacement of the aircraft. 4:45 The grants line increased by \$2.3 million having to do again with PR and also the shooting range at Minot State Fair and Jamestown. Land habitat and deer degradation is an increase of \$903,000. Noxious weed control increased \$25,000, basically that is due to chemical costs. Missouri river enforcement is a little over \$1300. Grants and gifts decreases a little over \$25,000. Lone Tree Reservoir is wrapping up. There was a decrease in that. Most of it is funded by the Bureau of Reclamation, but we still had some costs in there.

That's how we get to the \$6,328,625 increase in the budget. The second page under statement of purpose, they've seen a large increase of people using their credit card. Game and Fish is paying the service charge on that and are projecting a \$180,000 increase in that. We discussed how to bring that cost down, we discussed funding to replace pond liners and funding for boat access, the airplane, and we had a onetime \$300,000 charge for a state fair shooting skills building. It was put on hold. They were not able to bid it out and approve contracts, so it can't be carried over. They asked for it to be approved so they can rebid that for the 17-19 biennium at \$300,000.

8:40 **Chairman Delzer:** I am a little uncomfortable about a building, even at the state fair. They couldn't go forward with that because of the lawsuit between the Heritage Park and the fair. Is that totally finished? I thought the Heritage Park won?

Representative Nathe: I think that lawsuit is over and that is why they are asking for the building. The Heritage Park won, but they are able to do the project now, from talking to them. One other thing is the \$115,000 for wild life services. We took that out of water commission funds and transferred it to the Ag commission so they could meet their matching funds.

Representative Nathe: I make a motion to move the amendment 17.0502.01002.

Representative Brandenburg: seconds the motion.

Chairman calls for further discussion. Representatives Nelson and Brabandt state that they don't think it is over and Becky Deichert of OMB doesn't know.

Representative Nelson: Is that where that building was supposed to be built, in the area that the heritage group was having the lawsuit?

Representative Brandenburg: I think they were hoping to get it settled and this way they would have the money available.

Chairman Delzer: We could amend and then removed the building.

Representative Schatz: Did they remove any FTEs?

Representative Nathe: No they have not.

Representative Schimdt: In the pursuit of consistency, the state water commission is all special funds and we took out 4 FTE.

Representative Brabandt: I don't know that we need to build another building that's empty

Chairman Delzer We will vote to amend and then remove.

Voice vote motion carries

Chairman Delzer: It does bother me to have a 6-million-dollar increase even if it is special funded.

Representative Brabandt: Where is the 800 thousand dollars for land purchase?

Representative Nathe: That is in the capital assets line.

Representative Monson: I don't have a big problem with FTEs not going down, but I do have a problem with building. I make a motion to remove the 300 thousand for the building in Minot.

Chairman Delzer: I am going to support this they don't even know if they can build this.

Representative Pollert: I do agree to take out the building. I second the motion.

Voice vote to remove the building all in favor.

Representative Nathe: Make motion to Do Pass as amended.

Representative Boehning: I second that motion.

Chairman Delzer: A roll call vote was taken. Yea: 14 Nay: 5 Absent: 2 Motion carries. Representative Nathe will carry. 20:35

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Lonetree reservoir	44,980	11,448				(80,485)
Wildlife services						
Total all funds	(\$614,362)	\$453,615	\$180,000	\$572,000	\$122,000	\$4,949,772
Less estimated income	(614,362)	453,615	180,000	572,000	122,000	4,949,772
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Equipment replacement	747,000
Federal funds authority increase	1,590,000
Operating expenses increase	839,186
Capital assets reduction	(1,063,040)
Grants increase	1,353,772
Land habitat and deer depredation increases	1,153,880
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**2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1617**

House Appropriations - Government Operations Division Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: Change EARP fund to \$500,000.00

Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Place on Consent Calendar
 Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Rep Nathe Seconded By Rep Kempenich

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Brandenburg			Representative Delmore		
Vice Chairman Boehning					
Representative Brabandt					
Representative Nathe					
Representative Kempenich					
Representative Vigesaa					

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

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

**2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1017**

House Appropriations - Government Operations Division Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: 17.0502.01001

Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
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 Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Representative Nathe Seconded By Representative Kempenich

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Brandenburg	X		Representative Delmore	X	
Vice Chairman Boehning	X				
Representative Brabandt	X				
Representative Nathe	X				
Representative Kempenich	X				
Representative Vigesaa	X				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

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Floor Assignment Chairman Brandenburg

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

Motion Carried

Date: 2/14/2017
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1017**

House Appropriations Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: 17.0502.01002

Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Place on Consent Calendar
 Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Representative Nathe Seconded By Representative Brandenburg

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Delzer					
Representative Kempenich			Representative Streyle		
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Total (Yes) 11 No 1

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

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Motion Carries

Date: 2/14/2017
 Roll Call Vote #: 2

**2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1017**

House Appropriations Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: Remove building at the state fair

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 Place on Consent Calendar
 Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Representative Monson Seconded By Representative Pollert

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Chairman Delzer					
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Representative: Boehning			Representative Vigesaa		
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MOTION CARRIES

Date: 2/14/2017
Roll Call Vote #: 3

**2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
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House Appropriations Committee

Subcommittee

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Motion Made By Representative Nathe Seconded By Representative Boehning

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
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Representative Schmidt		X			

Total (Yes) 14 No 5

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Representative Nathe

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent: pass HB1017

Motion Carries

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

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Nongame wildlife conservation						
Lonetree Reservoir	44,980	11,448				(80,485)
Wildlife services						
Total all funds	(\$614,362)	\$453,615	\$180,000	\$572,000	\$122,000	\$4,949,772
Less estimated income	(614,362)	453,615	180,000	572,000	122,000	4,949,772
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Increases Funding for Wildlife Services ⁷	Adds One-Time Funding to Replace an Airplane ⁸	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages			\$214,963
Operating expenses			1,669,186
Capital assets		250,000	832,960
Grants - Game and fish			2,315,772
Land habitat and deer depredation			903,127
Noxious weed control			25,000
Missouri River enforcement			1,392
Grants - Gifts - Donations			(25,318)
Nongame wildlife conservation			
Lonetree Reservoir			(24,057)
Wildlife services	115,600		115,600
Total all funds	\$115,600	\$250,000	\$6,028,625
Less estimated income	115,600	250,000	6,028,625
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding is adjusted for cost-to-continue 2015-17 biennium salaries and benefit increases and for other base payroll changes.

² Funding is added for increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,249 per month.

³ Increases funding for credit card fee charges on the purchase of licenses.

⁴ Adds funding for the replacement of pond liners.

⁵ Continues funding to support the Parks and Recreation Department's operation of boating access at state parks.

⁶ Base level funding is adjusted as follows:

	Other Funds
Rent allowance reduction	(\$100,000)
Extraordinary repairs increase	97,000
Salmon building replacement lighting	130,000
Wildlife management area improvements	200,000
Equipment replacement	747,000
Federal funds authority increase	1,590,000
Operating expenses increase	839,186
Capital assets reduction	(1,063,040)
Grants increase	1,353,772
Land habitat and deer depredation increases	1,153,880
Noxious weed control operating expenses increases	120,135
Missouri River enforcement reduction	(662)
Grants - Gifts - Donations reduction	(37,014)
Lonetree Reservoir operating expenses reduction	(80,485)
Total	\$4,949,772

⁷ Increases funding the Game and Fish Department provides to the Agriculture Commissioner from \$384,400 to \$500,000, for wildlife services.

⁸ Adds **one-time** funding to replace an airplane.

This amendment also adds a section identifying the cost of the health insurance premium increase.

2017 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1017

2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee
Harvest Room, State Capitol

HB 1017
3/16/2017
Job # 29352

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Sandy Baumgartner for Rose Karing

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish department.

Minutes:

#1

Legislative Council: Chris Kadrmas

OMB: Becky Deichert

Chairman Holmberg called the committee to order on HB 1017.

Terry Steinwand, Director, Game & Fish Department: Introduced the budget bill and department.

Kim Kary, Chief of Administrative Services Division, Game and Fish Department

Testified in favor of HB 1017. Testimony Attached # 1.

Chairman Holmberg: Senator Wanzek: Senator Oehlke: Senator Grabinger will be on the sub-committee.

Senator Grabinger: On page 2 you talked about \$5.2 million that has to be obligated by 9-30-17. What board decides that?

Kim Kary: That is the Fish & Wildlife Service Federal Regulations.

Senator Grabinger: Who determines where that money is going to go?

Kim Kary: It is not so much a determination where it goes. In state law that says that the State Game and Fish Agency money, whether it is federal or license money, has to be used for administration of the state agency. By that law which this legislature has passed, then we get these federal funds to us as well as every Game and Fish in the nation. For Pittman-Robertson (PR) there are regulations that say what kind of things it can be used for. It can be used on wildlife surveys, shooting ranges, and a variety of things. It is the same on the DJ side. There are certain types of grant programs that that money can be used on. We write a grant, we apply to our sister agency in Denver, that is our regional office. Our grant has to fit within the federal regulations. We have never had a grant turned down.

Senator Grabinger: So they are the ones who decide where that money goes?

Kim Kary: They approve it and it has to fit within federal regulations.

Senator Wanzek: Can we obligate it to be spent in 2017-2019 or do we have to use it in the current biennium to qualify for the 5.2 million?

Kim Kary: Before Sept. 30, which is the end of the fiscal year of 2017, the feds want the grant application obligations for those funds from us. They will approve them. That money could be used out 1 year or 2 years. One of the grants is going to be for an elk study and it will be for 5 years. So we will write a grant by August 2017 for 5 years to commit this money to do this study. The chunk of change has to be submitted and approved and obligated before the time line. It is a different time line. It is very unique. All states are trying to find creative ways to use the influx money. Some states are coming up with a match. We do that with our shooting ranges. We give them the federal funds, but if a club comes to us and says we want a grant somewhere and we want some money from you. We will give them federal funds and they have to come up with the match. We do the same things with boat docks and things like that through the water district part boards. In some cases, we have been able to not use our state funds as match and have some of those other entities have a buy in.
Continued with testimony. (14:23)

Senator Hogue: Where was the site for the State Fair Shooting Skills building on the State Fair Grounds?

Kim Kary: North and west of the pond. It was land they didn't use anymore. The building is near the old race track. The Minot clubs use the building for the winter months to have organizational meetings and things like that.

Senator Bowman: Can you use part of that federal money for plots land?

Kim Kary: Yes. We are using some of that for plots. We have built in \$900,000 for plots contracts. There are some restrictions and Denver has to buy off on it.

Senator Oehlke: I am curious on the increasing wildlife service's line by \$115,000. I understand that is to provide animal damage control work in the ag. area. Was it because of deer depredation?

Kim Kary: Our director will answer that question.

Terry Steinwand: A lot of what that is, is because of last session it was decreased from \$600,000 to \$384,000. And we added it up because of budget problems with the water commission. This goes to the USDA Wildlife Services. It is for coyote, beaver control and those kinds of things. It has nothing to do with depredation.

Kim Kary continued with testimony (22:07)

Senator Robinson: Do we have any involvement in the national fish hatchery north of Valley City? And are you involved?

Terry Steinwand: We are the only state in the nation that does not have a fish hatchery. We made that decision back in 1993, when we went into cooperative agreement with the US

Fish and Wildlife Service. It has been very successful agreement. We run our fish production program for about \$500,000 a year. The next closest state is about 2M a year. The primary agreement is with the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery. The Valley City National Fish Hatchery, we also coordinate with them. The way the federal government has incorporated those projects together. It is equal basically. It comes into a primary budget in Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery. Valley City is actually part of that. We just found out the new president has requested that every cabinet member in his agency look at increasing the duties and efficiency if possible to the facilities in the states. We do run such an efficient operation with the cooperation of the federal government. If they would turn it over to us it would be appr. another 5 FT's would be required and another million dollars a year. We like the current arrangement.

Senator Robinson: In Valley City it is northern, walleye and?

Terry Steinwand: It is northern, walleye, panfish, croupy, some perch. We have an agreement with Canada because of a transfer issue that we would not stock anything in the Hudson Bay area which is basically Valley City to the east, from anything that originated from outside of that basin. So if anything comes out of the Valley City hatchery it originates in that basin.

Kim Kary: continued testimony, page 8 (30:55).

Senator G. Lee: With the Missouri River enforcement line, you get \$135,000 out of the Resources Trust Fund for that. So that means that your budget is \$270,000?

Kim Kary: Correct, the match. What we are getting out of the trust fund. We are getting part of the match for that 50% and we are making up the difference.

Senator G. Lee: From the federal side it is \$270,000 for that line? You are getting \$135 out of the Trust Fund.

Kim Kary: The budget for that line is \$270,000 or \$283,000, so 50% of that going to be federal money from the Coast Guard will get reimbursed. Then \$130 will be from the trust and the difference to make up that I think is \$20 plus. It is a 50-50 match.

Senator G. Lee: So just for the river outside of Bismarck is where you do the patrolling for that?

Kim Kary: Correct, and why the Water Commission got involved in that was that it is sovereign land and they had some funds in that budget. So our chief enforcement officer got a cooperative partnership with the Water Commission Trust Fund for the match for that.

Senator G Lee: So if the Water Resources Trust money wasn't there, how would you operate that line?

Kim Kary: It would come out of our licensing money. We will not turn back federal funds. Continue testimony. (40:35)

Senator Hogue: About waterfall depredation, does the dept. help with that or just US Fish & Wildlife?

Terry Steinwand: We cooperate with USDA and Fish and Wildlife. We can get permits through the Fish and Wildlife Services and USDA to be able to do that. We average between 200-250 of those permits each year. I think it is up to 60 geese that they can kill. For the first time this year we are going to allow rifles to be used to help in that.

Kim Kary: (45:50) On page 16. HB 1419, this bill has an appropriation for \$250,000. The bill started as a basic firearm program. With these federal funds and state registration the dept. can't administer a firearm safety program because that is outside the realm of the function of our agency. When we saw that come through we figured that would put us in a diversion of funds situation with the feds, which means they would hold federal funding from us. We sent language to Denver and have discussed with the bill sponsor and have come up with a workable solution to that bill. I don't know when that comes up if we will get to talk or not.

Chairman Holmberg: We will have a hearing on that. It was on the Senate on the 10th. They have to have it to us by next week. On page 3 toward the end, you have something that we haven't seen which was changes recommended by Governor Burgum and those made by the House. Burgum recommended removing the 1% compensation and 6 FTE's and require employees to pay 5%, yet the House kept the 6 FTE's and removed \$300,000 for the building and increased Wildlife Services line \$115,000. We haven't seen many examples where the House has refused to remove FTE's.

Senator Robinson: The RAP program is administered by the Wildlife Federation. Your involvement is in enforcement if there is a call. If someone uses that number, it is referred to you folks?

Kim Kary: Correct, they call the RAP number and then the enforcement will investigate the confiscated items. If the judge makes them give up the guns or whatever that goes back to the Rap program to be auctioned off.

Senator Robinson: That program has been successful. What kinds of dollars are they generating? Is there any reporting mechanism?

Kim Kary: The FTE's, the majority of 75% is funded by federal funds whether on the fish or wildlife side. We were happy with the outcome.

Senator Bowman: With the DAPL problem that you had and you are committed has that all been taken care and when is the final settlement for the Game and Fish. Do you know that or is it pending on the law suit?

Kim Kary: Sheila Peterson just sent out an email saying that agencies that have incurred costs can get reimbursed from DES for the involvement of DAPL. We are at about \$440,000 between warden Time, usage of our equipment and airplane and pilot. There is going to be some legislation or bill tacked on somewhere to give agencies the appropriation authority.

Right now we had to use existing appropriation authority and two lines work came out of for DAPL for salaries and operating.

Becky Deichert: It's going to be amended onto OMBs bill. It will go through there.

Senator Wanzek: I was going to ask about the PLOTS land. I know the acres are down. You want higher quality land. Do you take in consideration if a farmer is willing to go with no till, does that come into play? I know if I leave my wheat stubble stand there is more wildlife for hunting on that than a plowed field.

Kim Kary: We'll get the information for you for the sub-committee from the different things that can be allowed.

Mike McEnroe, North Dakota Wildlife Federation: By legislation action and Century Code the ND Wildlife Federation manages the funds in the RAP program. When a violation is called into the department or state radio and a ticket in written in a violation and a conviction is received, the Federation will pay that anonymous caller a reward, somewhere between \$200-\$1000. That depends on the seriousness of the violation. Any evidence or materials that are seized by the warden or the court may be turned over to the RAP program. We hold a periodic auction about every 4 years. We had one in 2014 in Minot and it generated \$48,000 in gross sales and about \$41,000 after expenses for the auctioning, rent and security, etc. So the Federation manages that money in a separate bank and a separate account from the rest of our monies. We have a RAP committee comprised of 2 law enforcement officers and 3 of our own members. They go through and name the budget. We have a prescription for the rewards when a conviction is received and the warden is available. He calls our treasurer and a check is made out to the caller. The auction this year will be in Minot in May. The evidence we received are 50-60 guns. The auction in 2014 we had 65 guns, 75 tree stands, a boat, electronic game calls, several fishing rods and coolers and other equipment. 500 people were at the auction. I would stand for any questions.

Chairman Holmberg: Thank you.

2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee
Harvest Room, State Capitol

HB 1017
3/21/2017
Job # 29532

Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Eve Liebelt for Rose Daring

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish department.

Minutes:

Legislative Council: Chris Kadrmas
OMB: Becky Deichert

Senator Wanzek: Called the sub-committee to order on HB 1017. **Senators Oehlke and Grabinger** were also present.

Terry Steinwand, Director, Game and Fish Department: Introduced Kim Kary to give an overview.

Kim Kary, Chief of Administrative Services, Department of Game and Fish: I will go through some of the highlights that are mentioned on the first few pages, with just a reminder that the Game and Fish is a special fund agency with only license revenue and federal funding. (1:27-5:25)

Senator Wanzek: You have the flexibility within the department to direct those funds to those kinds of investments?

Kim Kary: Correct, to those types of programs. When we sat down and saw this flux of 5.2 million in the PR side, when you go to the Federal Regulators for the use of PR funds, it has eligibility, it has allowed ability and it has certain types of qualifications you must meet to use those funds.

Senator Wanzek: What is an example of where you couldn't use it?

Kim Kary: Fire arms safety program which has no hunter education component in it whatsoever. That is a diversion of funds.

Senator Grabinger: We have a couple of projects and I am wondering to move the projects along we would have to do a survey or study. Is the cost of that able to be included in this for dredging a lake and also fisheries at Spiritwood Lake?

Kim Kary: I'm not sure on the dredging side what is allowable.

Terry Steinwand: That would be under the Dingell-Johnson funds, fishery side of it. What Kim is referring to is a PR of the wildlife side.

Kim Kary: Continues going over the handout. (8:03-8:41)

Senator Oehlke: The matching funds that you used to match other safety efforts, like for our search and rescue team in Devils Lake. Is that under the boat safety from the Coast Guard or is that something else?

Kim Kary: Yes, it is under our boat safety program which is 50% funded from the Coast Guard.

Senator Oehlke: Do you use that money up every year or every biennium.

Kim Kary: We do now with the Missouri River program and 50% of that program is with Coast Guard money. We do not use it 100% up.

Senator Oehlke: Youth hunting, do we track if that is growing or leveling off?

Kim Kary: The number is growing.

Senator Oehlke: So putting off the Fairs, Shooting Building in Minot, can that hold off for a long enough time?

Terry Steinwand: It can but we would have to spend some money to renovate the current one. This was in part was meant to replace that building plus to provide class room space.

Senator Wanzek: The Fair Grounds has put a moratorium on that project, is that why we are not considering it next biennium?

Terry Steinwand: We did have it in the budget. The House Appropriations did take it out. We can't guarantee that it will be lifted for building capital projects on the Fair Grounds. It's the State Fair's moratorium.

Senator Grabinger: It's not likely that the City of Jamestown will get that shooting range built. How long do we have before the money, I don't want to lose the money? Is there something we can do to earmark it somewhere else, and then come back to that?

Terry Steinwand: I am not ready to give up on the Jamestown shooting range project yet.

Kim Kary: Continues with handout. PLI (Private Land Initiative) stayed the same. It has some Outdoor Heritage Money to use that was approved for a 5-year project. (14:50-15:20)

Senator Wanzek: The PLOTS, Private Land Open To Sportsman, acres are down, is that due to CRP being taken out?

Terry Steinwand: We used to have 4 hundred thousand acres in the CRP PLOTS access and at that point we had over 3 million acres in CRP. Our goal is still 1 million acres but we want to get quality habitat associated with that.

Senator Wanzek: You made the statement that you think we're going to lose CRP acres? I have learned with the current commodity prices. I've heard of more guys signing up.

Terry Steinwand: We had only about a 6% acceptance rate on the CRP signup this fall. There's a 22M acre nationwide cap right now. Some in North Dakota who applied were not accepted.

Senator Wanzek: It's not all the landowners fault. The NRCS, with the Outdoor Heritage Fund, if you want to get some land that has a lot of wetland with potholes and you can't really farm it very efficiently. There is a program that if you apply and square it off, they will pay you for the farm acres and match for every acre you put in. They will allow you to put in a wetland and you to get 50% of that payment per acre. Farmers are encouraged to section off areas of wet land and put them in CRP.

Terry Steinwand: We promote that, along with Pheasants Forever and other organizations over the years. If it is the one, I am thinking of it is called Precision Agriculture. There is no requirement to put it into PLOTS. It was not funded by the Outdoor Heritage Fund. We hope to have that expanded in the near future.

Senator Grabinger: In this goes on this same thing as Senator Wanzek was talking about was the Water Bank Program in the water department. There is money being allocated so that they can match the Heritage Fund money so they can do that. Why are we having the ag department do this when we already have the ability to do that under your authority there?

Terry Steinwand: The state Water Bank Program was an outdoor Heritage Fund project that was applied for by the Agricultural Department. We cost share our part of that through our PLI dollars. The Agricultural Department actually administers it. We help with PLOTS acres of they decide but they are not required to but we certainly encourage them to. It's an extra payment.

Senator Wanzek: On the bottom of the spreadsheet with the House version. There is 115,600 more dollars to the Ag Commissioners that is for wild life services. That is an increase in what you had been sending to the department of Ag?

Kim Kary: Correct.

Terry Steinwand: We are allowed to give depredation permits with geese to the individual landowner but that is separate.

Senator Wanzek: I am not sure there is much more to say. I am not hearing you ask for anything more.

Kim Kary: We can't complain and we don't disagree with the Houses' changes and we aren't asking for anything different.

Vote 1 -

Senator Oehlke: Moved to approve an amendment that would correct the insurance premium dollars.

Senator Grabinger: Seconded the motion.

Senator Wanzek: Yes

Senator Oehlke: Yes

Senator Grabinger: Yes

A Roll Call Vote was taken: 3 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Vote 2 -

Senator Grabinger: Moved a Do Pass on HB 1017 G&F budget as amended and recommend passage to the full appropriations committee.

Senator Oehlke: Seconded the motion.

Senator Oehlke: Yes

Senator Grabinger: Yes

Senator Wanzek: Yes

Roll Call Vote was taken: 3 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Senator Wanzek: Closed the sub-committee hearing on HB 1017.

2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee
Harvest Room, State Capitol

HB 1017
3/23/2017
JOB # 29580

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A DO PASS AS AMENDED on HB 1017 (Game & Fish Department)

Minutes:

1. Proposed Amendment # 17.0502.02001

Chairman Holmberg: opened the hearing on HB 1017. All committee members were present. Michael Johnson, Legislative Council and Lori Laschkewitsch, OMB were also present.

Senator Wanzek: explained the amendment and stated they agreed with the House.

Senator Wanzek: moved amendment # 17.0502.02001. 2nd by Senator Grabinger.

Chairman Holmberg: Discussion? Would you call the roll on the amendment to 1017?

A Roll Call vote was taken. Yea: 14; Nay: 0; Absent: 0.

Chairman Holmberg: Could I have a motion on the bill?

Senator Grabinger: Moved a Do Pass as Amended. 2nd by Senator Wanzek.

Chairman Holmberg: Call the roll on a Do Pass as Amended on 1017.

A Roll Call vote was taken. Yea: 14; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Senator Wanzek will carry the bill.

The hearing was closed on HB 1017.

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3/23-2017
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	Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Increases ¹	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$30,331)	(\$30,331)
Operating expenses		
Capital assets		
Grants - Game and fish		
Land habitat and deer depredation	(1,631)	(1,631)
Noxious weed control		
Missouri River enforcement	(75)	(75)
Grants - Gifts - Donations		
Nongame wildlife conservation		
Lonetree Reservoir	(829)	(829)
Wildlife services		
Total all funds	(\$32,866)	(\$32,866)
Less estimated income	(32,866)	(32,866)
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding for employee health insurance is adjusted to reflect the updated premium amount of \$1,241 per month. Section 2 of the bill is also changed to reflect the revised premium rate.

Date: 3-23-17

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1017

Senate Appropriations Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: 17.0502.02001

- Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Wanzek Seconded By Grabinger

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Holmberg	✓		Senator Mathern	✓	
Vice Chair Krebsbach	✓		Senator Grabinger	✓	
Vice Chair Bowman	✓		Senator Robinson	✓	
Senator Erbele	✓				
Senator Wanzek	✓				
Senator Kilzer	✓				
Senator Lee	✓				
Senator Dever	✓				
Senator Sorvaag	✓				
Senator Oehlke	✓				
Senator Hogue	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

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

Date: 3-23-19

Roll Call Vote #: 2

2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1017

Senate Appropriations Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Grabinger Seconded By Wanzek

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Holmberg	✓		Senator Mathern	✓	
Vice Chair Krebsbach	✓		Senator Grabinger	✓	
Vice Chair Bowman	✓		Senator Robinson	✓	
Senator Erbele	✓				
Senator Wanzek	✓				
Senator Kilzer	✓				
Senator Lee	✓				
Senator Dever	✓				
Senator Sorvaag	✓				
Senator Oehlke	✓				
Senator Hogue	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Wanzek

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

	Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Increases ¹	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$30,331)	(\$30,331)
Operating expenses		
Capital assets		
Grants - Game and fish		
Land habitat and deer depredation	(1,631)	(1,631)
Noxious weed control		
Missouri River enforcement	(75)	(75)
Grants - Gifts - Donations		
Nongame wildlife conservation		
Lonetree Reservoir	(829)	(829)
Wildlife services		
Total all funds	(\$32,866)	(\$32,866)
Less estimated income	(32,866)	(32,866)
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding for employee health insurance is adjusted to reflect the updated premium amount of \$1,241 per month. Section 2 of the bill is also changed to reflect the revised premium rate.

2017 TESTIMONY

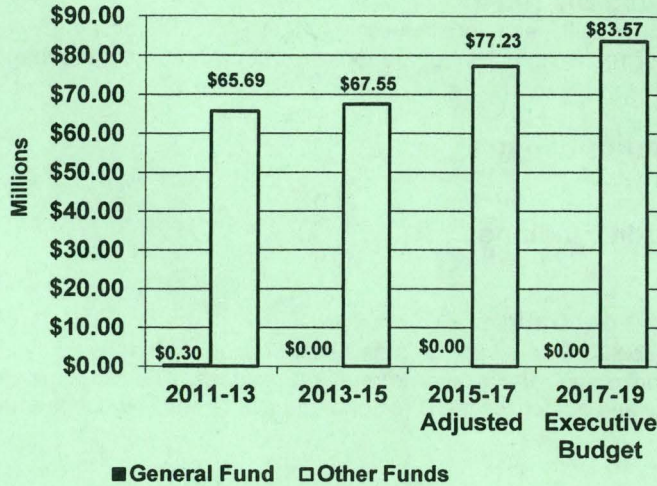
HB 1017

**Department 720 - Game and Fish Department
House Bill Nos. 1017 and 1077**

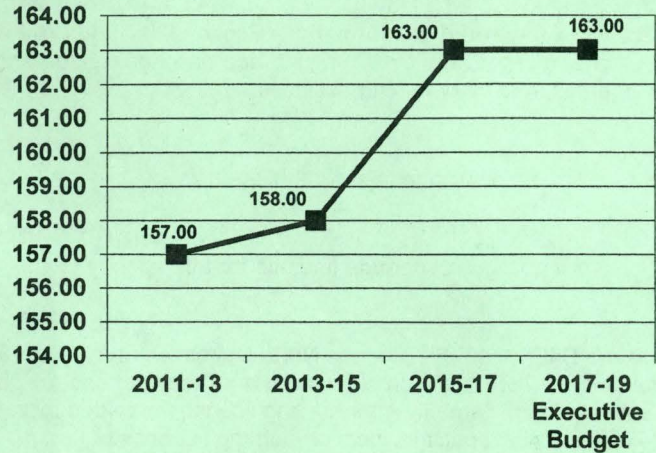
Executive Budget Comparison to Prior Biennium Appropriations

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2017-19 Executive Budget	163.00	\$0	\$83,569,734	\$83,569,734
2015-17 Adjusted Legislative Appropriations	163.00	0	77,231,739	77,231,739
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	\$0	\$6,337,995	\$6,337,995

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



Executive Budget Comparison to Base Level

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2017-19 Executive Budget	\$0	\$83,569,734	\$83,569,734
2017-19 Base Level	0	77,231,739	77,231,739
Increase (Decrease)	\$0	\$6,337,995	\$6,337,995

Executive Budget Highlights

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds funding for state employee salary and benefit increases, of which \$124,970 is for salary increases and \$453,615 is for health insurance increases	\$0	\$578,585	\$578,585
2. Reduces funding for base payroll	\$0	(\$614,362)	(\$614,362)
3. Increases funding for credit card fee charges on the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses	\$0	\$180,000	\$180,000
4. Reduces funding for rent allowance for oil-impacted areas	\$0	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)
5. Increases funding for extraordinary repairs of base buildings	\$0	\$97,000	\$97,000
6. Adds funding for replacement of lighting in the salmon building	\$0	\$130,000	\$130,000
7. Adds funding for replacement of pond liners	\$0	\$572,000	\$572,000
8. Increases funding for improvements to wildlife management areas	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
9. Adds funding for equipment replacement	\$0	\$747,000	\$747,000
10. Increases funding for grants from Pittman-Robertson federal funds	\$0	\$840,000	\$840,000
11. Increases Pittman-Robertson funding for improvements to wildlife management areas	\$0	\$750,000	\$750,000
12. Increases funding for operating expenses	\$0	\$839,186	\$839,186
13. Reduces funding for capital assets	\$0	(\$1,063,040)	(\$1,063,040)
14. Provides funding for the Parks and Recreation Department for operation of boating access at state parks	\$0	\$122,000	\$122,000

15. Increases funding for grants	\$0	\$1,353,772	\$1,353,772
16. Increases funding for land habitat and deer depredation	\$0	\$1,153,880	\$1,153,880
17. Increases funding for noxious weed control operating expenses	\$0	\$120,135	\$120,135
18. Reduces funding for the Lonetree Reservoir operating expenses	\$0	(\$80,485)	(\$80,485)
19. Adds one-time funding to replace an airplane	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
20. Reauthorizes one-time funding for a State Fair shooting skills building	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000

**Other Bill Sections Recommended to be Added in the Executive Budget
(As Detailed in House Bill No. 1077)**

Grants, gifts, and donations line - Section 2 includes in the grants, gifts, and donations line item of \$400,000 received by the Game and Fish Department for surface damage, easements, or reclamation on department-owned or department-managed properties from oil or mining activities:

Continuing Appropriations

No continuing appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1025 - Amends North Dakota Century Code Section 20.1-04-07 and creates a new section to Chapter 20.1-05.1 relating to Governor's proclamations and the authority to authorize special allocation of hunting licenses. The bill eliminates Governor's proclamations for hunting licenses provided for raffles and authorizes the Director of the Game and Fish Department to issue annual special allocation hunting licenses.

Game and Fish Department - Budget No. 720
House Bill Nos. 1017 and 1077
Base Level Funding Changes

	<u>Executive Budget Recommendation</u>			
	<u>FTE</u>	<u>General</u>		
	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	
			<u>Total</u>	
2017-19 Biennium Base Level	163.00	\$0	\$77,231,739	\$77,231,739
2017-19 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Base payroll changes			(\$614,362)	(\$614,362)
Salary increase			124,970	124,970
Health insurance increase			453,615	453,615
Adjusts funding among line items				0
Increases funding for credit card fee charges on the purchase of licenses			180,000	180,000
Reduces funding for rent allowance for oil-impacted areas			(100,000)	(100,000)
Increases funding for extraordinary repairs for base buildings			97,000	97,000
Adds funding for replacement of lighting in the salmon building			130,000	130,000
Adds funding for replacement of pond liners			572,000	572,000
Increases funding for improvements to wildlife management areas			200,000	200,000
Adds funding for equipment replacement			747,000	747,000
Increases funding for grants from Pittman-Robertson federal funds			840,000	840,000
Increases PR funding for improvements to wildlife management areas			750,000	750,000
Increases funding for operating expenses			839,186	839,186
Reduces funding for capital assets			(1,063,040)	(1,063,040)
Continues funding for operation of boating access at state parks to Parks and Rec.			122,000	122,000
Increases funding for grants			1,353,772	1,353,772
Increases funding for land habitat and deer depredation			1,153,880	1,153,880
Increases funding for noxious weed control operating expenses			120,135	120,135
Reduces funding for Missouri River enforcement			(662)	(662)
Reduces funding for grants, gifts, and donations			(37,014)	(37,014)
Reduces funding for the Lonetree Reservoir operating expenses			(80,485)	(80,485)
Total ongoing funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$5,787,995	\$5,787,995
One-time funding items				
Adds funding to replace an airplane			\$250,000	\$250,000
Reauthorizes funding for a State Fair shooting skills building			300,000	300,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$550,000	\$550,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	0.00	\$0	\$6,337,995	\$6,337,995
2017-19 Total Funding	163.00	\$0	\$83,569,734	\$83,569,734

Other Sections in Game and Fish Department - Budget No. 720

Grants, gifts, and donations line item

Executive Budget Recommendation

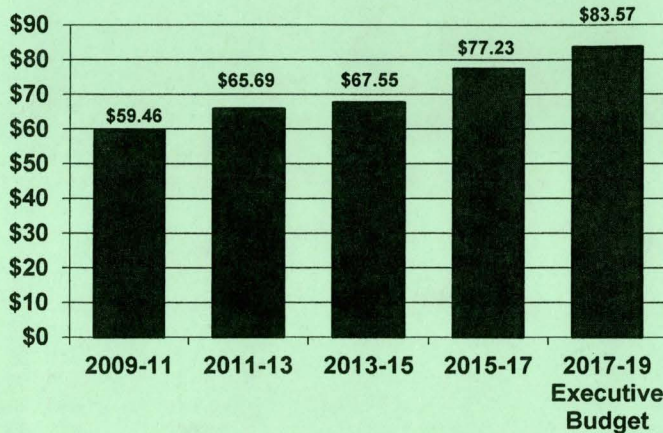
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Department 720 - Game and Fish Department

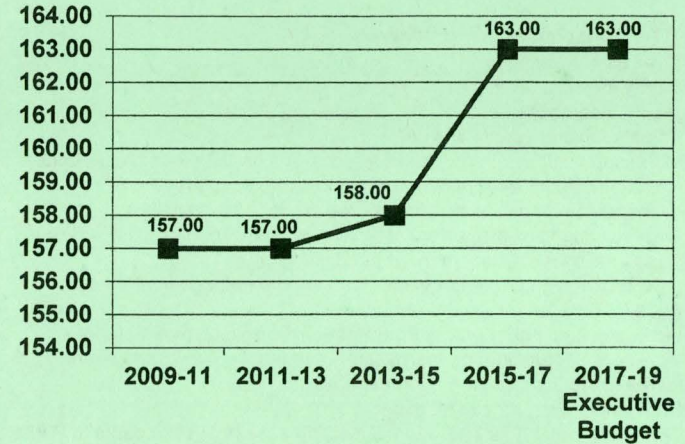
Historical Appropriations Information

Total Other Funds Appropriations Since 2009-11

Agency Funding (in Millions)



FTE Positions



■ Other Funds Appropriations

Total Other Funds Appropriations					
	2009-11	2011-13	2013-15	2015-17 Adjusted	2017-19 Executive Budget
Ongoing other funds appropriations	\$59,463,938	\$65,687,742 ¹	\$67,553,639	\$77,231,739	\$83,569,734
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	\$6,223,804	\$1,865,897	\$9,678,100	\$6,337,995
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	10.5%	28.4%	14.3%	8.2%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2009-11 biennium	N/A	10.5%	13.6%	29.9%	40.5%

¹Amount excludes \$300,000 from the general fund for a transfer to the Department of Agriculture for expenses related to the State Board of Animal Health (\$199,461) and for the Wildlife Services program (\$100,539) in the 2011-13 biennium.

Major Increases (Decreases) in Other Funds Appropriations

2011-13 Biennium

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| 1. Increased spending authority for hunting access and deer depredation | \$850,000 |
| 2. Increased funding provided to the Department of Agriculture for the Wildlife Services program | \$100,000 |
| 3. Increased funding for capital projects to provide a total of \$4,283,170 | \$218,170 |
| 4. Increased funding for grants | \$1,174,500 |
| 5. Added funding for Missouri River enforcement | \$200,000 |
| 6. Increased funding for salaries and wages | \$2,438,741 |

2013-15 Biennium

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| 1. Added funding for 1 game warden FTE position and related operating expenses | \$206,763 |
| 2. Increased funding for shooting ranges | \$300,000 |
| 3. Reduced funding provided to the Department of Agriculture for the Wildlife Services program | (\$100,000) |
| 4. Reduced funding for capital projects to provide a total of \$4,237,261 | (\$298,109) |
| 5. Reduced funding for grants | (\$3,296,000) |
| 6. Increased funding for salaries and wages | \$1,976,240 |

2015-17 Biennium

1. Added funding to change 3 part-time employees to FTE positions, including 2 administrative assistant I positions and 1 biologist position	\$322,615
2. Added funding for 1 administrative officer II FTE position	\$139,475
3. Added funding for 1 licensing specialist II FTE position	\$117,973
4. Increased funding for capital projects to provide a total of \$5,712,996	\$847,935
5. Increased funding for grants	\$211,912
6. Increased funding for operating expenses	\$634,114
7. Increased funding for land habitat and deer depredation	\$2,758,157
8. Adjusted funding for the Wildlife Division	\$200,161
9. Added funding for Devils Lake storage building (\$200,000) and State Fair shooting skills building (\$200,000)	\$400,000
10. Increased funding for the wildlife private land initiative	\$2,000,000

2017-19 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

1. Increases funding for credit card fee charges on the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses	\$180,000
2. Reduces funding for rent allowance for oil-impacted areas	(\$100,000)
3. Increases funding for extraordinary repairs of base buildings	\$97,000
4. Adds funding for replacement of lighting in the salmon building	\$130,000
5. Adds funding for replacement of pond liners	\$572,000
6. Increases funding for improvements to wildlife management areas	\$200,000
7. Adds funding for equipment replacement	\$747,000
8. Increases funding for grants from Pittman-Robertson federal funds	\$840,000
9. Increases Pittman-Robertson funding for improvements to wildlife management areas	\$750,000
10. Increases funding for operating expenses	\$839,186
11. Reduces funding for capital assets	(\$1,063,040)
12. Provides funding for the Parks and Recreation Department for operation of boating access at state parks	\$122,000
13. Increases funding for grants	\$1,353,772
14. Increases funding for land habitat and deer depredation	\$1,153,880
15. Increases funding for noxious weed control operating expenses	\$120,135
16. Reduces funding for the Lonetree Reservoir operating expenses	(\$80,485)
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18. Continues one-time funding from the 2015-17 biennium for a State Fair shooting skills building	\$300,000



January 10, 2017

**HB 1017/1077
2017-2019 Appropriation Request
North Dakota Game and Fish Department**

The Game and Fish Department is a special fund agency using only licensing revenue (hunting, fishing, and boat registrations) and federal funding.

In HB1077, the 2017-19 Governor’s executive budget recommendation is \$83,569,734. This is an increase of approx. \$6.3M from the 2015-2017 base level appropriation. I will explain the details of the increase later in my testimony.

Revenue Projections:

Federal revenue is projected to be as follows:

Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (PR funds)*	\$24,000,000	
Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (DJ funds)**	\$9,000,000	
Recreational Boating Safety Program	\$1,475,000	
State Wildlife Grants	\$1,000,000	
Misc. Federal Grants	\$500,000	
Bureau of Reclamation (Lonetree)	<u>\$1,800,000</u>	
Total Federal Revenue	\$37,775,000	48%

State Revenue by Fund:

Game and Fish Fund (Licenses + Misc.)	\$36,052,000	
Private Land Habitat Fund	\$4,438,000	
Nongame Wildlife Fund (Donations)	\$48,000	
Total State Revenue	\$40,538,000	52%
Total All Revenue	\$78,313,000	

* **Wildlife Restoration Act** – funds are from excise taxes on the sale of guns, ammo and archery equipment which is allocated to the states by a formula based 50% on the amount of land area of the state relative to the rest of the states, and 50% based on the number of hunting license holders in a state relative to other states. These funds are referred to as Pittman-Robertson (PR) funds.

****Sport Fish Restoration Act** – funds are from excise taxes on fishing equipment and motorboat fuel which is allocated to the states by the same formula above with the exception of using the number of fishing license holders vs hunting licenses. These funds are referred to as Dingell-Johnson (DJ) funds.

Federal Revenue Increase

- USFWS Sport Fish Restoration Act funds (DJ) – In 2011 funds fell below \$4M, thus in 2013 we changed the funding source from federal to state for one of our fisheries projects. Since then DJ funds have fluctuated from \$3.6M in 2014 back up to \$4.2M in 2016. We project the funds to remain around the \$4M level annually for 2017-19.
- USFWS Wildlife Restoration Act funds (PR) – have steadily increased from \$7.7M in 2013 to \$11.9M in 2015. We project the funds to remain at the increased level for 2017-19. These funds are apportioned to States from USFWS by law and are not dependent on Congress approval. The PR funds have a 2-year window to be obligated by the department; otherwise, we will lose the funds and they will revert back to the USFWS to be allocated to other states. The department has increased 2017-19 appropriation authority by approximately \$5.2M to spend this additional level of PR funds; some of the funds must be obligated by 9/30/17 or they will revert back to the USFWS thus the need for the increased spending authority. The details of this increased spending authority will be addressed in the individual line items throughout the testimony.
- USFWS State Wildlife Grant funds – have remained the same the last few years, but it is dependent on Congress. These funds pay for 2 biologist positions and projects involving nongame and endangered species. We project the funds to remain at the same level as 2015-17.
- U.S. Coast Guard – Boat Safety funds have a slight increase of \$175K.
- USFWS Aquatic Nuisance Species funds – have declined to \$30K; we've had to use DJ funds for the balance

USFWS DJ & PR funds equate to 89% of our federal funds. These funds are not dependent on congress. They are apportioned to states each year based on the formula explained on the previous page. If these federal funds decrease, we would have to cut programs or use licensing revenue.

License & Special Revenue

Per NDCC 20.1-02-17, Hunting and fishing license fees and application fees may only be used for departmental programs and administration. Noncompliance will result in a diversion of federal funds.

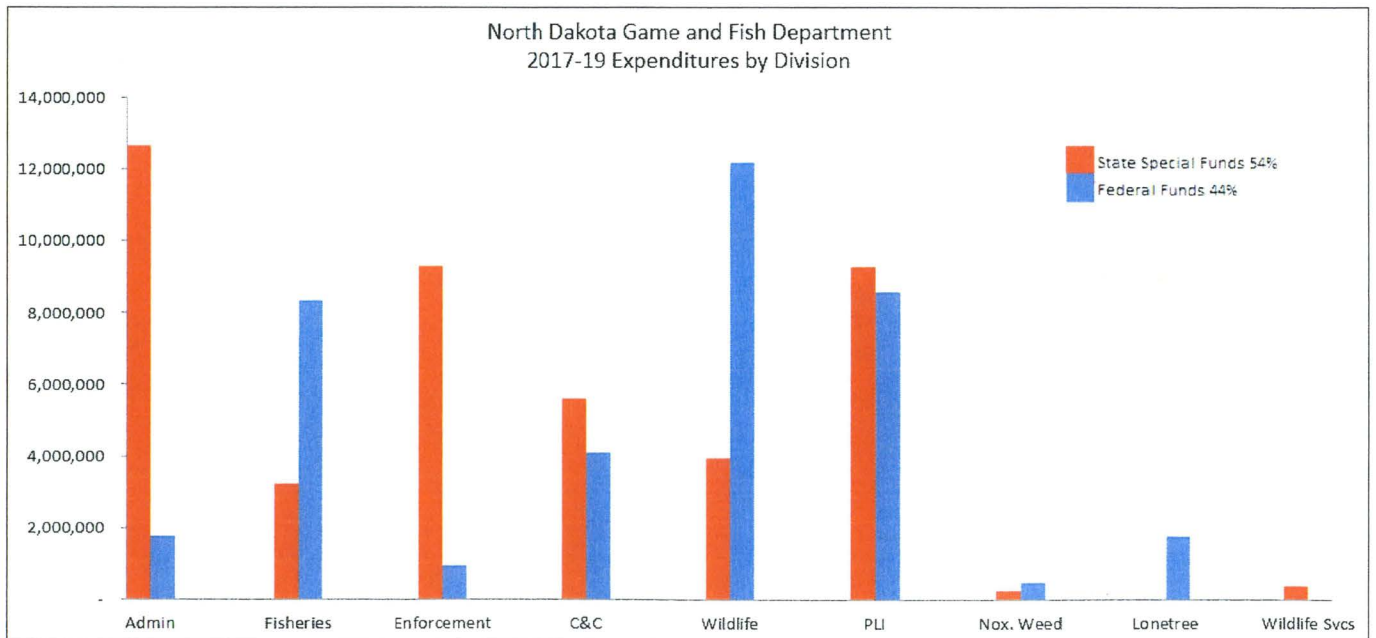
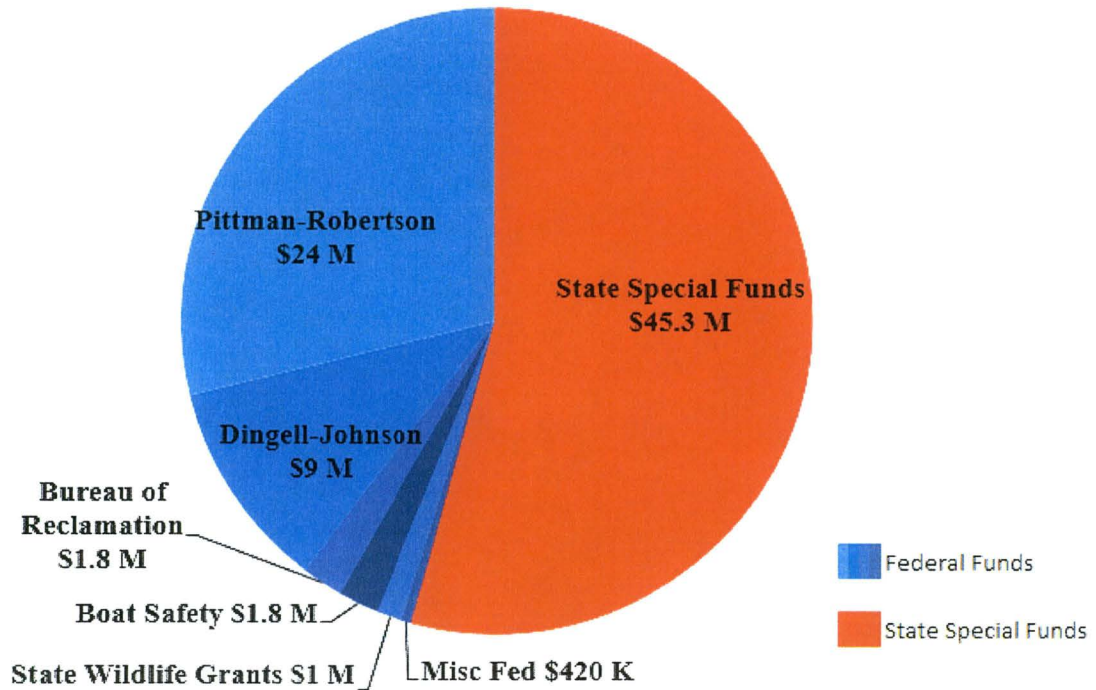
- Deer license revenue has been decreasing due to fewer deer licenses since 2010. In 2012 we had a significant decrease of \$1.5M. In 2014 there was a net increase of \$455K. This amount was the result of a decrease of approx. 10,000 deer licenses which was offset by the license fee increase. Without the fee increase it would have resulted in a \$212K loss in revenue.
- Interest – decreasing (est. \$100K)
(07-09 \$1.5M, 09-11 \$500K, 11-13 \$185K, 13-15 \$115K)

- Transfer from the Outdoor Heritage Fund - \$2M. A grant was approved in the prior biennium and budgeted for five years to spend.

License Sales

- Resident Deer Gun license sales have significantly decreased. 2009-125,583; 2010-101,216; 2011-94,130; 2012-48,605; 2013-43,625; 2014-34,640; 2015-29,559.
- General Game license sales for residents and nonresidents have had minor changes (decreased 700 and increased 1,964 respectively).
- Fishing license sales continuing to increase. We had all-time highs in 2013 for resident and 2015 for nonresident sales.

ND Game and Fish Department 2017-19 Expenditures by Funding Source

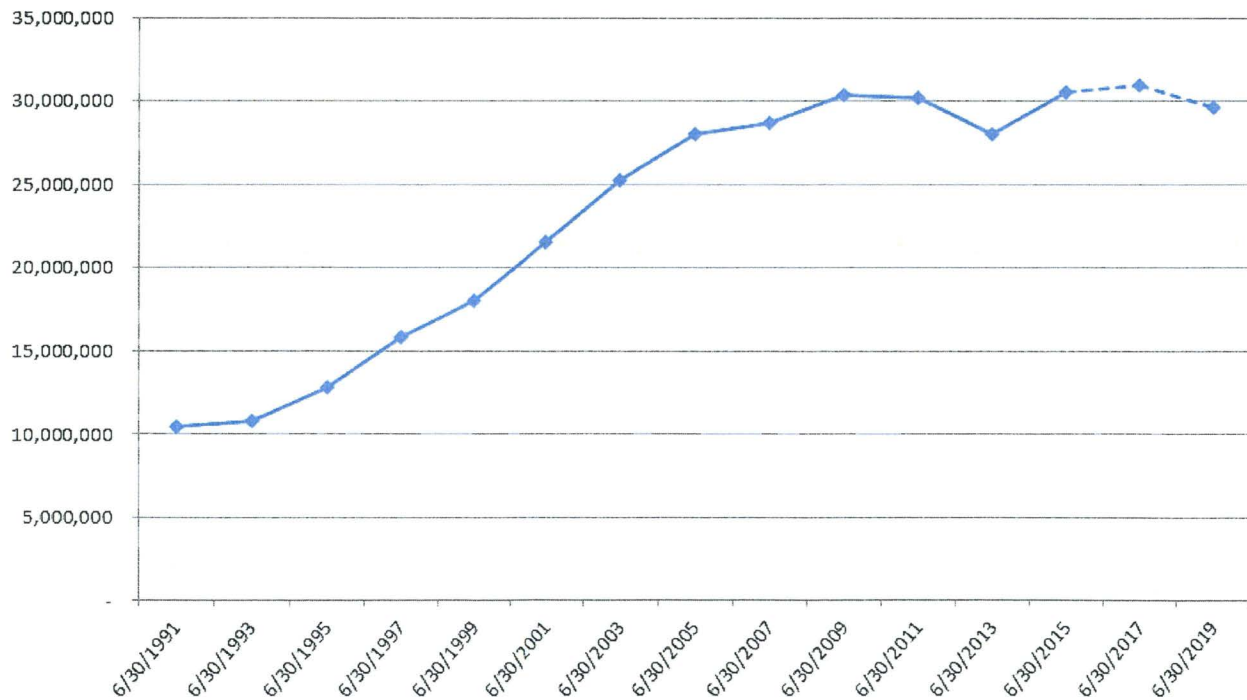


Fund Balances - Fund balance projections are as follows:

	<u>6/30/17</u>	<u>6/30/19</u>
Game and Fish Fund	\$28,457,609	\$24,664,837
Private Land Habitat Fund	\$2,429,855	\$4,916,453
Non-Game Wildlife Fund	\$81,552	\$9,552
Total	\$30,969,016	\$29,590,842

Per NDCC 20.1-02-16.1, the fund balance shall not be reduced below \$15M unless authorized by the budget section.

**ND Game and Fish Department
Fund Balance**



REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION COMPARISON SUMMARY

720 Game and Fish Department
Biennium: 2017-2019

Bill#: HB1017

Description	Expenditures Prev Biennium 2013-2015	Present Budget 2015-2017	2017-2019 Requested		Requested Budget 2017-2019	2017-2019 Recommended		Executive Recommendation 2017-2019
			Incr(Decr)	% Chg		Incr(Decr)	% Chg	
By Major Program								
Administrative Services	14,123,460	17,106,675	(2,312,433)	(13.5%)	14,794,242	(2,205,542)	(12.9%)	14,901,133
Fisheries	9,102,207	10,435,716	1,258,521	12.1%	11,694,237	1,464,354	14.0%	11,900,070
Enforcement	7,915,081	8,942,214	1,085,854	12.1%	10,028,068	1,221,123	13.7%	10,163,337
Communications and Conservation	6,808,649	8,515,218	1,175,520	13.8%	9,690,738	1,252,233	14.7%	9,767,451
Wildlife	23,088,264	33,383,488	3,278,376	9.8%	36,661,864	3,454,255	10.3%	36,837,743
Total Major Programs	61,037,661	78,383,311	4,485,838	5.7%	82,869,149	5,186,423	6.6%	83,569,734
By Line Item								
Salaries and Wages	25,368,348	29,670,242	(201,985)	(0.7%)	29,468,257	329,935	1.1%	30,000,177
Accrued Leave	121,753	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0
Operating Expenses	11,514,890	13,693,944	1,644,186	12.0%	15,338,130	1,644,186	12.0%	15,338,130
Capital Assets	3,553,629	5,497,996	1,132,960	20.6%	6,630,956	1,132,960	20.6%	6,630,956
Capital Construction Carryover	282,999	244,996	(244,996)	(100.0%)	0	0	0.0%	0
Grants-Game and Fish	5,779,386	7,334,412	2,193,772	29.9%	9,528,184	2,315,772	31.6%	9,650,184
Land Habitat & Deer Depredation	11,225,672	17,804,257	0	0.0%	17,804,257	27,800	0.2%	17,832,057
Noxious Weed Control	532,030	700,000	25,000	3.6%	725,000	25,000	3.6%	725,000
Missouri River Enforcement	231,886	282,540	0	0.0%	282,540	1,392	0.5%	283,932
Grant-Gift-Donation	480,360	827,519	(27,519)	(3.3%)	800,000	(24,068)	(2.9%)	803,451
Nongame Wildlife Conservation	36,861	120,000	0	0.0%	120,000	0	0.0%	120,000
Lonetree Reservoir	1,525,447	1,823,005	(35,580)	(2.0%)	1,787,425	(21,558)	(1.2%)	1,801,447
Wildlife Services	384,400	384,400	0	0.0%	384,400	0	0.0%	384,400
Total Line Items	61,037,661	78,383,311	4,485,838	5.7%	82,869,149	5,186,423	6.6%	83,569,734
By Funding Source								
General Fund	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0
Federal Funds	25,247,677	34,917,894	3,035,275	8.7%	37,953,169	3,252,192	9.3%	38,170,086
Special Funds	35,789,984	43,465,417	1,450,563	3.3%	44,915,980	1,934,231	4.5%	45,399,648
Total Funding Source	61,037,661	78,383,311	4,485,838	5.7%	82,869,149	5,186,423	6.6%	83,569,734
Total FTE	158.00	163.00	0.00	0.0%	163.00	0.00	0.0%	163.00

2017-19 Budget Changes Recommended by Governor to the Base Level

HB1077

The budget increased by approx. \$6.3M:

- The majority of the budget increase (**approx.\$5.2M**) is **attributed to additional spending authority for USFWS PR federal funds**. The PR funds have a 2year window to be obligated by the department; otherwise, we will lose the funds and they will revert back to the USFWS to be allocated to other states.
- The budget increased by \$881,576 by law for big game depredation carryover.
- The remaining increase is less than \$300K and made up of various increases and decreases.

Based on the above, the department's overall budget request for 2017-19 is basically a hold even budget with the majority of the increase completely attributed to additional federal funds which will be lost if not spent.

Budget Changes by Department lines

Operating Line – increase of \$1.6M is mainly attributed to the following:

- Wildlife Division - **\$750K** for contract services and O&M on WMAs, **all of which are 75% PR federal funds**;
- Administrative Services Division - **\$180K** increase to credit card bank fees; \$184K increase in IT costs;
- Fisheries Division - \$60K for fisheries O&M on our WMAs was a line item change from Grants to Operating.
- Enforcement Division – \$24K for state fleet vehicle change over.
- General inflation department wide for printing, supplies, legal fees, etc. Also increase of cost of materials for projects (e.g. cement),

Capital Assets Line – overall increase of \$1.1M relates to the replacement of an aircraft, increase of In Lieu of Tax payments, and an increase in extra ordinary repairs as explained below.

- Equipment > \$5K – includes the replacement of our 2006 American Champion Scout aircraft. The estimated net cost after trade-in is **\$250K**. **The purchase will be using 75% PR federal funds**. See budget change package narrative AB#8.
- In Lieu of Taxes – an increase from \$1M for 2015-17 to \$1,363,000 for 2017-19. The funding source of these payments was changed to **75% PR federal funds** for 2017-19.
- Extraordinary Repairs – increase of \$995K consists of:

- Wildlife Division - \$483K for WMA road repairs and development on new WMAs **all of which are 75% PR federal funds;**
- Fisheries Division - \$200K for development work done on our WMAs which was a line item change from Grants to Cap. Assets; \$130K for replacement of lighting in the salmon building at GDNFH; and an increase of \$72K for pond liners for state owned ponds at GDNFH (total \$572K 2017-19 vs \$500K 2015-17). These increases are all with federal DJ funds.;
- Admin. Division – increase of \$97K based on OMB formula; \$65K for misc. land improvements to replace the Hay Creek culvert at the Bismarck OWLS pond area and a gravel fire barrier at the Dickinson shop.
- Buildings – \$300K for State Fair Shooting Skills Bldg. This was requested and approved by the 2015 Legislative Session; however, the State Fair put a hold on all building construction for the State Fairgrounds during 2015-17 and thus we were not able to bid the project nor sign contracts. This project can't be carried over to the 2017-19 biennium by the legislative Construction Carryover process since the project does not have signed contracts. We are requesting the project be re-approved for the 2017-19 biennium.
- Land Acquisition - \$800K (same as 2015-17)

Grants Line – the total increase of \$2.3M is attributed to increasing spending authority **for additional PR funds:**

- The majority of the increase is in the Wildlife division for wildlife surveys and research for elk, moose, white-tailed deer, and sage grouse.
- Shooting Range grants – includes \$1M for 2017-19. The entire \$1M is 100% federal PR funds and the match is provided by the club/organization (tentative locations in Jamestown & Minot).

Private Land Habitat and Deer Depredation Line – change to base for \$881,576 is for big game depredation carryover allowed by law; \$27,800 due to Governor's budget compensation package.

Missouri River Enforcement Line – no change to base, increase due to Governor's budget compensation package. Funded by U.S. Coast Guard federal funds and \$200K from Water Commission for matching funds.

Noxious Weed Control Line – net increase of \$25K for increase in chemical costs.

Lonetree Line – decrease of approx. \$22K. This line is 100% BOR federal funds.

Donation Line – slight decrease for prior biennium compensation package.

DEPARTMENT BUDGET BY DIVISION

The department included in its budget request the following funds appropriated for grants to other state agencies:

- \$0 to ND Parks & Recreation Department; the Gov. Recommended budget is \$122,000
- \$100,000 to Board of Animal Health, Ag Dept.; the Ag Dept. is requesting \$114,430
- \$384,400 to Wildlife Services, Ag Dept.

DIVISIONAL BUDGETS

Brief details on the budgets for the Department's five (5) divisions are presented below:

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION** - Costs in this division include:

- Secretarial support for all Divisions
- Licensing section costs including lotteries
- Accounting costs
- Information Technology costs
- All Department utility, telephone, office rental, janitorial, office supplies, insurance, postage, air craft costs, office machine rental, and other similar costs
- Credit card transaction fees - \$690,000 (an increase of \$180,000)
- Legal services from Attorney General's office
- Costs for the Game and Fish Advisory Board
- Statewide Cost Allocation payment to OMB
- North Dakota Risk Management fund
- Buildings, Grounds, Vehicle Maintenance Supplies
- Travel costs for the Director, Deputy Director, Administrative Services Division Chief, Business Manager and IT staff.
- Capital Assets –
 - \$1,190,786 for extraordinary repairs to Department facilities statewide
 - \$1,363,000 for In Lieu of Tax payments for all Department lands WMAs (\$1M for 15-17)
 - \$300,000 for State Fair Shooting Skills building that was approved for the 2015-17 biennium; however, we were not able to do the project since the State Fair Board put a hold on all building construction for the State Fairgrounds during 2015-17. We are requesting the project be re-approved for the 2017-19 budget.

- **\$250,000** to replace airplane (American Champion Scout) – 75% federal funds from USFWS Pittman-Robertson (PR) funds. See attached Budget Change Package narrative at the end of this testimony.
- Grants – \$295,000 for cooperative grants to local groups and organizations for game and fish related projects, funding for Tribal access agreements, ND Natural Resources Trust, other Director’s grants and sponsorship grants (e.g. ND Landowners Sportsman Council, ND Stockmen’s Assoc., etc.).

The department’s Grant-Gift-Donation line approx. \$800K is used as follows:

- Grants and gifts received for special projects are used as desired by the donor. The department has money from an estate for fishing access work. Also a major grant for bighorn sheep work is expected to continue.
- Revenue received for surface damage, easements, and reclamation on department owned or department managed properties as a result of mineral exploration and extraction activities. The department manages Corps of Engineers (COE) and department lands along Lake Sakakawea, the Missouri River and the Killdeer Mountain WMA. There is significant oil activity on these lands. The COE and other applicable federal agencies require that this money be spent by the department on these areas that are affected. This line allows the department to receive revenue and turn around and spend the funds on the appropriate areas. This funding is often used for road repairs, fencing, habitat development and similar work.
- Royalty payments received for the department’s 160 acre mineral lease in the Killdeer Mountains WMA. These funds are used to employ one full-time biologist to assist the significant increase in work load due to oil activity on our WMA’s. We have also used these funds on a grant to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the impact of oil and gas development on mule deer populations in western North Dakota. Also, a grant for big horn sheep work is expected to continue.

2. FISHERIES DIVISION - This program includes fish production and distribution, fishery research and surveys, fishing area and boating facility development and maintenance and a Save Our Lakes program.

Grants – Total \$2,767,000:

- \$1,293,000 for boating access and development. These grants are used for cost sharing with local governments on fishing and boating facilities; 75% is federal funds.
- \$570,000 in grants is to pay the Department's share of costs for the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery; 75% is federal funds.
- \$305,000 in grants used for creel surveys and Aquatic Nuisance Species.

- \$122,000 is included for boating access related costs to ND Parks and Recreation Department for state parks.
- Misc. other grants.

Capital Assets line – Total \$1,557,000:

- \$1,387,000 in extra ordinary repairs which includes dam repairs, hatchery repairs (\$572K for 4 pond liners at Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery and \$130K for replacement of lighting in the salmon building at the hatchery), and fishing and boating facility construction on lands owned by the Department which includes an increase of \$200K for development work on our WMA's such as toilets, fish cleaning stations, etc. High and low water conditions at Devils Lake, Lake Sakakawea and the Missouri River have been major challenges for the boating access program. 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.
- \$170,000 for equipment over \$5,000 – boat motor replacements, fish transportation tank monitoring system replacement, an electrofishing unit replacement, etc.; 75% is federal funds.

Save Our Lakes Program – To renovate prioritized lakes statewide to provide sustainable quality fisheries. These projects include sediment dams, shoreline enhancements and building of earthen piers, establishment of buffer zones, building of rock weirs, building of wetlands, waste management systems, active hypolimnetic pumping systems, passive low water draw downs, fencing projects, alternate water sources (well), planting of trees and grasses in riparian areas, sediment removal, gravel spawning substrates, establishment of wave breaks and underwater boulder habitats.

Total \$600,000: \$400,000 is budgeted from the private lands line item for this type of work on private land. A significant portion of our watershed work will be on private land. Also \$200,000 is for grant funds from NRCS.

3. ENFORCEMENT DIVISION - This budget supports a staff of thirty-eight (38) law enforcement employees. The budget includes operating expenses mainly for State Fleet and travel costs. Game wardens are very dependent on vehicles to do their work. Over 1.9M miles per biennium are driven using State Fleet vehicles. There is \$225,000 for replacement of equipment included are: two boats with motor and trailer, six ATV/UTV, two snowmobile, and two motors for river patrol boats. The division has a replacement cycle for equipment. There is \$20K for new equipment (investigation surveillance camera and infrared/night vision binoculars).

Missouri River Enforcement line – Expenditures for this special line include salaries, operating, and equipment related to enforcement activities on and along the Missouri River in the Burleigh and Morton county area. Grants are also given to local law enforcement agencies to help with the Missouri River enforcement. This line is funded

50% from federal boat safety funds and 50% from the State Water Commission.

4. CONSERVATION AND COMMUNICATION DIVISION – The division includes the communication section, education section and conservation section. Some programs include aquatic and hunter education, boating education, youth mentoring program, national archery in the schools program, nongame wildlife program, ND Outdoors magazine, ND Outdoors weekly television program, web page management, supplying general information to the public, environmental reviews, work involving the Endangered Species Act, etc. Also, natural resource related reviews and recommendations are provided to private and government entities.

Grants – Total \$3,032,500:

- \$1,262,500 for shooting range grants throughout the state. (An increase of \$750,000 federal PR funds.) The entire amount is federal PR funds which is passed on to local clubs/groups that provide the matching funds for shooting facilities for public use and for hunter education. (\$1M of the total is for tentative locations in Jamestown & Minot).
- \$80,000 for boat safety grants to counties funded by 50% federal funds.
- \$640,000 is included for youth programs, archery in schools, Hooked on Fishing, etc.
- \$1,000,000 is included in grants for the State Wildlife Grant Program. This federally funded program works primarily with wildlife species that are not hunted. The match is normally provided by the grant recipient.
- \$50,000 for grant to Dept of Ag for a collaborative statewide survey and monitoring project for threatened bats and declining native bees and butterflies.

Capital Assets line – Total \$40,000:

- \$30K for extra ordinary repairs for the department's Conservation and Outdoor Skills Park area located on the State Fair grounds.
- \$10K for upgrade/replacement to video equipment.

Nongame Wildlife line - \$120,000 is budgeted for this special line which is supported by the income tax check off.

5. WILDLIFE DIVISION - This budget includes operating costs for Department managed lands, wildlife surveys and investigations, grants to organizations on cooperative projects. It also includes the following Special Lines: Noxious Weed Control, Wildlife Services, Lonetree, and Private Land Habitat and Deer Depredation.

Grants – Total \$3,433,684 (\$837K increase is for additional federal PR funds):

- \$3,333,684 Includes work for grants with wildlife groups and organizations on cooperative projects and wildlife research projects conducted through universities. These include chronic wasting disease work, North American Wetland Conservation

Act, Central Flyway studies, waterfowl habitat projects, salt cedar work, studies/research on various species such as pronghorn, grouse, deer, moose, mountain lions, etc. (All funded 75% federal PR funds).

- \$100,000 to reimburse the State Veterinarian for costs related to oversight of farmed wildlife producers and the administration of wildlife propagation permits. (The amount is the same as the 2015-17 biennium.)

Capital Assets line – Total \$1,685,170 (\$226K increase from 2015-17 is for additional federal PR funds):

- \$653,170 for extra ordinary repairs (e.g. fences, roads, water control structures) and similar work on department wildlife management areas (WMA) statewide. 75% federal PR funds.
- \$232,000 for equipment over \$5,000 – tractor and ATV replacements, replace heavy equipment trailer. 75% federal PR funds
- \$800,000 is included for land acquisitions of small tracts near wildlife management areas, possibly in-holding or round-outs that may come up during the biennium. (This amount is the same as the 2015-17 biennium.)

Noxious Weed Control line - \$725,000 (per HB1077) is requested for the work on department lands. This line is increased by \$25,000 for chemical costs.

Wildlife Services line - \$384,400 is to support Wildlife Service's animal damage control work in the Ag Department. This is the same amount as the 2015-17 biennium.

Lonetree line - \$1,801,447 appropriation (per HB1077) 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 manages and provides technical services for this area for the State of North Dakota as laid out in the Garrison Diversion Reformulation Act. The budget for this line stayed about the same as 2013-15. The budget continues to include funding for 5 staff, operating, equipment, maintenance and development for this area. It is funded 100% by federal funds from the Bureau of Reclamation.

Private Land Habitat and Deer Depredation line – A \$17,832,057 appropriation (per HB1077) is requested to operate this special line. The base budget of \$16,922,681 was increased by \$881,576 by law for big game depredation carryover and \$27,800 for miscellaneous expenses.

This line is commonly called the Private Land Initiative (PLI) line. This line is not just for our PLOTS program, it also includes deer depredation and administrative costs for the PLI line. The base budget includes Outdoor Heritage Fund Grants (\$2M) approved in the prior biennium and budgeted for five years to spend. Approximately 20% of this program is funded with interest earned on game and fish funds and from habitat stamp sales. Cash from the regular game and fish fund along with U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Services Pittman Robertson (PR) federal funds federal funds are used to fund the other 80%.

Of the total line, the budget for the PLOTS Program is 13.8 million of which approx. \$11.9 million is landowner payments. We had a goal to reach 1 million acres of public hunting access on private land by the year 2009. We reached that goal two years early in September 2007. The number of PLOTS acres for the 2015-2016 hunting season was approximately 726,000 acres. A chart of PLOTS acres by program is attached to this testimony.

The line includes \$1,100,000 mandated in the 2010 session by SB2227 to be budgeted to provide wildlife feeding and other winter management practices on lands impacted by big game depredation. Per NDCC 20.1-02-05(17h) - Any unexpended funds, up to two million dollars, may be carried forward for these types of expenditures in future bienniums.



North Dakota Game and Fish Department Private Land Initiative 2016 PLOTS Program Acreage

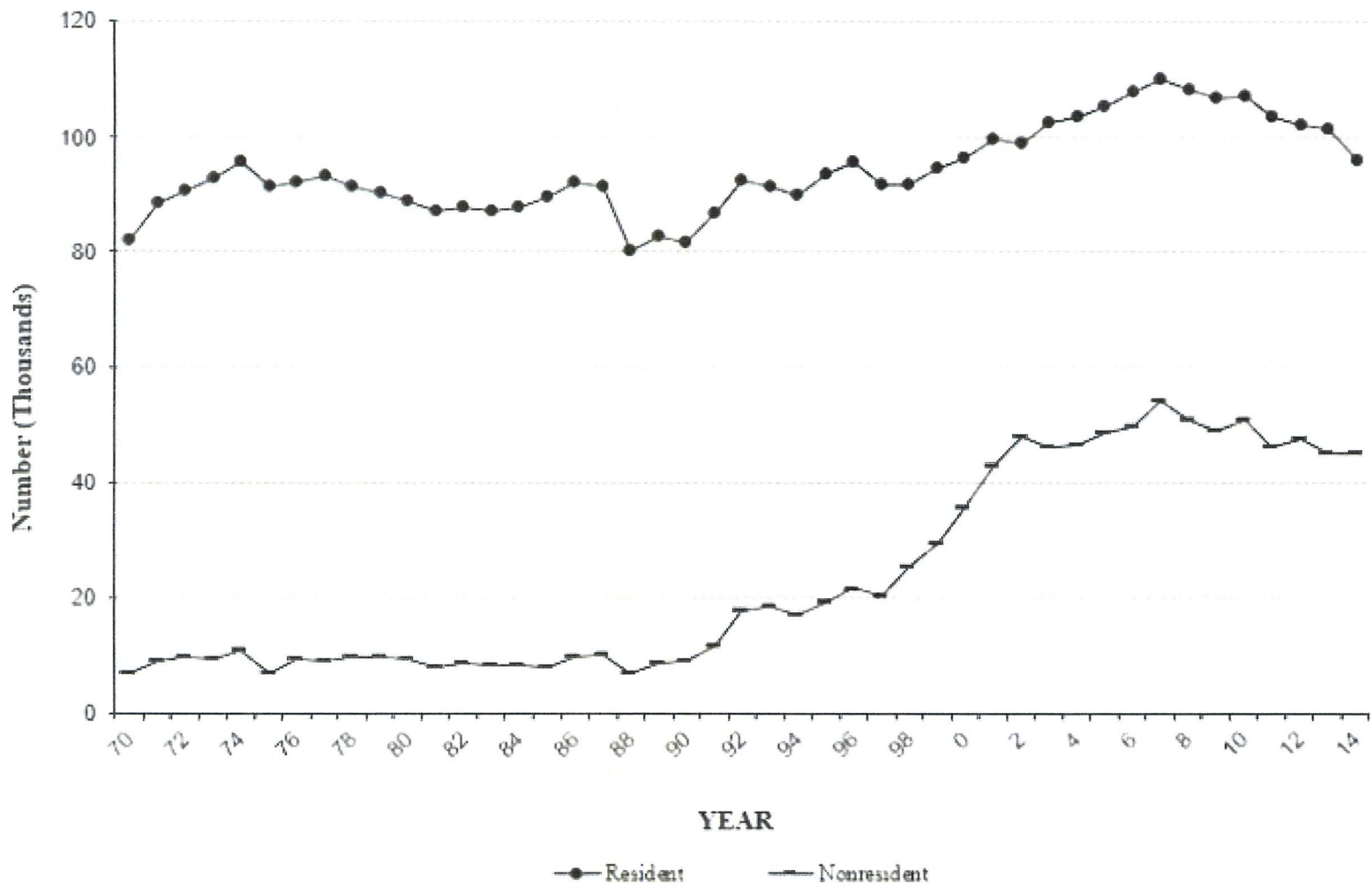
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<u>Program Type</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Program Acres</u>	<u>Access Acres</u>
Beginning Farmer Program	2,520	2,520	0
CREP/Coverlocks	14,050	1,723	12,327
CRP Access Program	212,884	181,805	31,431
Food Plots	101	101	-2
Habitat Plots	102,919	84,791	18,374
Other	20,189	20,037	152
Private Forest Conservation Program	10,241	7,346	2,895
Tree Planting Cost Share Program	711	397	314
Working Lands Program	344,034	344,034	-473
WRP Incentive Program	18,931	17,171	1,761
Totals	726,580	659,925	66,778

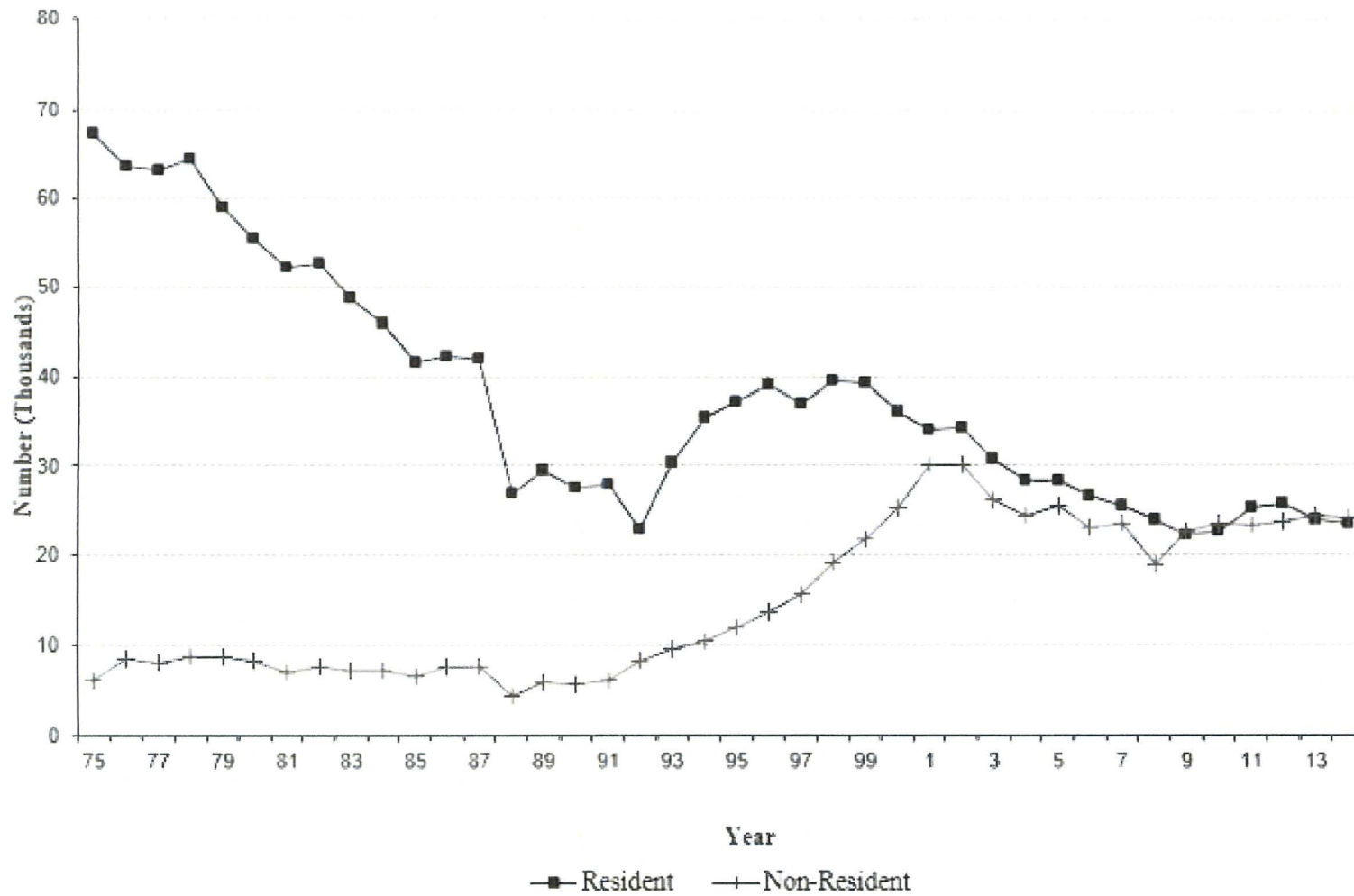


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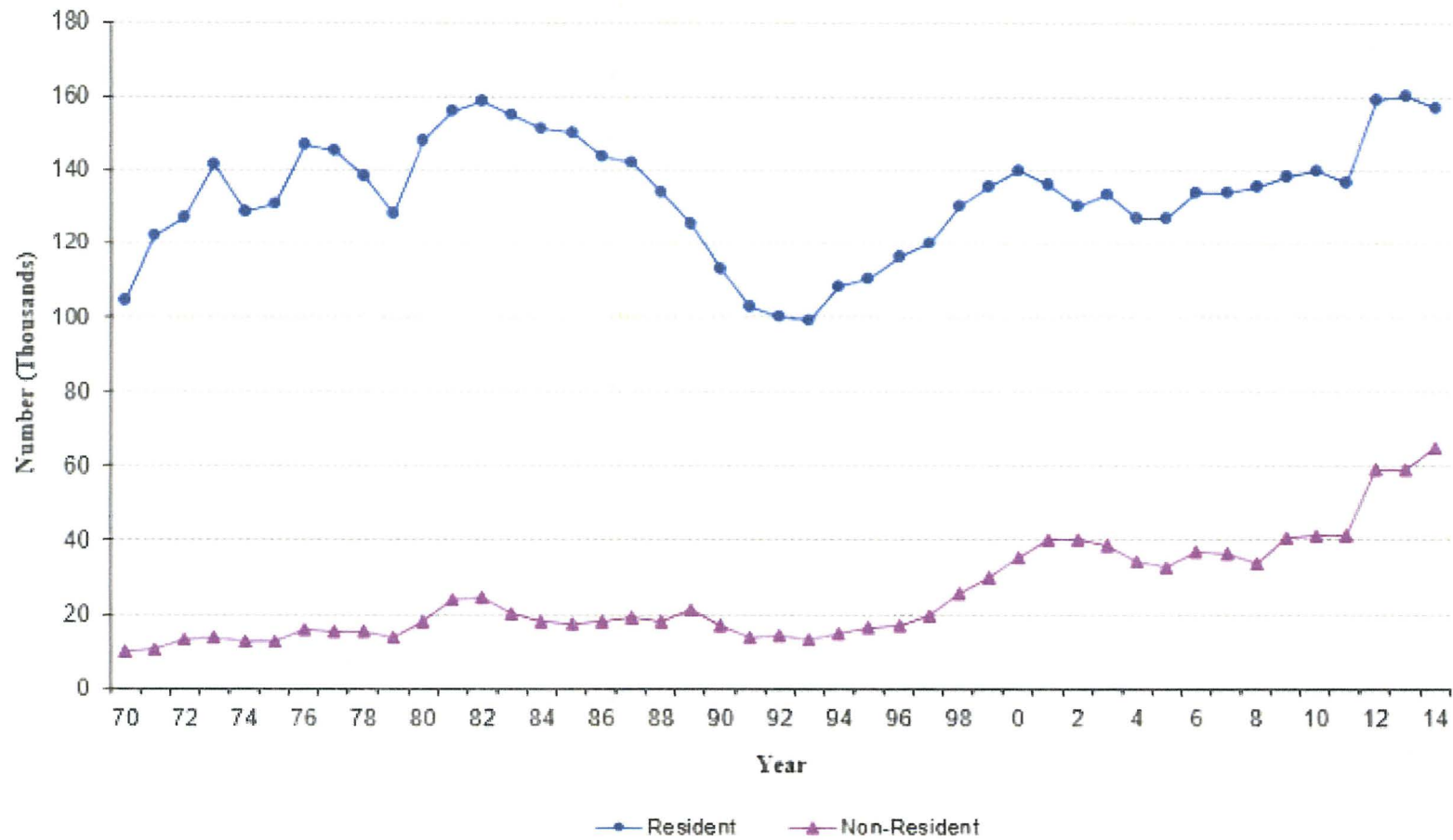


Waterfowl Hunters

North Dakota



North Dakota Fishing License Sales



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Replace Airplane-American Champion Scout

Currently the 2006 American Champion Scout has over 5,500 hours on it. During the 17-19 biennium, we estimate it will have 6,200 to 7,500 hours. When this type of aircraft gets to 10 years old and 6,000 hours, the maintenance begins to rise, value drops and some technology becomes outdated. Based on our estimates, this aircraft would have a better trade value toward the second year of 17-19 biennium.

The estimated cost of a new Scout is \$345,000 (before trade and including the addition of custom order equipment for the special use of the aircraft). The estimated trade value of the 2006 Scout is \$95,000. The net cost of \$250,000 is 75% federal funds using USFWS, Pittman-Robertson (PR) funds.

The Scout is used for mission specific purposes such as flying big game surveys and telemetry work, i.e., locating radio collared animals for research purposes. It is designed to fly slow and low, which is required for survey work. The type of plane we use needs to have the maneuverability for survey work that larger planes don't have, e.g., Cessna 182, do not have. It is a special use aircraft which provides the capability for 1) short field high performance take offs and landings; 2) off airport operations; 3) two person tandem seats for best visibility for pilot and biologist; 4) large (tundra) tires for items 1 & 2 as well as safety; 5) retractable snow skis for winter operations; and 6) telemetry equipment for tracking radio collared wildlife.

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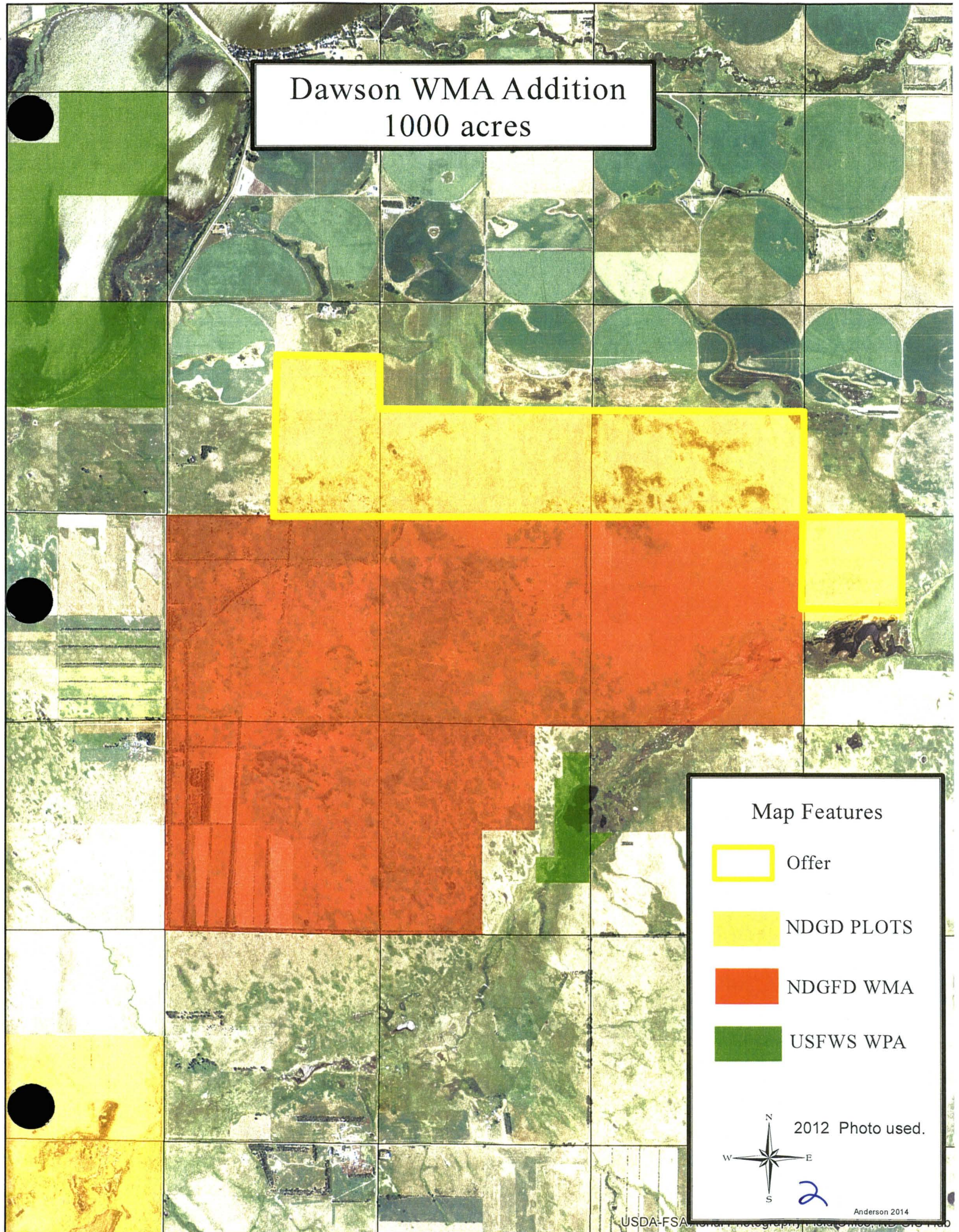
NDGFD Potential Land Acquisitions as of December 31, 2016

The Department has been contacted by individuals with the following tracts. They are interesting in selling these tracts to the Department to be maintained as Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). Some opportunities may arise throughout the biennium that will get higher priority. The following list is in no particular order.

- 1) Kidder County – 1000 acres – Next to Dawson WMA.
- 2) Kidder County – 337 acres – Addition to Karl T. Fredrick WMA (appraisal completed).
- 3) Sheridan County – 20 acres – Addition to Lonetree WMA.
- 4) Pierce County – 580 acres – Tract borders shore of Buffalo Lake and only $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from WMA.
- 5) Pembina County – 360 – Dunklee WMA addition. EWP on this piece with no Ag. use allowed.
- 6) Adams County – 480 acres – Land is currently in CRP
- 7) Hettinger County – 80 acres – Land is currently in CRP
- 8) Walsh County – 140 acre – Along Red River
- 9) Stark/Dunn County – 1200 acres – Over half the acres in WRP
- 10) Pembina County – 160 acres – $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from J.V. Wessels WMA wooded pasture.
- 11) Rolette County – 95 acres – Wakopa WMA Addition
- 12) Mercer – 80 acres – Adjacent to North Beulah Mine WMA
- 13) Cavalier – 55 acres - Adjacent to Pembina Hills WMA
- 14) Nelson County – 87 acres – Adjacent to Hoghaug WMA
- 15) Stark County – Mineral interest under the Donated Adam and Teresa Raab WMA (No Map)
- 16) Morton County - 78 acres – Adjacent to Storm Creek WMA

A map for each potential acquisition is included.

Dawson WMA Addition 1000 acres

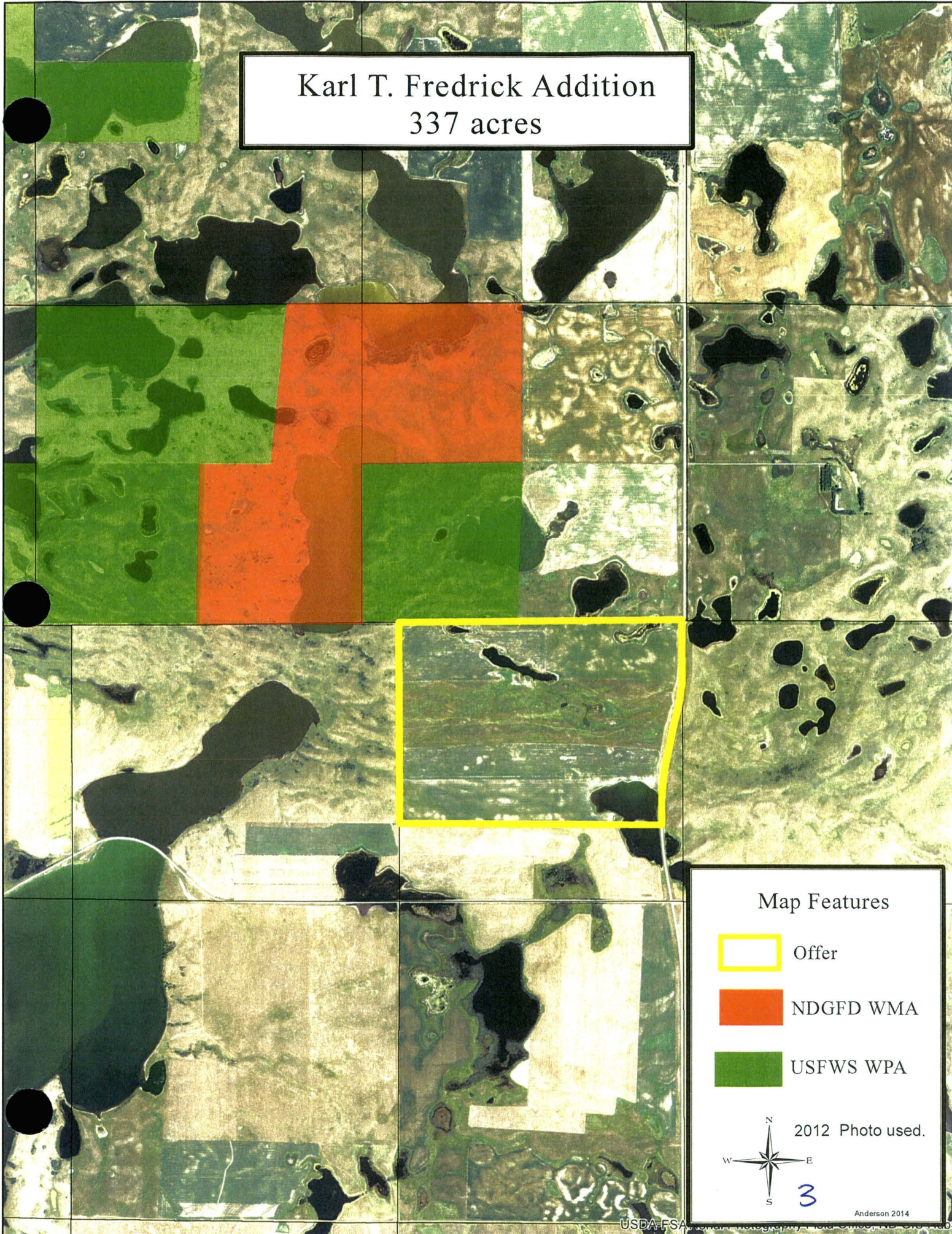


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-  NDGFD WMA
-  USFWS WPA

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Karl T. Fredrick Addition
337 acres



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-  USFWS WPA

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Lonetree Addition
20 acres



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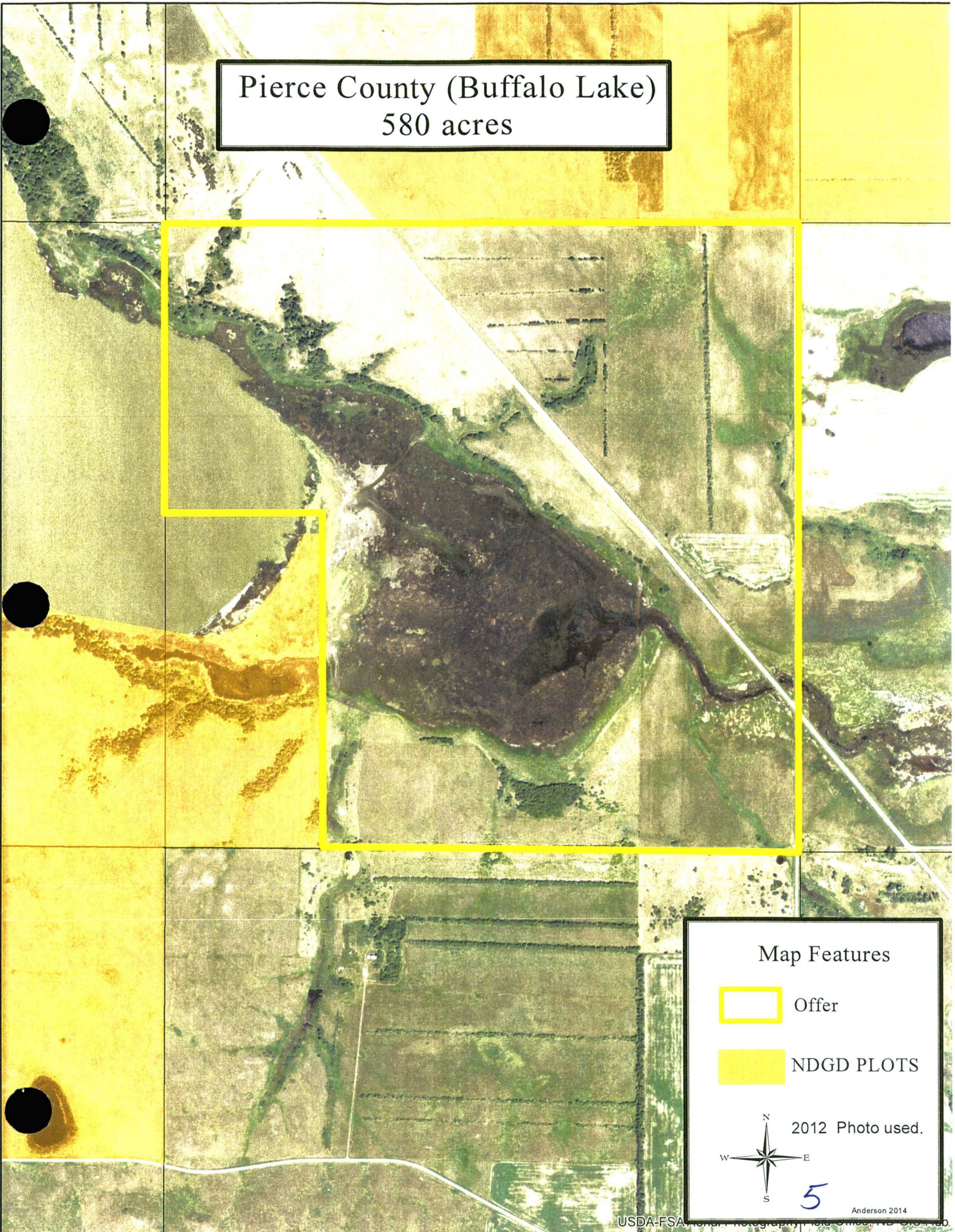
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Pierce County (Buffalo Lake)
580 acres



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Duncklee WMA Addition
360 acres



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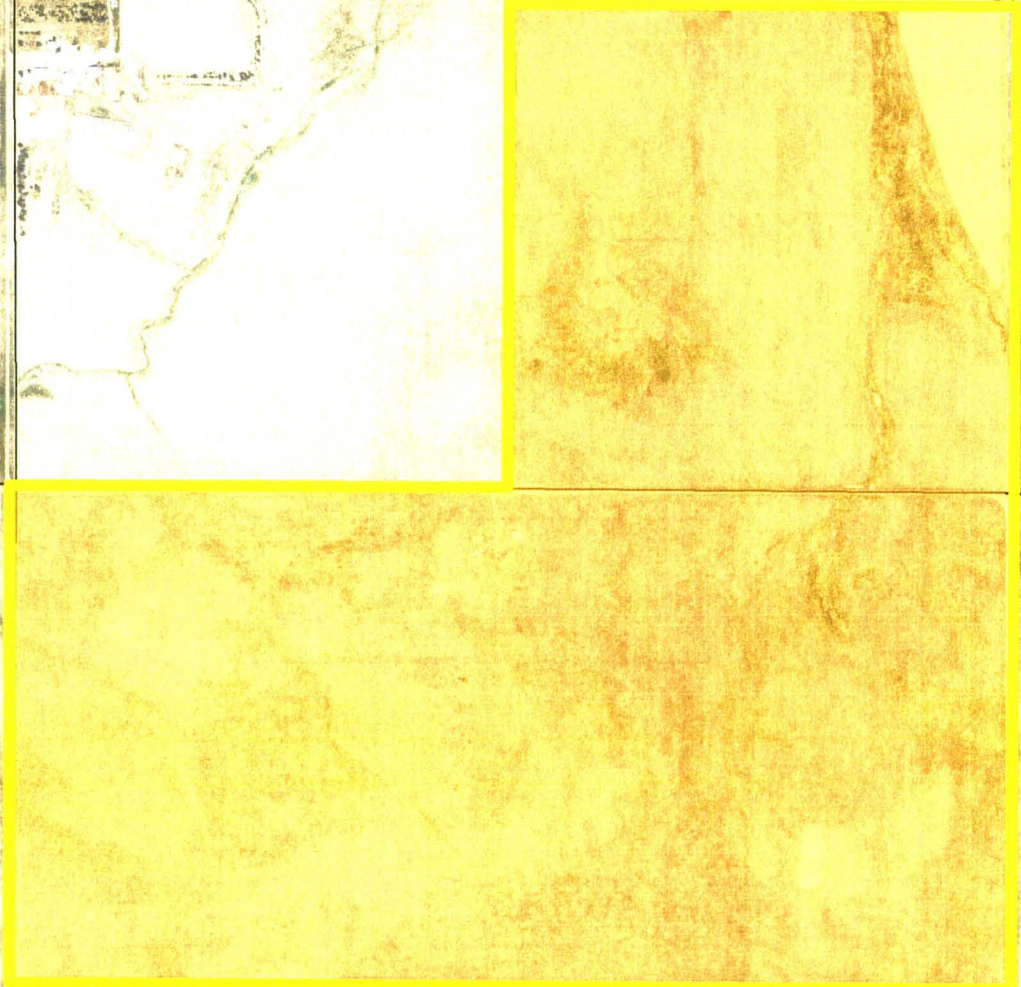
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Adams County
480 acres



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Hettinger County
80 acres



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Walsh County
140 acre

Red River

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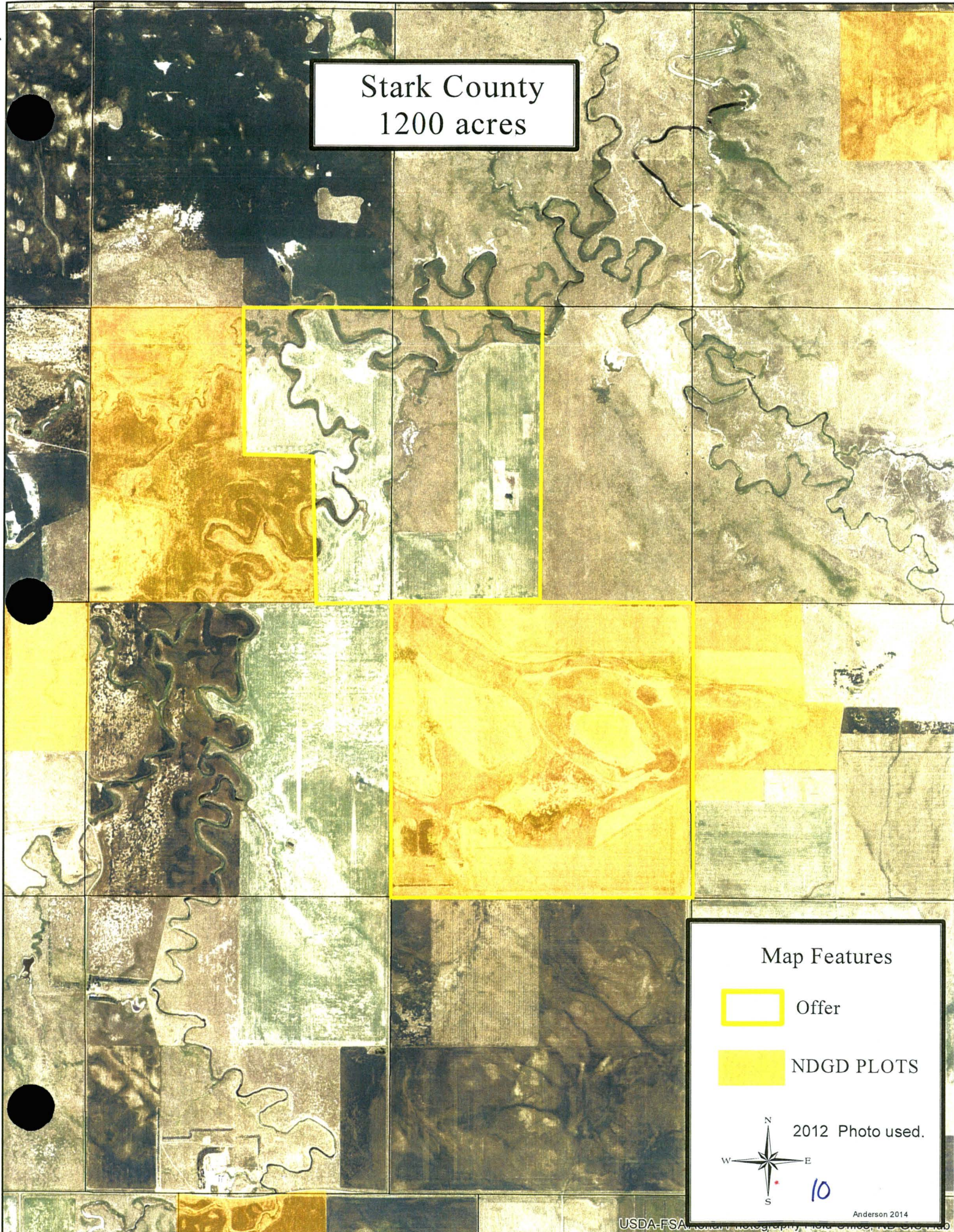
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Stark County
1200 acres



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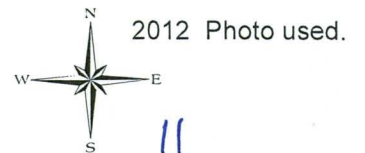
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Pembina County (Lorraine Wessels)
160 acres



Jay V. Wessels

Map Features



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Wakopa WMA Addition 95 acres



Map Features



Offer



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North Beulah Mine Addition 80 acres

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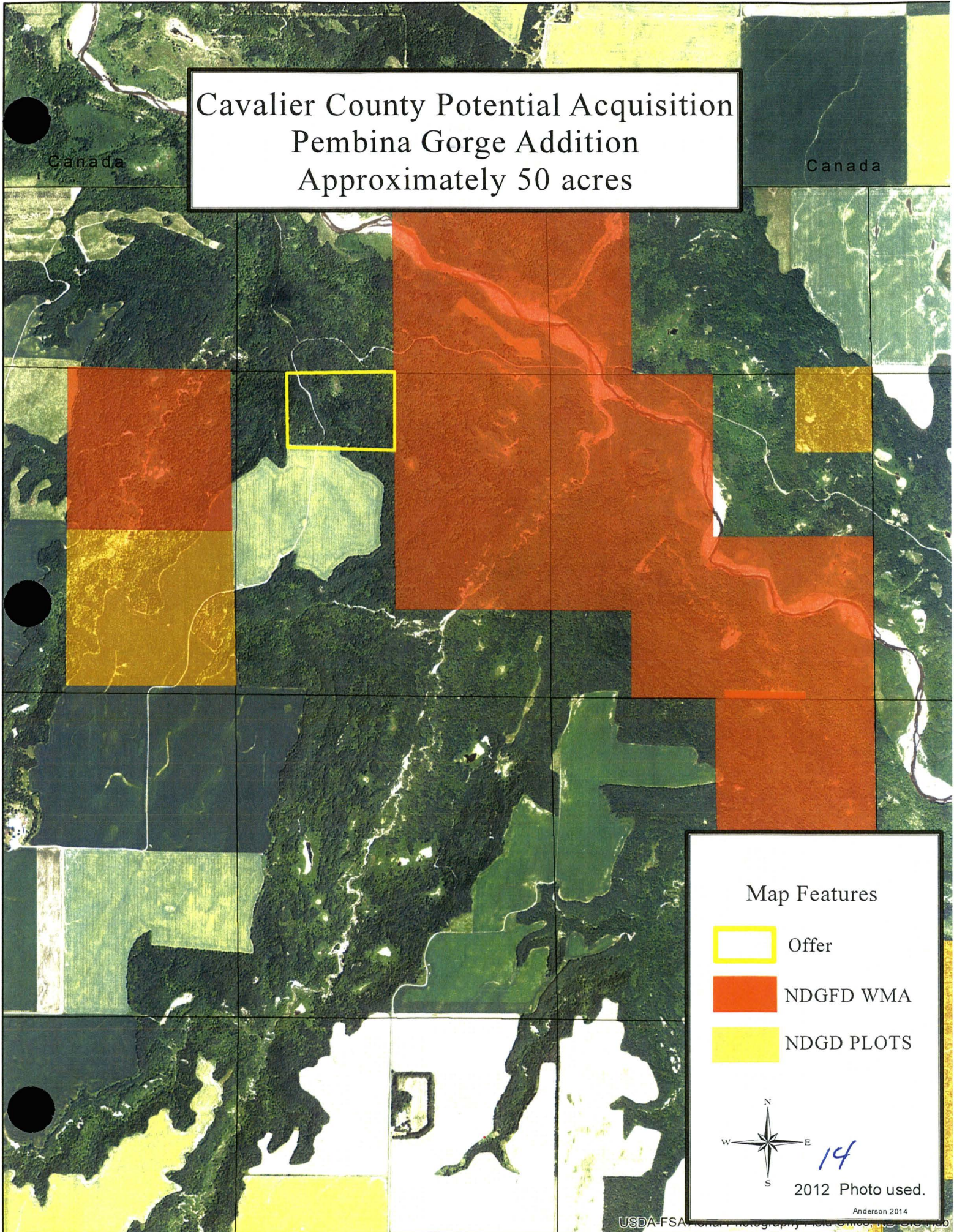
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Cavalier County Potential Acquisition
Pembina Gorge Addition
Approximately 50 acres



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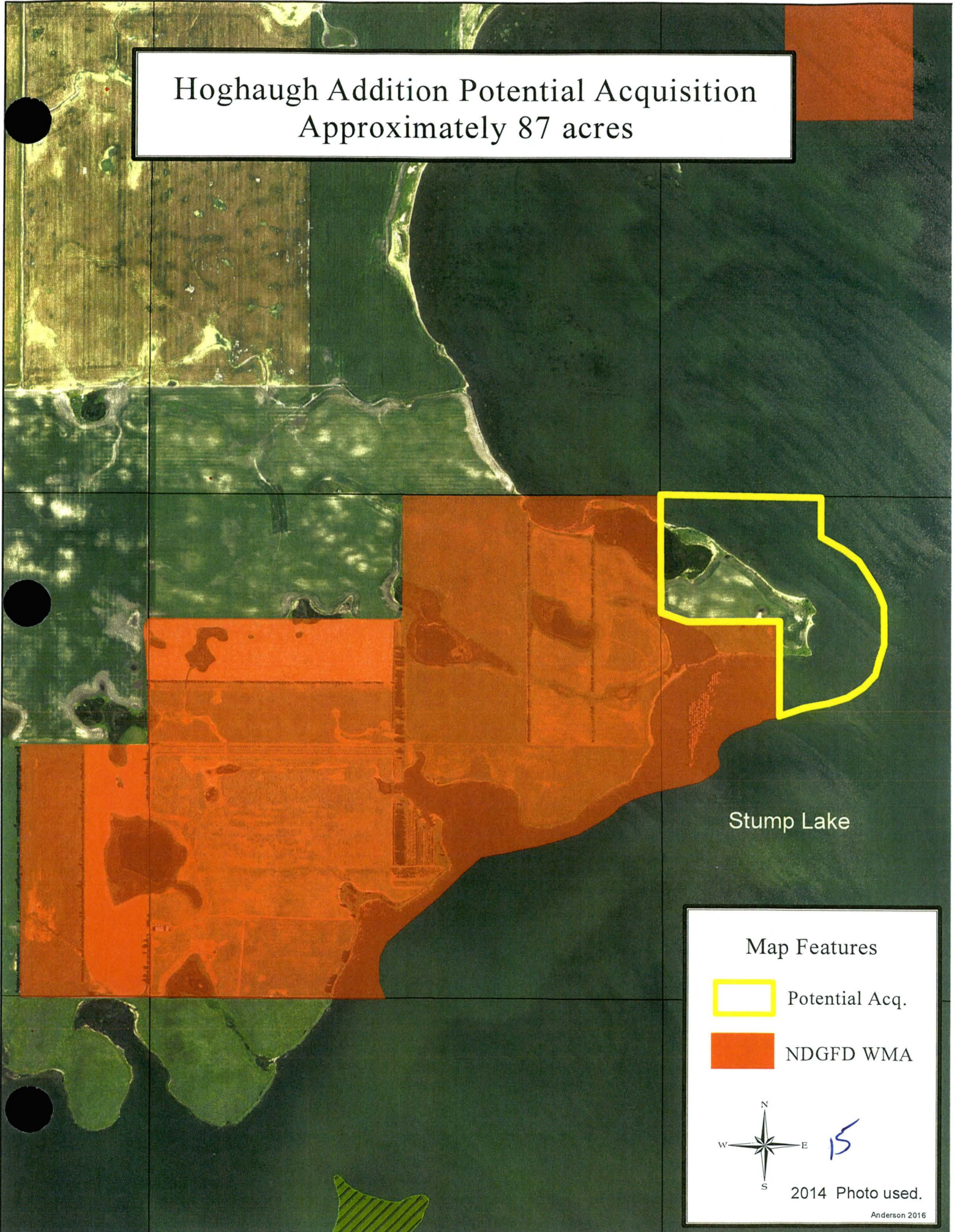
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Hoghaugh Addition Potential Acquisition Approximately 87 acres



Stump Lake

Map Features

-  Potential Acq.
-  NDGFD WMA



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Mineral Interest under the Donated Adam and Teresa Raab WMA

In the spring of 2016 the North Dakota Game and Fish Department received a more than generous gift of approximately 1100 surface acres in Stark county from Regina Roth through her estate. As the estate continues to try to close out its dealings it has offered the Department the opportunity to buy the real property interest of the minerals associated with those donated surface acres. The acquisition of these mineral acres would allow the Department to work with potential mineral extractors to alleviate as much impact to the wildlife and their habitat on the donated surface acres as possible. It is felt that this is what Regina Roth would have wanted since her generous gift was entrusted to the Department for wildlife management and public opportunity to that wildlife.

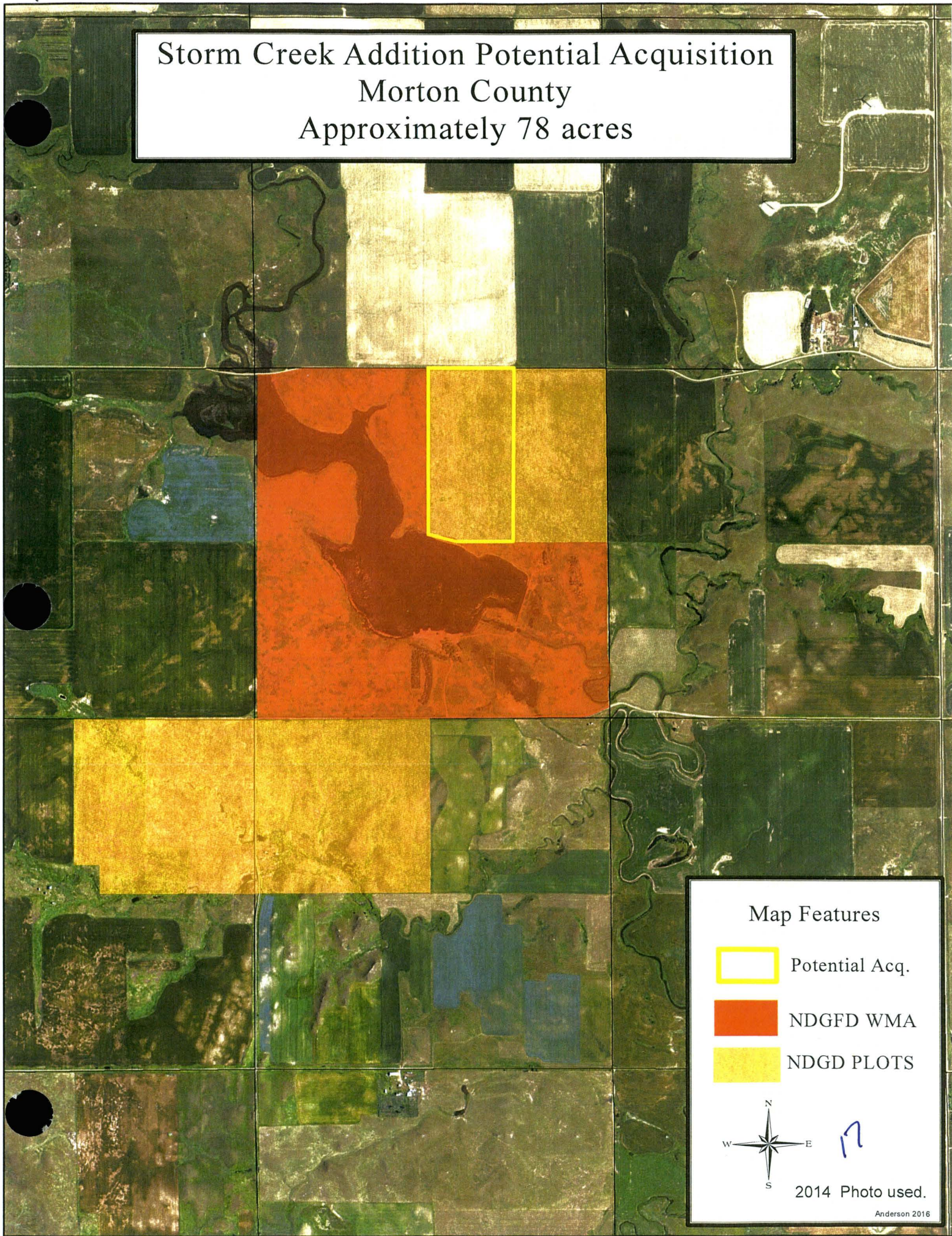
The mineral acres that Regina owned are not 100% of the minerals under the surface acres donated. However, they are of a significant amount for the Department to have the ability to negotiate best management practices for extraction. The minerals owned by Regina under the surface acres donated are as follows.

138n-95w in section SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 13 (80 acres/50%), 23 (160 acres/25%), and n $\frac{1}{2}$ 24 (240 acres/50%)




The above listed minerals have been appraised by the Estate at \$25,200.00

For the reasons mentioned above the North Dakota Game and Fish Department believes the acquisition of these minerals, by the Department, is in the best interest of the Sportsmen and Women of North Dakota and the wildlife they enjoy.

Storm Creek Addition Potential Acquisition
Morton County
Approximately 78 acres



Map Features

-  Potential Acq.
-  NDGFD WMA
-  NDGD PLOTS



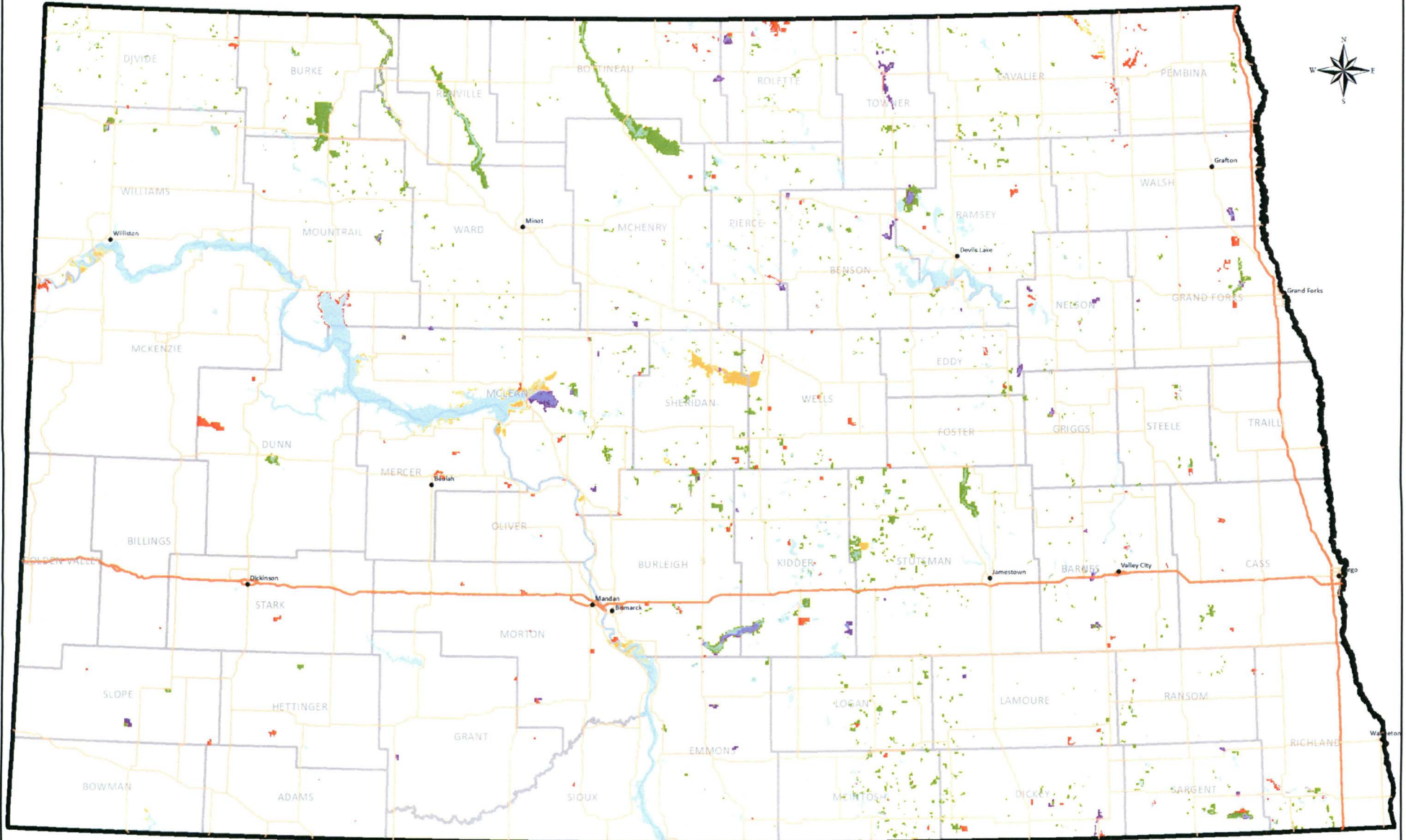
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Attachment B

North Dakota Game and Fish Department Owned/Leased Land United States Fish and Wildlife Service Owned/Leased Land



NDGF - Wildlife Management Areas (Owned) NDGF - Wildlife Management Areas (Leased)

USFWS - National Wildlife Refuge / Waterfowl Production Areas (Owned) USFWS - National Wildlife Refuge / Waterfowl Production Areas (Leased)

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Attachment C

ND GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

DIVISION	LINE	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	ACTUAL THROUGH 1/12/17	2015-17 BIENNIUM BALANCE	2015-17 BIENNIUM APPROPRIATION
ADMIN	10	Salaries - Permanent	511000	4,574,463	1,715,418	6,289,881
ADMIN	10	Temporary Salaries	513000	91,719	93,281	185,000
ADMIN	10	Overtime	514000	4,399	0	4,399
ADMIN	10	Fringe Benefits	516000	2,029,599	484,110	2,513,709
ADMIN	10	- Salaries and Wages		6,700,178	2,292,811	8,992,989
ADMIN	30	Travel	521000	103,835	150,381	254,216
ADMIN	30	Supplies - IT Software	531000	18,424	24,876	43,300
ADMIN	30	Supply/Material-Professional	532000	7,724	10,776	18,500
ADMIN	30	Food and Clothing	533000	2,328	172	2,500
ADMIN	30	Bldg, Ground, Maintenance	534000	171,101	118,899	290,000
ADMIN	30	Miscellaneous Supplies	535000	66,124	58,876	125,000
ADMIN	30	Office Supplies	536000	72,824	52,176	125,000
ADMIN	30	Postage	541000	539,187	260,813	800,000
ADMIN	30	Printing	542000	91,417	145,583	237,000
ADMIN	30	IT Equip Under \$5,000	551000	21,002	9,998	31,000
ADMIN	30	Other Equip Under \$5,000	552000	9,007	93	9,100
ADMIN	30	Office Equip & Furn Supplies	553000	5,201	5,699	10,900
ADMIN	30	Utilities	561000	274,574	212,426	487,000
ADMIN	30	Insurance	571000	77,039	202,961	280,000
ADMIN	30	Rentals/Leases-Equip & Other	581000	0	40,000	40,000
ADMIN	30	Rentals/Leases - Bldg/Land	582000	42,564	37,436	80,000
ADMIN	30	Repairs	591000	170,648	179,352	350,000
ADMIN	30	IT - Data Processing	601000	918,031	144,871	1,062,902
ADMIN	30	IT - Communications	602000	204,293	116,707	321,000
ADMIN	30	IT Contractual Svcs and Rprs	603000	2,400	12,600	15,000
ADMIN	30	Professional Development	611000	82,318	42,682	125,000
ADMIN	30	Operating Fees and Services	621000	162,293	278,732	441,025
ADMIN	30	Fees - Professional Services	623000	103,605	146,395	250,000
ADMIN	30	- Operating Expenses		3,145,941	2,252,502	5,398,443

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ADMIN	50	Land and Buildings	682000	882	399,118	400,000
ADMIN	50	Other Capital Payments	683000	583,289	583,711	1,167,000
ADMIN	50	Extraordinary Repairs	684000	184,202	487,764	671,966
ADMIN	50	- Capital Assets		768,373	1,470,593	2,238,966
ADMIN	51	Extraordinary Repairs	684000	244,996	0	244,996
ADMIN	51	- Capital Construction Carryover		244,996	0	244,996
ADMIN	60	Grants, Benefits & Claims	712000	149,768	119,251	269,019
ADMIN	60	- Grants		149,768	119,251	269,019
ADMIN	74	Temporary Salaries	513000	12,823	11,177	24,000
ADMIN	74	Fringe Benefits	516000	4	0	4
ADMIN	74	Travel	521000	1,733	2,267	4,000
ADMIN	74	Bldg, Ground, Maintenance	534000	21,656	8,344	30,000
ADMIN	74	Miscellaneous Supplies	535000	3,495	3,505	7,000
ADMIN	74	Other Equip Under \$5,000	552000	9,259	5,741	15,000
ADMIN	74	Utilities	561000	807	1,193	2,000
ADMIN	74	Rentals/Leases - Bldg/Land	582000	46,405	3,595	50,000
ADMIN	74	Repairs	591000	502	498	1,000
ADMIN	74	Operating Fees and Services	621000	16,539	90,279	106,818
ADMIN	74	Extraordinary Repairs	684000	11,285	13,715	25,000
ADMIN	74	Motor Vehicle	692000	5,575	425	6,000
ADMIN	74	Grants, Benefits & Claims	712000	44,957	69,583	114,540
ADMIN	74	- Grant-Gift-Donation		175,040	210,322	385,362
TOTAL FOR ADMIN				11,184,296	6,345,479	17,529,775

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DIVISION	LINE	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	ACTUAL THROUGH 1/12/17	2015-17 BIENNIUM BALANCE	2015-17 BIENNIUM APPROPRIATION
FISHERIES	10	Salaries - Permanent	511000	1,783,445	730,471	2,513,916
FISHERIES	10	Temporary Salaries	513000	328,918	164,075	492,993
FISHERIES	10	Overtime	514000	1,926	0	1,926
FISHERIES	10	Fringe Benefits	516000	773,350	421,776	1,195,126
FISHERIES	10 -	Salaries and Wages		2,887,638	1,316,323	4,203,961
FISHERIES	30	Travel	521000	354,496	344,678	699,174
FISHERIES	30	Supplies - IT Software	531000	10,056	0	10,056
FISHERIES	30	Supply/Material-Professional	532000	720	4,224	4,944
FISHERIES	30	Food and Clothing	533000	28,058	1,942	30,000
FISHERIES	30	Bldg, Ground, Maintenance	534000	151,222	48,778	200,000
FISHERIES	30	Miscellaneous Supplies	535000	85,051	46,949	132,000
FISHERIES	30	Office Supplies	536000	274	7,726	8,000
FISHERIES	30	Printing	542000	621	3,379	4,000
FISHERIES	30	IT Equip Under \$5,000	551000	7,524	18,476	26,000
FISHERIES	30	Other Equip Under \$5,000	552000	16,208	33,792	50,000
FISHERIES	30	Office Equip & Furn Supplies	553000	1,563	1,437	3,000
FISHERIES	30	Utilities	561000	196	4	200
FISHERIES	30	Rentals/Leases-Equip & Other	581000	1,196	8,804	10,000
FISHERIES	30	Repairs	591000	67,846	37,154	105,000
FISHERIES	30	IT - Data Processing	601000	10	0	10
FISHERIES	30	IT - Communications	602000	420	0	420
FISHERIES	30	IT Contractual Srvcs and Rprs	603000	881	9,119	10,000
FISHERIES	30	Professional Development	611000	3,667	16,333	20,000
FISHERIES	30	Operating Fees and Services	621000	75,121	64,192	139,313
FISHERIES	30	Fees - Professional Services	623000	162,995	70,005	233,000
FISHERIES	30 -	Operating Expenses		968,127	716,990	1,685,117
FISHERIES	50	Extraordinary Repairs	684000	876,370	87,885	964,255
FISHERIES	50	Equipment Over \$5000	691000	198,128	1,872	200,000
FISHERIES	50	Motor Vehicles	692000	17,745	0	17,745
FISHERIES	50 -	Capital Assets		1,092,243	89,757	1,182,000

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DIVISION	LINE	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	ACTUAL THROUGH 1/12/17	2015-17 BIENNIUM BALANCE	2015-17 BIENNIUM APPROPRIATION
FISHERIES	60	Grants, Benefits & Claims	712000	1,445,106	830,894	2,276,000
FISHERIES	60 - Grants			1,445,106	830,894	2,276,000
FISHERIES	70	Salaries - Permanent	511000	9,597	0	9,597
FISHERIES	70	Fringe Benefits	516000	3,709	0	3,709
FISHERIES	70	Travel	521000	2,579	0	2,579
FISHERIES	70	Bldg, Ground, Maintenance	534000	1,103	0	1,103
FISHERIES	70	Operating Fees and Services	621000	92,112	0	92,112
FISHERIES	70	Fees - Professional Services	623000	2,066	0	2,066
FISHERIES	70	Extraordinary Repairs	684000	437,614	0	437,614
FISHERIES	70	Grants, Benefits & Claims	712000	139,811	0	139,811
FISHERIES	70 - Land Habitat & Deer Depredation			688,591	0	688,591
TOTAL FOR FISHERIES				7,081,704	2,953,965	10,035,669

ENFORCEME	10	Salaries - Permanent	511000	3,227,871	1,210,581	4,438,452
ENFORCEME	10	Temporary Salaries	513000	39,174	18,834	58,008
ENFORCEME	10	Overtime	514000	138,441	11,811	150,252
ENFORCEME	10	Fringe Benefits	516000	1,311,877	571,479	1,883,355
ENFORCEMI	10 - Salaries and Wages			4,717,363	1,812,704	6,530,067
ENFORCEME	30	Travel	521000	779,154	630,074	1,409,228
ENFORCEME	30	Supplies - IT Software	531000	48,761	0	48,761
ENFORCEME	30	Supply/Material-Professional	532000	22,389	15,550	37,939
ENFORCEME	30	Food and Clothing	533000	34,238	5,762	40,000
ENFORCEME	30	Bldg, Ground, Maintenance	534000	2,793	7,207	10,000
ENFORCEME	30	Miscellaneous Supplies	535000	179	271	450
ENFORCEME	30	Office Supplies	536000	60	0	60
ENFORCEME	30	Postage	541000	156	44	200
ENFORCEME	30	Printing	542000	2,087	413	2,500
ENFORCEME	30	IT Equip Under \$5,000	551000	20,759	18,241	39,000
ENFORCEME	30	Other Equip Under \$5,000	552000	53,702	14,298	68,000

ND GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

DIVISION	LINE	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	ACTUAL THROUGH 1/12/17	2015-17 BIENNIUM BALANCE	2015-17 BIENNIUM APPROPRIATION
ENFORCEME	30	Office Equip & Furn Supplies	553000	1,011	989	2,000
ENFORCEME	30	Rentals/Leases - Bldg/Land	582000	2,700	2,300	5,000
ENFORCEME	30	Repairs	591000	5,213	0	5,213
ENFORCEME	30	IT - Data Processing	601000	9,789	183	9,972
ENFORCEME	30	IT - Communications	602000	28	0	28
ENFORCEME	30	Professional Development	611000	9,007	7,993	17,000
ENFORCEME	30	Operating Fees and Services	621000	115,459	112,156	227,615
ENFORCEME	30	Fees - Professional Services	623000	131,022	8,182	139,204
ENFORCEME	30	Medical, Dental and Optical	625000	1,441	1,559	3,000
ENFORCEMI 30 - Operating Expenses				1,239,948	825,222	2,065,170
ENFORCEME	50	Motor Vehicles	692000	106,234	43,766	150,000
ENFORCEMI 50 - Capital Assets				106,234	43,766	150,000
ENFORCEME	73	Salaries - Permanent	511000	41,995	17,064	59,059
ENFORCEME	73	Overtime	514000	35,607	0	35,607
ENFORCEME	73	Fringe Benefits	516000	19,767	4,846	24,613
ENFORCEME	73	Travel	521000	16,618	4,382	21,000
ENFORCEME	73	Food and Clothing	533000	626	374	1,000
ENFORCEME	73	Miscellaneous Supplies	535000	9	1	10
ENFORCEME	73	Other Equip Under \$5,000	552000	5,085	915	6,000
ENFORCEME	73	Operating Fees and Services	621000	66,011	3,066	69,077
ENFORCEME	73	Fees - Professional Services	623000	16,174	0	16,174
ENFORCEME	73	Grants, Benefits & Claims	712000	37,737	12,263	50,000
ENFORCEMI 73 - Missouri River Enforcement				239,630	42,910	282,540
TOTAL FOR ENFORCEMENT				6,303,175	2,724,602	9,027,777
C & C	10	Salaries - Permanent	511000	1,999,077	919,010	2,918,087
C & C	10	Temporary Salaries	513000	128,963	50,125	179,088
C & C	10	Overtime	514000	247	153	400
C & C	10	Fringe Benefits	516000	753,327	382,528	1,135,855
C & C	10 - Salaries and Wages			2,881,615	1,351,815	4,233,430

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DIVISION	LINE	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	ACTUAL THROUGH 1/12/17	2015-17 BIENNIUM BALANCE	2015-17 BIENNIUM APPROPRIATION
C & C	30	Travel	521000	219,944	65,432	285,376
C & C	30	Supplies - IT Software	531000	46,204	0	46,204
C & C	30	Supply/Material-Professional	532000	192,258	20,742	213,000
C & C	30	Food and Clothing	533000	17,318	2,682	20,000
C & C	30	Bldg, Ground, Maintenance	534000	3,843	16,157	20,000
C & C	30	Miscellaneous Supplies	535000	115,707	57,293	173,000
C & C	30	Office Supplies	536000	1,822	1,178	3,000
C & C	30	Printing	542000	228,167	69,833	298,000
C & C	30	IT Equip Under \$5,000	551000	10,824	11,972	22,796
C & C	30	Other Equip Under \$5,000	552000	24,702	5,298	30,000
C & C	30	Office Equip & Furn Supplies	553000	4,629	371	5,000
C & C	30	Rentals/Leases-Equip & Other	581000	2,947	653	3,600
C & C	30	Rentals/Leases - Bldg/Land	582000	77,537	0	77,537
C & C	30	Repairs	591000	139	9,861	10,000
C & C	30	IT - Data Processing	601000	14,754	1,247	16,000
C & C	30	IT Contractual Svcs and Rprs	603000	750	250	1,000
C & C	30	Professional Development	611000	39,612	45,388	85,000
C & C	30	Operating Fees and Services	621000	74,496	57,419	131,915
C & C	30	Fees - Professional Services	623000	18,855	21,145	40,000
C & C	30	- Operating Expenses		1,094,508	386,920	1,481,428
C & C	50	Extraordinary Repairs	684000	59,710	400,000	459,710
C & C	50	Equipment Over \$5000	691000	8,150	0	8,150
C & C	50	- Capital Assets		67,860	400,000	467,860
C & C	60	Grants, Benefits & Claims	712000	751,047	1,441,453	2,192,500
C & C	60	- Grants		751,047	1,441,453	2,192,500
C & C	75	Travel	521000	0	20,000	20,000
C & C	75	Grants, Benefits & Claims	712000	10,020	89,980	100,000
C & C	75	- Nongame Wildlife Conservation		10,020	109,980	120,000
TOTAL FOR CONSERVATION & COMM.				4,805,050	3,690,168	8,495,218

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DIVISION	LINE	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	ACTUAL THROUGH 1/12/17	2015-17 BIENNIUM BALANCE	2015-17 BIENNIUM APPROPRIATION
WILDLIFE	10	Salaries - Permanent	511000	2,383,508	1,049,109	3,432,617
WILDLIFE	10	Temporary Salaries	513000	334,343	203,871	538,214
WILDLIFE	10	Overtime	514000	1,922	2,078	4,000
WILDLIFE	10	Fringe Benefits	516000	1,025,894	709,070	1,734,964
WILDLIFE	10 -	Salaries and Wages		3,745,667	1,964,128	5,709,795
WILDLIFE	30	Travel	521000	597,269	580,211	1,177,480
WILDLIFE	30	Supplies - IT Software	531000	23,193	27,807	51,000
WILDLIFE	30	Supply/Material-Professional	532000	5,935	18,065	24,000
WILDLIFE	30	Food and Clothing	533000	19,566	13,434	33,000
WILDLIFE	30	Bldg, Ground, Maintenance	534000	241,253	185,747	427,000
WILDLIFE	30	Miscellaneous Supplies	535000	29,283	25,717	55,000
WILDLIFE	30	Office Supplies	536000	2,333	5,667	8,000
WILDLIFE	30	Printing	542000	10,793	4,207	15,000
WILDLIFE	30	IT Equip Under \$5,000	551000	17,365	30,635	48,000
WILDLIFE	30	Other Equip Under \$5,000	552000	115,542	458	116,000
WILDLIFE	30	Office Equip & Furn Supplies	553000	4,803	5,197	10,000
WILDLIFE	30	Utilities	561000	6,835	3,166	10,000
WILDLIFE	30	Insurance	571000	88	412	500
WILDLIFE	30	Rentals/Leases-Equip & Other	581000	9,585	12,415	22,000
WILDLIFE	30	Rentals/Leases - Bldg/Land	582000	1,869	3,131	5,000
WILDLIFE	30	Repairs	591000	36,282	48,718	85,000
WILDLIFE	30	IT - Data Processing	601000	378	622	1,000
WILDLIFE	30	IT Contractual Srvc and Rprs	603000	694	4,306	5,000
WILDLIFE	30	Professional Development	611000	6,572	8,428	15,000
WILDLIFE	30	Operating Fees and Services	621000	98,121	130,885	229,006
WILDLIFE	30	Fees - Professional Services	623000	399,959	326,841	726,800
WILDLIFE	30	Medical, Dental and Optical	625000	0	0	0
WILDLIFE	30 -	Operating Expenses		1,627,717	1,436,069	3,063,786
WILDLIFE	50	Land and Buildings	682000	352,210	447,790	800,000
WILDLIFE	50	Other Capital Payments	683000	9,663	7,517	17,180

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DIVISION	LINE	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	ACTUAL THROUGH 1/12/17	2015-17 BIENNIUM BALANCE	2015-17 BIENNIUM APPROPRIATION
WILDLIFE	50	Extraordinary Repairs	684000	263,960	85,000	348,960
WILDLIFE	50	Equipment Over \$5000	691000	74,543	43,487	118,030
WILDLIFE	50	Motor Vehicles	692000	174,046	954	175,000
WILDLIFE	50	- Capital Assets		874,422	584,748	1,459,170
WILDLIFE	60	Grants, Benefits & Claims	712000	1,497,010	1,099,883	2,596,893
WILDLIFE	60	- Grants		1,497,010	1,099,883	2,596,893
WILDLIFE	70	Salaries - Permanent	511000	877,941	274,457	1,152,398
WILDLIFE	70	Temporary Salaries	513000	49,199	58,801	108,000
WILDLIFE	70	Overtime	514000	689	0	689
WILDLIFE	70	Fringe Benefits	516000	378,350	124,642	502,992
WILDLIFE	70	Travel	521000	159,236	133,272	292,508
WILDLIFE	70	Supplies - IT Software	531000	4,351	3,849	8,200
WILDLIFE	70	Food and Clothing	533000	6,585	3,415	10,000
WILDLIFE	70	Bldg, Ground, Maintenance	534000	223,313	236,687	460,000
WILDLIFE	70	Miscellaneous Supplies	535000	1,739	198,261	200,000
WILDLIFE	70	Printing	542000	77,480	17,520	95,000
WILDLIFE	70	IT Equip Under \$5,000	551000	6,789	11	6,800
WILDLIFE	70	Other Equip Under \$5,000	552000	10,883	9,117	20,000
WILDLIFE	70	Rentals/Leases - Bldg/Land	582000	4,938,946	6,785,235	11,724,181
WILDLIFE	70	Repairs	591000	0	0	0
WILDLIFE	70	IT Contractual Srvcs and Rprs	603000	544	1,456	2,000
WILDLIFE	70	Professional Development	611000	4,025	975	5,000
WILDLIFE	70	Operating Fees and Services	621000	831,605	1,150,381	1,981,986
WILDLIFE	70	Fees - Professional Services	623000	1,450	0	1,450
WILDLIFE	70	Motor Vehicles	692000	0	134,462	134,462
WILDLIFE	70	Grants, Benefits & Claims	712000	311,671	98,329	410,000
WILDLIFE	70	- Land Habitat & Deer Depredation		7,884,795	9,230,871	17,115,666
WILDLIFE	71	Salaries - Permanent	511000	57,623	13,012	70,635
WILDLIFE	71	Temporary Salaries	513000	63,459	24,541	88,000
WILDLIFE	71	Overtime	514000	967	33	1,000
WILDLIFE	71	Fringe Benefits	516000	31,921	8,079	40,000

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DIVISION	LINE	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	ACTUAL THROUGH 1/12/17	2015-17 BIENNIUM BALANCE	2015-17 BIENNIUM APPROPRIATION
WILDLIFE	71	Travel	521000	42,707	23,433	66,140
WILDLIFE	71	Supply/Material-Professional	532000	0	70,000	70,000
WILDLIFE	71	Food and Clothing	533000	690	810	1,500
WILDLIFE	71	Bldg, Ground, Maintenance	534000	109,539	40,461	150,000
WILDLIFE	71	Professional Development	611000	439	561	1,000
WILDLIFE	71	Operating Fees and Services	621000	98,068	43,657	141,725
WILDLIFE	71	Fees - Professional Services	623000	61,359	8,641	70,000
WILDLIFE	71	Noxious Weed Control		466,772	233,228	700,000
WILDLIFE	74	Salaries - Permanent	511000	39,943	41,152	81,095
WILDLIFE	74	Temporary Salaries	513000	11,760	13,241	25,000
WILDLIFE	74	Fringe Benefits	516000	20,174	14,826	35,000
WILDLIFE	74	Travel	521000	10,343	29,289	39,632
WILDLIFE	74	Operating Fees and Services	621000	38,006	23,424	61,430
WILDLIFE	74	Grants, Benefits & Claims	712000	0	200,000	200,000
WILDLIFE	74	Grant-Gift-Donation		120,225	321,932	442,157
WILDLIFE	77	Salaries - Permanent	511000	277,574	121,508	399,082
WILDLIFE	77	Temporary Salaries	513000	24,847	15,153	40,000
WILDLIFE	77	Fringe Benefits	516000	134,917	52,083	187,000
WILDLIFE	77	Travel	521000	31,264	19,486	50,750
WILDLIFE	77	Bldg, Ground, Maintenance	534000	149,228	70,772	220,000
WILDLIFE	77	Miscellaneous Supplies	535000	35	965	1,000
WILDLIFE	77	Other Equip Under \$5,000	552000	14,666	15,334	30,000
WILDLIFE	77	Office Equip & Furn Supplies	553000	4,340	5,660	10,000
WILDLIFE	77	Utilities	561000	11,705	18,295	30,000
WILDLIFE	77	Repairs	591000	44,163	28,337	72,500
WILDLIFE	77	IT - Data Processing	601000	20,989	29,011	50,000
WILDLIFE	77	Professional Development	611000	355	1,145	1,500
WILDLIFE	77	Operating Fees and Services	621000	265,196	220,977	486,173
WILDLIFE	77	Fees - Professional Services	623000	82,706	72,294	155,000
WILDLIFE	77	Extraordinary Repairs	684000	14,010	35,990	50,000
WILDLIFE	77	Equipment Over \$5000	691000	24,087	15,913	40,000
WILDLIFE	77	Lonetree Reservoir		1,100,081	722,924	1,823,005

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DIVISION	LINE	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	ACTUAL THROUGH 1/12/17	2015-17 BIENNIUM BALANCE	2015-17 BIENNIUM APPROPRIATION
WILDLIFE	78	Grants, Benefits & Claims	712000	384,400	0	384,400
WILDLIFE	78 -	Wildlife Services		384,400	0	384,400
TOTAL FOR WILDLIFE				17,701,090	15,593,782	33,294,872
GRAND TOTAL				47,075,315	31,307,996	78,383,311

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Department 720 - Game and Fish Department

House Bill No. 1017

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	General Fund	Other Funds	Detail			
1. Adds funding for state employee salary and benefit increases, of which \$124,970 is for salary increases and \$453,615 is for health insurance increases	\$0	\$578,585				
2. Reduces funding for base payroll	\$0	-\$614,362				
3. Increases funding for credit card fee charges on the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses	\$0	\$180,000	LINE 30			
4. Reduces funding for rent allowance for oil-impacted areas	\$0	-\$100,000				
5. Increases funding for extraordinary repairs of base buildings	\$0	\$97,000				
6. Adds funding for replacement of lighting in the salmon building	\$0	\$130,000	LINE 50			
7. Adds funding for replacement of pond liners	\$0	\$572,000	LINE 50			
8. Increases funding for improvements to wildlife management areas	\$0	\$200,000	LINE 50			
9. Adds funding for equipment replacement	\$0	\$747,000	LINE 50	232,000	Wildlife	Replace: 2 Tractor replacements (130k), 2 equip trailer replacements (30k), 6 ATVs (72k)
			LINE 50	170,000	Fisheries	Replace: 1 transport tank monitor sys (8k), 1 electrofish unit (45k), 1 boat (25k), 5 motors (35k), 1 slide-in dist unit (12k), new hydroac system (45k)
			LINE 50	245,000	Enforcement	Replace: 2 boats w/ motor & trailer (100k), 2 snowmobile (25k), 6 ATV/UTV (60k), 2 motors for river patrol boats (40k), 1 new investigation surveillance camera (10k), 1 new infared/night vision binoculars (10k)
			LINE 70	100,000	PLI	Replace: 10 ATV/UTVs
				<u>747,000</u>		
10. Increases funding for grants from Pittman-Robertson federal funds	\$0	\$840,000	LINE 60			
11. Increases Pittman-Robertson funding for improvements to wildlife management areas	\$0	\$750,000	LINE 30			
12. Increases funding for operating expenses	\$0	\$839,186	LINE 30	191,210	Admin	Operating Expenses
			LINE 30	210,570	Fisheries	Operating Expenses
			LINE 30	109,000	Enforcement	Operating Expenses
			LINE 30	252,150	C&C	Operating Expenses
			LINE 30	76,256	Wildlife	Operating Expenses
				<u>839,186</u>		

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13. Reduces funding for capital assets	\$0	-\$1,063,040	LINE 50	1,363,000	Admin	Other Cap Pmts (In Lieu of Taxes)	
			LINE 50	1,093,786	Admin	Extraordinary Repairs (Dept Facility Repairs)	
			LINE 50	(2,238,966)	Admin	Remove Capital Assets	
			LINE 50	685,000	Fisheries	Extraordinary Repairs (Fishing area projects)	
			LINE 50	(1,182,000)	Fisheries	Remove Capital Assets	
			LINE 50	(150,000)	Enforcement	Remove Capital Assets	
			LINE 50	30,000	C&C	Extraordinary Repairs (Outdoor Skills Area State Fair)	
			LINE 50	10,000	C&C	Equip >5000 (Video Equip Upgrades)	
			LINE 50	(467,860)	C&C	Remove Capital Assets	
			LINE 50	800,000	Wildlife	Other Cap Pmts (Land Acquisitions)	
			LINE 50	453,170	Wildlife	Extraordinary Repairs (WMA improvements)	
			LINE 50	(996,900)	Wildlife	Remove Capital Assets	
			LINE 50	(462,270)	Wildlife	Remove Capital Assets	
				<u>(1,063,040)</u>			
14. Provides funding for the Parks and Recreation Department for operation of boating access at state parks	\$0	\$122,000	LINE 60				
15. Increases funding for grants	\$0	\$1,353,772	LINE 60	25,981	Admin	increase in grants	See Grants Summary IBARS Report for Detail
			LINE 60	491,000	Fisheries	increase in grants	
			LINE 60	840,000	C&C	increase in grants	
			LINE 60	836,791	Wildlife	increase in grants	
			LINE 60	(840,000)	Less #10	PR Federal Funds	
				<u>1,353,772</u>			
16. Increases funding for land habitat and deer depredation	\$0	\$1,153,880	LINE 70	(129,064)	Fisheries	decrease in Extraordinary Repairs	
			LINE 70	71,709	Fisheries	increase in Grants	
			LINE 70	881,576	Wildlife	Deer Depredation Carryover from 15-17 per N.D.C.C.	
			LINE 70	140,000	Wildlife	increase in Bldg, Ground, Maintenance	
			LINE 70	200,000	Wildlife	increase in Misc. Supplies	
			LINE 70	15,000	Wildlife	increase in Printing	
			LINE 70	199,720	Wildlife	increase in Rentals/Leases-Bldg/Land	
			LINE 70	(90,599)	Wildlife	decrease in Operating Fees and Services	
			LINE 70	(134,462)	Wildlife	decrease in Motor Vehicles	
				<u>1,153,880</u>			

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17. Increases funding for noxious weed control operating expenses	\$0	\$120,135	LINE 71	4,135	Travel
			LINE 71	83,000	Bldg, Ground, Maintenance
			LINE 71	25,000	Operating Fees & Services
			LINE 71	8,000	Fees-Professional Services
				<u>120,135</u>	
18. Reduces funding for the Lonetree Reservoir operating expenses	\$0	-\$80,485	LINE 77	(8,000)	decrease Other Equip <5000
			LINE 77	(10,000)	decrease Repairs
			LINE 77	(62,485)	decrease Operating Fees & Services
				<u>(80,485)</u>	
19. Adds one-time funding to replace an airplane (75% PR)	\$0	\$250,000	LINE 50		
20. Reauthorizes one-time funding for a State Fair shooting skills	\$0	\$300,000	LINE 50		
	\$0	\$6,375,671	Total from Executive Budget Highlights Section on Green Sheet		

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77,231,739 2017-19 Base Level

5,168,000 PR Funds

881,576 Big Game Carryover (Per N.D.C.C.)

83,281,315

180,000 Increase in Credit Card Fees

363,000 Increase in "In Lieu of Taxes"

26,000 Increase in Temporary Health Care - Affordable Care Act

-280,581 Net of increases and decreases across all divisions

83,569,734

83,569,734 Governor's Executive Budget

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	General		Detail
	Fund	Other Funds	
1. Adds funding for state employee salary and benefit increases, of which \$124,970 is for salary increases and \$453,615 is for health insurance increases	\$0	\$578,585	
2. Reduces funding for base payroll	\$0	-\$614,362	
3. Increases funding for credit card fee charges on the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses	\$0	\$180,000	LINE 30
4. Reduces funding for rent allowance for oil-impacted areas	\$0	-\$100,000	
5. Increases funding for extraordinary repairs of base buildings	\$0	\$97,000	
6. Adds funding for replacement of lighting in the salmon building	\$0	\$130,000	LINE 50
7. Adds funding for replacement of pond liners	\$0	\$572,000	LINE 50
8. Increases funding for improvements to wildlife management areas	\$0	\$200,000	LINE 50
9. Adds funding for equipment replacement	\$0	\$747,000	LINE 50 232,000 Wildlife Replace: 2 Tractor replacements (130k), 2 equip trailer replacements (30k), 6 ATVs (72k) LINE 50 170,000 Fisheries Replace: 1 transport tank monitor sys (8k), 1 electrofish unit (45k), 1 boat (25k), 5 motors (35k), 1 slide-in dist unit (12k), new hydroac system (45k) LINE 50 245,000 Enforcement Replace: 2 boats w/ motor & trailer (100k), 2 snowmobile (25k), 6 ATV/UTV (60k), 2 motors for river patrol boats (40k), 1 new investigation surveillance camera (10k), 1 new infared/night vision binoculars (10k) LINE 70 100,000 PLI Replace: 10 ATV/UTVs <u>747,000</u>
10. Increases funding for grants from Pittman-Robertson federal funds	\$0	\$840,000	LINE 60
11. Increases Pittman-Robertson funding for improvements to wildlife management areas	\$0	\$750,000	LINE 30
12. Increases funding for operating expenses	\$0	\$839,186	LINE 30 191,210 Admin Operating Expenses LINE 30 210,570 Fisheries Operating Expenses LINE 30 109,000 Enforcement Operating Expenses LINE 30 252,150 C&C Operating Expenses LINE 30 76,256 Wildlife Operating Expenses <u>839,186</u>

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	General		Detail		
	Fund	Other Funds			
13. Reduces funding for capital assets	\$0	-\$1,063,040	LINE 50	1,363,000 Admin	Other Cap Pmts (In Lieu of Taxes)
			LINE 50	1,093,786 Admin	Extraordinary Repairs (Dept Facility Repairs)
			LINE 50	(2,238,966) Admin	Remove Capital Assets
			LINE 50	685,000 Fisheries	Extraordinary Repairs (Fishing area projects)
			LINE 50	(1,182,000) Fisheries	Remove Capital Assets
			LINE 50	(150,000) Enforcement	Remove Capital Assets
			LINE 50	30,000 C&C	Extraordinary Repairs (Outdoor Skills Area State Fair)
			LINE 50	10,000 C&C	Equip >5000 (Video Equip Upgrades)
			LINE 50	(467,860) C&C	Remove Capital Assets
			LINE 50	800,000 Wildlife	Other Cap Pmts (Land Acquisitions)
			LINE 50	453,170 Wildlife	Extraordinary Repairs (WMA improvements)
			LINE 50	(996,900) Wildlife	Remove Capital Assets
			LINE 50	(462,270) Wildlife	Remove Capital Assets
				<u>(1,063,040)</u>	
14. Provides funding for the Parks and Recreation Department for operation of boating access at state parks	\$0	\$122,000	LINE 60		
15. Increases funding for grants	\$0	\$1,353,772	LINE 60	25,981 Admin	increase in grants See Grants Summary IBARS Report for Detail
			LINE 60	491,000 Fisheries	increase in grants
			LINE 60	840,000 C&C	increase in grants
			LINE 60	836,791 Wildlife	increase in grants
			LINE 60	(840,000) Less #10	PR Federal Funds
				<u>1,353,772</u>	
16. Increases funding for land habitat and deer depredation	\$0	\$1,153,880	LINE 70	(129,064) Fisheries	decrease in Extraordinary Repairs
			LINE 70	71,709 Fisheries	increase in Grants
			LINE 70	881,576 Wildlife	Deer Depredation Carryover from 15-17 per N.D.C.C.
			LINE 70	140,000 Wildlife	increase in Bldg, Ground, Maintenance
			LINE 70	200,000 Wildlife	increase in Misc. Supplies
			LINE 70	15,000 Wildlife	increase in Printing
			LINE 70	199,720 Wildlife	increase in Rentals/Leases-Bldg/Land
			LINE 70	(90,599) Wildlife	decrease in Operating Fees and Services
			LINE 70	(134,462) Wildlife	decrease in Motor Vehicles
				<u>1,153,880</u>	

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Explanantion of Changes from "Executive Budget Highlights" Section of Green Sheet

	General Fund	Other Funds	Detail	
17. Increases funding for noxious weed control operating expenses	\$0	\$120,135	LINE 71	4,135 Travel
			LINE 71	83,000 Bldg, Ground, Maintenance
			LINE 71	25,000 Operating Fees & Services
			LINE 71	8,000 Fees-Professional Services
				<u>120,135</u>
18. Reduces funding for the Lonetree Reservoir operating expenses	\$0	-\$80,485	LINE 77	(8,000) decrease Other Equip <5000
			LINE 77	(10,000) decrease Repairs
			LINE 77	<u>(62,485) decrease Operating Fees & Services</u>
				<u>(80,485)</u>
19. Adds one-time funding to replace an airplane (75% PR)	\$0	\$250,000	LINE 50	
20. Reauthorizes one-time funding for a State Fair shooting skills	\$0	\$300,000	LINE 50	
	\$0	\$6,375,671	Total of the amounts from Executive Budget Highlights Section on Green Sheet	
		\$6,337,995	Total from Executive Budget Comparison to Base Level on Green Sheet	
		\$37,676	Difference	

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Attachment A

WILDLIFE SERVICES HISTORIC FUNDING						
Biennium	Game and Fish Funds	EARP Funds	Water Comm Funds	General Funds	Total State Funds	
1997-1999				\$ 779,694	\$ 779,694	
1999-2001	\$ 100,000			\$ 779,694	\$ 879,694	
2001-2003	\$ 400,000			\$ 375,707	\$ 775,707	
2003-2005	\$ 550,000			\$ 250,000	\$ 800,000	
2005-2007	\$ 680,000			\$ 250,000	\$ 930,000	
2007-2009	\$ 680,000			\$ 240,000	\$ 920,000	1
2009-2011	\$ 968,800			\$ 298,600	\$ 1,267,400	
2011-2013	\$ 868,800	2	\$ 250,000	\$ 298,600	\$ 1,417,400	
2013-2015	\$ 384,400	\$ 384,400	\$ 250,000	\$ 398,600	\$ 1,417,400	
2015-2017	\$ 384,400	\$ 384,400	\$ 250,000	\$ 398,600	\$ 1,417,400	
2017-2019	\$ 384,400	\$ 384,400	\$ 250,000	\$ 398,600	\$ 1,417,400	3
1 Does not include \$159,000 (EARP & Sunflower Council funds) appropriated for blackbird research.						
2 Legislature transferred \$300,000 general funds to Game and Fish to replace Game and Fish funds going to the BOAH (\$199,461) and Wildlife Services (\$100,539).						
3 Amount per Executive Budget						

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1017

Page 1, replace lines 12 through 24 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$29,670,242	\$214,963	\$29,885,205
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Capital assets	5,497,996	1,132,960	6,630,956
Grants - Game and fish	7,334,412	2,315,772	9,650,184
Land habitat and deer depredation	16,922,681	903,127	17,825,808
Noxious weed control	700,000	25,000	725,000
Missouri River enforcement	282,540	1,392	283,932
Grant - Gift - Donation	827,519	(25,318)	802,201
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000	0	120,000
Lonetree reservoir	1,823,005	(24,057)	1,798,948
Wildlife services	<u>384,400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>384,400</u>
Total special funds	\$77,231,739	\$6,213,025	\$83,444,764
Full-time equivalent positions	163.00	0.00	163.00

SECTION 2. HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASE. The appropriation is section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$453,615 of other funds, for increases in employee health insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,249 per month."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1017 - Game and Fish Department - House Action

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Less estimated income	<u>77,231,739</u>	<u>6,213,025</u>	<u>83,444,764</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	163.00	0.00	163.00

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

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes¹	Adds Funding for Health Insurance Increase²	Increases Funding for Credit Card Fee Charges³	Adds Funding for Replacement of Pond Liners⁴	Continues Funding for Operation of Boating Access⁵	Adjusts Base Level Funding⁶
Salaries and wages	(\$203,656)	\$418,619				
Operating expenses			180,000			1,489,186
Capital assets				572,000		10,960
Grants - Game and fish					122,000	2,193,772
Land habitat and deer depredation	(373,268)	22,515				1,253,880
Noxious weed control	(95,135)					120,135
Missouri River enforcement	1,021	1,033				(662)
Grants - Gifts - Donations	11,696					(37,014)
Nongame wildlife conservation						
Lonetree reservoir	44,980	11,448				(80,485)
Wildlife services						
Total all funds	(\$614,362)	\$453,615	\$180,000	\$572,000	\$122,000	\$4,949,772
Less estimated income	(614,362)	453,615	180,000	572,000	122,000	4,949,772
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds One- Time Funding to Replace an Airplane⁷	Adds One- Time Funding for a State Fair Shooting Skills Building⁸	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages			\$214,963
Operating expenses			1,669,186
Capital assets	250,000	300,000	1,132,960
Grants - Game and fish			2,315,772
Land habitat and deer depredation			903,127
Noxious weed control			25,000
Missouri River enforcement			1,392
Grants - Gifts - Donations			(25,318)
Nongame wildlife conservation			
Lonetree reservoir			(24,057)
Wildlife services			
Total all funds	\$250,000	\$300,000	\$6,213,025
Less estimated income	250,000	300,000	6,213,025
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding is adjusted for cost-to-continue 2015-17 biennium salaries and benefit increases and for other base payroll changes.

² Funding is added for increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,249 per month.

³ Increases funding for credit card fee charges on the purchase of licenses.

⁴ Adds funding for the replacement of pond liners.

⁵ Continues funding to support the Parks and Recreation Department's operation of boating access at state parks.

⁶ Base level funding is adjusted as follows:

	Other Funds
Rent allowance reduction	(\$100,000)
Extraordinary repairs increase	97,000
Salmon building replacement lighting	130,000
Wildlife management area improvements	200,000
Equipment replacement	747,000
Federal funds authority increase	1,590,000
Operating expenses increase	839,186
Capital assets reduction	(1,063,040)
Grants increase	1,353,772
Land habitat and deer depredation increases	1,153,880
Noxious weed control operating expenses increases	120,135
Missouri River enforcement reduction	(662)
Grants - Gifts - Donations reduction	(37,014)
Lonetree Reservoir operating expenses reduction	(80,485)
Total	<hr/> \$4,949,772

⁷ Adds **one-time** funding to replace an airplane.

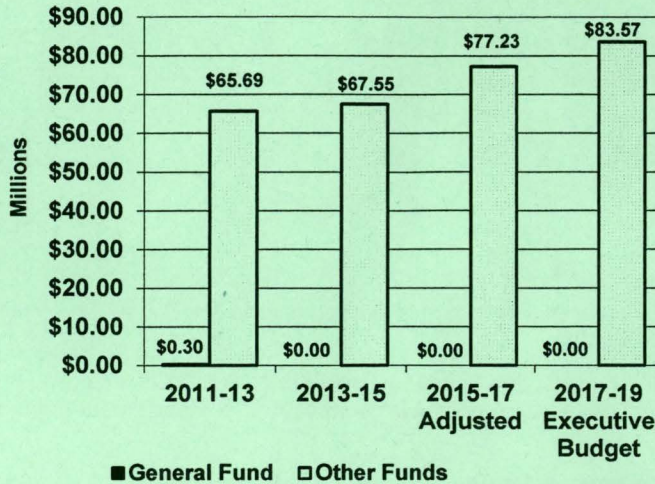
⁸ Reauthorizes **one-time** funding for a State Fair shooting skills building.

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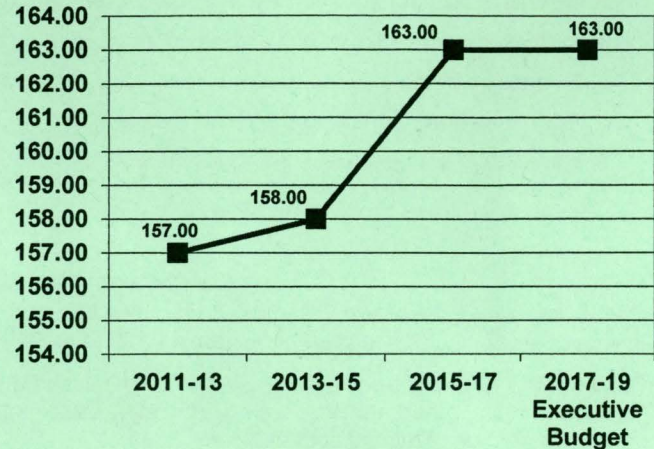
Dalrymple Executive Budget Comparison to Prior Biennium Appropriations

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2017-19 Dalrymple Executive Budget	163.00	\$0	\$83,569,734	\$83,569,734
2015-17 Adjusted Legislative Appropriations	163.00	0	77,231,739	77,231,739
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	\$0	\$6,337,995	\$6,337,995

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



Dalrymple Executive Budget Comparison to Base Level

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2017-19 Dalrymple Executive Budget	\$0	\$83,569,734	\$83,569,734
2017-19 Base Level	0	77,231,739	77,231,739
Increase (Decrease)	\$0	\$6,337,995	\$6,337,995

First House Action

Attached is a comparison worksheet detailing first house changes to base level funding and the executive budget.

**Dalrymple and Burgum Executive Budget Highlights
(With First House Changes in Bold)**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds funding for state employee salary and benefit increases, of which \$124,970 is for salary increases and \$453,615 is for health insurance increases. (The Burgum budget removed funding for salary increases and provided for employees to pay for a portion of health insurance.) The House removed funding for the salary increases.	\$0	\$578,585	\$578,585
2. Reduces funding for base payroll	\$0	(\$614,362)	(\$614,362)
3. The Burgum budget removed 6 FTE positions. The House did not remove funding or FTE positions.	\$0	(\$1,143,174)	(\$1,143,174)
4. Increases funding for credit card fee charges on the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses	\$0	\$180,000	\$180,000
5. Reduces funding for rent allowance for oil-impacted areas	\$0	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)
6. Increases funding for extraordinary repairs of base buildings	\$0	\$97,000	\$97,000
7. Adds funding for replacement of lighting in the salmon building	\$0	\$130,000	\$130,000
8. Adds funding for replacement of pond liners	\$0	\$572,000	\$572,000
9. Increases funding for improvements to wildlife management areas	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
10. Adds funding for equipment replacement	\$0	\$747,000	\$747,000

11. Increases funding for grants from Pittman-Robertson federal funds	\$0	\$840,000	\$840,000
12. Increases Pittman-Robertson funding for improvements to wildlife management areas	\$0	\$750,000	\$750,000
13. Increases funding for operating expenses	\$0	\$839,186	\$839,186
14. Reduces funding for capital assets	\$0	(\$1,063,040)	(\$1,063,040)
15. Provides funding for the Parks and Recreation Department for operation of boating access at state parks	\$0	\$122,000	\$122,000
16. Increases funding for grants	\$0	\$1,353,772	\$1,353,772
17. Increases funding for land habitat and deer depredation	\$0	\$1,153,880	\$1,153,880
18. Increases funding for noxious weed control operating expenses	\$0	\$120,135	\$120,135
19. Reduces funding for the Lonetree Reservoir operating expenses	\$0	(\$80,485)	(\$80,485)
20. Adds one-time funding to replace an airplane	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
21. Reauthorizes one-time funding for a State Fair shooting skills building. The House removed funding for a State Fair shooting skills building.	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000

Other Sections in House Bill No. 1017

Health insurance increase - Section 2 identifies the amount included in the agency appropriations relating to increases in employee health insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,249 per month.

Grants, gifts, and donations line - Section 3 includes in the grants, gifts, and donations line item of \$400,000 received by the Game and Fish Department for surface damage, easements, or reclamation on department-owned or department-managed properties from oil or mining activities.

Continuing Appropriations

No continuing appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1025 - Amends North Dakota Century Code Section 20.1-04-07 and creates a new section to Chapter 20.1-05.1 relating to Governor's proclamations and the authority to authorize special allocation of hunting licenses. The bill eliminates Governor's proclamations for hunting licenses provided for raffles and authorizes the Director of the Game and Fish Department to issue annual special allocation hunting licenses.

House Bill No. 1150 - Creates a new section to Chapter 20.1-03 relating to bonus or preference points awarded for lotteries. The bill authorizes individuals to apply for a hunting license, but to be excluded from the drawing in order to obtain the preference points for that hunting season.

House Bill No. 1204 - Amends Sections 20.1-03-01.5, 20.1-03-11, and 20.1-04-05 relating to apprentice hunter validation, hunter education, and golden eagle and bald eagle protection. The bill decreases the age of individuals who may qualify for an apprentice hunter validation from 16 years of age or older to 12 years of age or older. The bill amends subdivision a of subsection 1 of Section 20.1-03-11 to allow individuals whose 11th birthday occurs in the same year as a youth deer hunting season to receive a statewide white-tailed antlerless deer permit and requires all individuals whose 11th, 12th, or 13th birthday seeking the statewide white-tailed antlerless deer permit for a youth deer hunting season to have completed a hunter education course. The bill authorizes individuals to obtain a hunting license for golden or bald eagles.

House Bill No. 1207 - Creates Section 20.1-11-14 relating to property abandoned on state game refuges, leased or managed real property, and state game or fish management areas. The bill authorizes the Game and Fish Department to seize tangible property presumed to be abandoned on state game refuges, real property leased or managed by the Game and Fish Department, and state game or fish management areas, and authorizes the director to turn the property over to the report all poachers program for the disposal of the seized property after 90 days. The proceeds from the sale of seized property is to be deposited in the North Dakota wildlife federation report all poachers fund.

House Bill No. 1419 - Appropriates \$250,000 from the game and fish fund to the Game and Fish Department for establishing and administering a firearm safety program during the 2017-19 biennium. The bill authorizes the program to be available to elementary and secondary schools in the state.

Senate Bill No. 2259 - Amends Section 20.1-03-07.1 relating to nonresident waterfowl hunting licenses. The bill creates a waterfowl hunting license option for nonresident waterfowl hunters to hunt for 3 periods of 4 consecutive days each and creates a nonresident waterfowl hunting license for any zone to be issued for two 7-day hunting periods. The bill authorizes a \$50 license fee for nonresident waterfowl hunting licenses for any zone to be issued for two 7-day hunting periods.

Senate Bill No. 2284 - Amends Section 20.1-03-17 relating to the issuance of licenses. The bill changes the amount an agent may charge a purchaser. The bill changes the fee an agent may charge a purchaser from fifty cents for each license to 3 percent of the total license fee excluding the certificate fee.

Senate Bill No. 2318 - Amends Section 20.1-04-15 relating to the opening day of the pheasant season. The bill amends Section 20.1-04-15 to require the pheasant season opening day to be no later than October 12th of any given year.

Game and Fish Department - Budget No. 720
House Bill No. 1017
Base Level Funding Changes

	Burgum Executive Budget Recommendation (Changes to Dalrymple Budget in Bold)				House Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Position	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2017-19 Biennium Base Level	163.00	\$0	\$77,231,739	\$77,231,739	163.00	\$0	\$77,231,739	\$77,231,739
2017-19 Ongoing Funding Changes								
Base payroll changes			(\$614,362)	(\$614,362)			(\$614,362)	(\$614,362)
Salary increase				0				0
Health insurance increase			453,615	453,615			453,615	453,615
Employee portion of health insurance			(237,630)	(237,630)				0
Removes 6 FTE positions	(6.00)		(1,143,174)	(1,143,174)				0
Increases funding for credit card fee charges on the purchase of licenses			180,000	180,000			180,000	180,000
Reduces funding for rent allowance for oil-impacted areas			(100,000)	(100,000)			(100,000)	(100,000)
Increases funding for extraordinary repairs for base buildings			97,000	97,000			97,000	97,000
Adds funding for replacement of lighting in the salmon building			130,000	130,000			130,000	130,000
Adds funding for replacement of pond liners			572,000	572,000			572,000	572,000
Increases funding for improvements to wildlife management areas			200,000	200,000			200,000	200,000
Adds funding for equipment replacement			747,000	747,000			747,000	747,000
Increases funding for grants from Pittman-Robertson federal funds			840,000	840,000			840,000	840,000
Increases PR funding for improvements to wildlife management areas			750,000	750,000			750,000	750,000
Increases funding for operating expenses			839,186	839,186			839,186	839,186
Reduces funding for capital assets			(1,063,040)	(1,063,040)			(1,063,040)	(1,063,040)
Continues funding for operation of boating access at state parks to Parks and Rec.			122,000	122,000			122,000	122,000
Increases funding for grants			1,353,772	1,353,772			1,353,772	1,353,772
Increases funding for land habitat and deer depredation			1,153,880	1,153,880			1,153,880	1,153,880
Increases funding for noxious weed control operating expenses			120,135	120,135			120,135	120,135
Reduces funding for Missouri River enforcement			(662)	(662)			(662)	(662)
Reduces funding for grants, gifts, and donations			(37,014)	(37,014)			(37,014)	(37,014)
Reduces funding for the Lonetree Reservoir operating expenses			(80,485)	(80,485)			(80,485)	(80,485)
Increases funding to the Agriculture Commissioner for wildlife services				0			115,600	115,600
Total ongoing funding changes	(6.00)	\$0	\$4,282,221	\$4,282,221	0.00	\$0	\$5,778,625	\$5,778,625
One-time funding items								
Adds funding to replace an airplane			\$250,000	\$250,000			\$250,000	\$250,000
Reauthorizes funding for a State Fair shooting skills building			300,000	300,000				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$550,000	\$550,000	0.00	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(6.00)	\$0	\$4,832,221	\$4,832,221	0.00	\$0	\$6,028,625	\$6,028,625
2017-19 Total Funding	157.00	\$0	\$82,063,960	\$82,063,960	163.00	\$0	\$83,260,364	\$83,260,364

Other Sections in Game and Fish Department - Budget No. 720

Health insurance increase

**Burgum Executive Budget Recommendation
(Changes to Dalrymple Budget in Bold)**

House Version

Section 2 identifies the funding increase for health insurance premium increases included in the agency's appropriation.

Other Sections in Game and Fish Department - Budget No. 720

Grants, gifts, and donations line item

Burgum Executive Budget Recommendation
(Changes to Dalrymple Budget in Bold)

Section 2 includes in the grants, gifts, and donations line item of \$400,000 received by the Game and Fish Department for surface damage, easements, or reclamation on department-owned or department-managed properties from oil or mining activities.

House Version

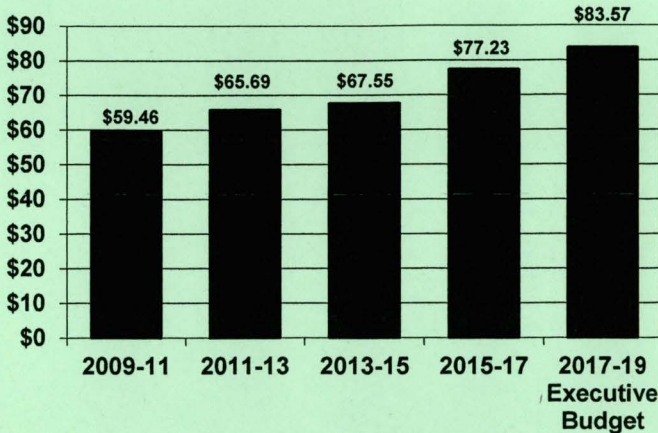
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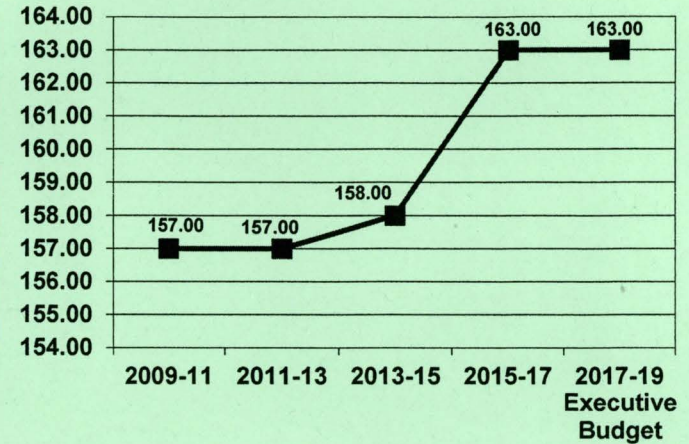
Historical Appropriations Information

Total Other Funds Appropriations Since 2009-11

Agency Funding (in Millions)



FTE Positions



■ Other Funds Appropriations

Total Other Funds Appropriations					
	2009-11	2011-13	2013-15	2015-17 Adjusted	2017-19 Dalrymple Executive Budget
Ongoing other funds appropriations	\$59,463,938	\$65,687,742 ¹	\$67,553,639	\$77,231,739	\$83,569,734
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	\$6,223,804	\$1,865,897	\$9,678,100	\$6,337,995
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	10.5%	28.4%	14.3%	8.2%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2009-11 biennium	N/A	10.5%	13.6%	29.9%	40.5%

¹Amount excludes \$300,000 from the general fund for a transfer to the Department of Agriculture for expenses related to the State Board of Animal Health (\$199,461) and for the Wildlife Services program (\$100,539) in the 2011-13 biennium.

Major Increases (Decreases) in Other Funds Appropriations

2011-13 Biennium

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|--|-------------|
| 1. Increased spending authority for hunting access and deer depredation | \$850,000 |
| 2. Increased funding provided to the Department of Agriculture for the Wildlife Services program | \$100,000 |
| 3. Increased funding for capital projects to provide a total of \$4,283,170 | \$218,170 |
| 4. Increased funding for grants | \$1,174,500 |
| 5. Added funding for Missouri River enforcement | \$200,000 |
| 6. Increased funding for salaries and wages | \$2,438,741 |

2013-15 Biennium

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|--|---------------|
| 1. Added funding for 1 FTE game warden position and related operating expenses | \$206,763 |
| 2. Increased funding for shooting ranges | \$300,000 |
| 3. Reduced funding provided to the Department of Agriculture for the Wildlife Services program | (\$100,000) |
| 4. Reduced funding for capital projects to provide a total of \$4,237,261 | (\$298,109) |
| 5. Reduced funding for grants | (\$3,296,000) |

6. Increased funding for salaries and wages	\$1,976,240
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2015-17 Biennium

1. Added funding to change 3 part-time employees to FTE positions, including 2 administrative assistant I positions and 1 biologist position	\$322,615
2. Added funding for 1 FTE administrative officer II position	\$139,475
3. Added funding for 1 FTE licensing specialist II position	\$117,973
4. Increased funding for capital projects to provide a total of \$5,712,996	\$847,935
5. Increased funding for grants	\$211,912
6. Increased funding for operating expenses	\$634,114
7. Increased funding for land habitat and deer depredation	\$2,758,157
8. Adjusted funding for the Wildlife Division	\$200,161
9. Added funding for Devils Lake storage building (\$200,000) and State Fair shooting skills building (\$200,000)	\$400,000
10. Increased funding for the wildlife private land initiative	\$2,000,000

2017-19 Biennium (Dalrymple and Burgum Executive Budget Recommendations)

1. Increases funding for credit card fee charges on the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses	\$180,000
2. Reduces funding for rent allowance for oil-impacted areas	(\$100,000)
3. Increases funding for extraordinary repairs of base buildings	\$97,000
4. Adds funding for replacement of lighting in the salmon building	\$130,000
5. Adds funding for replacement of pond liners	\$572,000
6. Increases funding for improvements to wildlife management areas	\$200,000
7. Adds funding for equipment replacement	\$747,000
8. Increases funding for grants from Pittman-Robertson federal funds	\$840,000
9. Increases Pittman-Robertson funding for improvements to wildlife management areas	\$750,000
10. Increases funding for operating expenses	\$839,186
11. Reduces funding for capital assets	(\$1,063,040)
12. Provides funding for the Parks and Recreation Department for operation of boating access at state parks	\$122,000
13. Increases funding for grants	\$1,353,772
14. Increases funding for land habitat and deer depredation	\$1,153,880
15. Increases funding for noxious weed control operating expenses	\$120,135
16. Reduces funding for the Lonetree Reservoir operating expenses	(\$80,485)
17. The Burgum budget removed 6 FTE positions. (The House did not remove funding or FTE positions.)	(\$1,143,174)
18. Adds one-time funding to replace an airplane	\$250,000
19. Continues one-time funding from the 2015-17 biennium for a State Fair shooting skills building. (The House removed funding for a State Fair shooting skills building.)	\$300,000



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2017-2019 Appropriation Request
North Dakota Game and Fish Department**

The Game and Fish Department is a special fund agency using only licensing revenue (hunting, fishing, and boat registrations) and federal funding.

Revenue Projections:

Federal revenue is projected to be as follows:

Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (PR funds)*	\$24,000,000	
Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (DJ funds)**	\$9,000,000	
Recreational Boating Safety Program	\$1,475,000	
State Wildlife Grants	\$1,000,000	
Misc. Federal Grants	\$500,000	
Bureau of Reclamation (Lonetree)	<u>\$1,800,000</u>	
Total Federal Revenue	\$37,775,000	48%

State Revenue by Fund:

Game and Fish Fund (Licenses + Misc.)	\$36,052,000	
Private Land Habitat Fund	\$4,438,000	
Nongame Wildlife Fund (Donations)	\$48,000	
Total State Revenue	\$40,538,000	52%
Total All Revenue	\$78,313,000	

* **Wildlife Restoration Act** – funds are from excise taxes on the sale of guns, ammo and archery equipment which is allocated to the states by a formula based 50% on the amount of land area of the state relative to the rest of the states, and 50% based on the number of hunting license holders in a state relative to other states. These funds are referred to as Pittman-Robertson (PR) funds.

****Sport Fish Restoration Act** – funds are from excise taxes on fishing equipment and motorboat fuel which is allocated to the states by the same formula above with the exception of using the number of fishing license holders vs hunting licenses. These funds are referred to as Dingell-Johnson (DJ) funds.

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Federal Revenue Levels

- USFWS Sport Fish Restoration Act funds (DJ) – In 2011 funds fell below \$4M, thus in 2013 we changed the funding source from federal to state for one of our fisheries projects. Since then DJ funds have fluctuated from \$3.6M in 2014 back up to \$4.2M in 2016. We project the funds to remain around the \$4M level annually for 2017-19.
- USFWS Wildlife Restoration Act funds (PR) – have steadily increased from \$7.7M in 2013 to \$11.9M in 2015. We project the funds to remain at the increased level for 2017-19. These funds are apportioned to States from USFWS by law and are not dependent on Congress approval. The PR funds have a 2-year window to be obligated by the department; otherwise, we will lose the funds and they will revert back to the USFWS to be allocated to other states. The department has increased 2017-19 appropriation authority by approximately \$5.2M to spend this additional level of PR funds; some of the funds must be obligated by 9/30/17 or they will revert back to the USFWS thus the need for the increased spending authority. The details of this increased spending authority will be addressed in the individual line items throughout the testimony.
- USFWS State Wildlife Grant funds – have remained the same the last few years, but it is dependent on Congress. These funds pay for 2 biologist positions and projects involving nongame and endangered species. We project the funds to remain at the same level as 2015-17.
- U.S. Coast Guard – Boat Safety funds have a slight increase of \$175K.
- USFWS Aquatic Nuisance Species funds – have declined to \$30K; we've had to use DJ funds for the balance.
- Bureau of Reclamation - have remained the same the last few years.

USFWS DJ & PR funds equate to 89% of our federal funds. These funds are not dependent on congress. They are apportioned to states each year based on the formula explained on the previous page. If these federal funds decrease, we would have to cut programs or use licensing revenue.

License & Special Revenue

Per NDCC 20.1-02-17, Hunting and fishing license fees and application fees may only be used for departmental programs and administration. Noncompliance will result in a diversion of federal funds.

- Deer license revenue has been decreasing due to fewer deer licenses since 2010. In 2012 we had a significant decrease of \$1.5M. In 2014 there was a net increase of \$183K. This amount was the result of a decrease of approx. 10,000 deer licenses which was offset by the license fee increase. Without the fee increase it would have resulted in a loss in revenue. In 2015 there was a decrease of \$171K due to fewer licenses.

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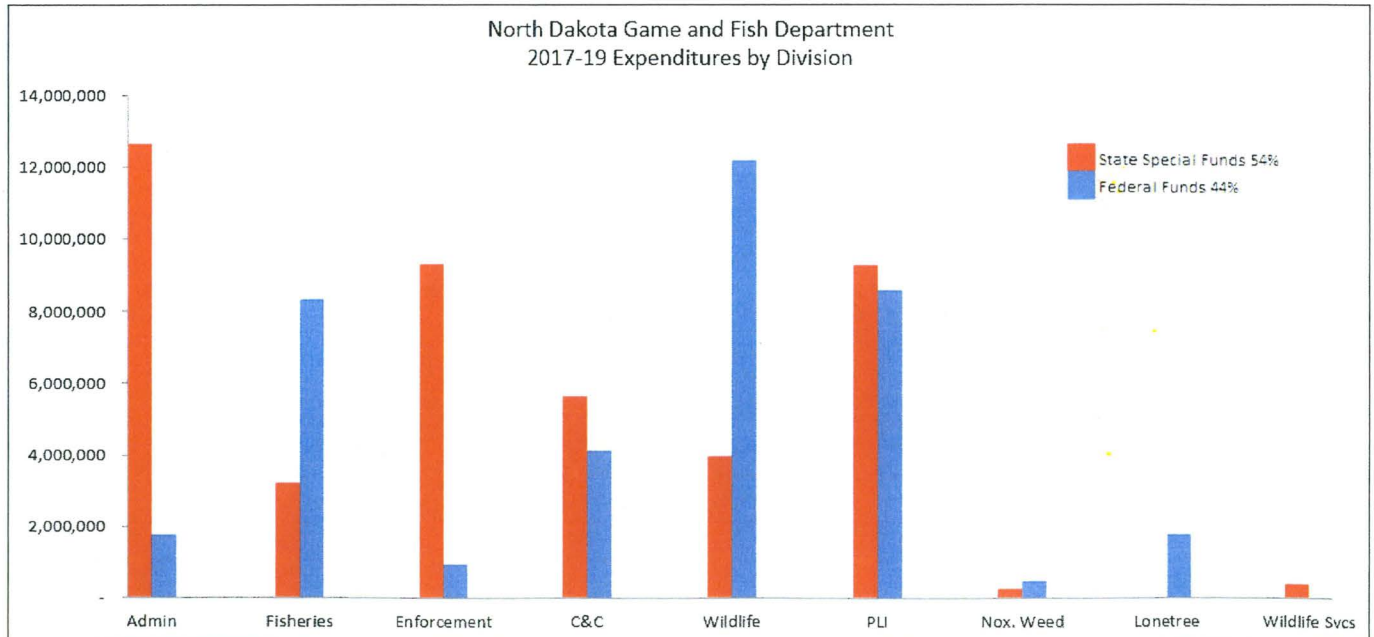
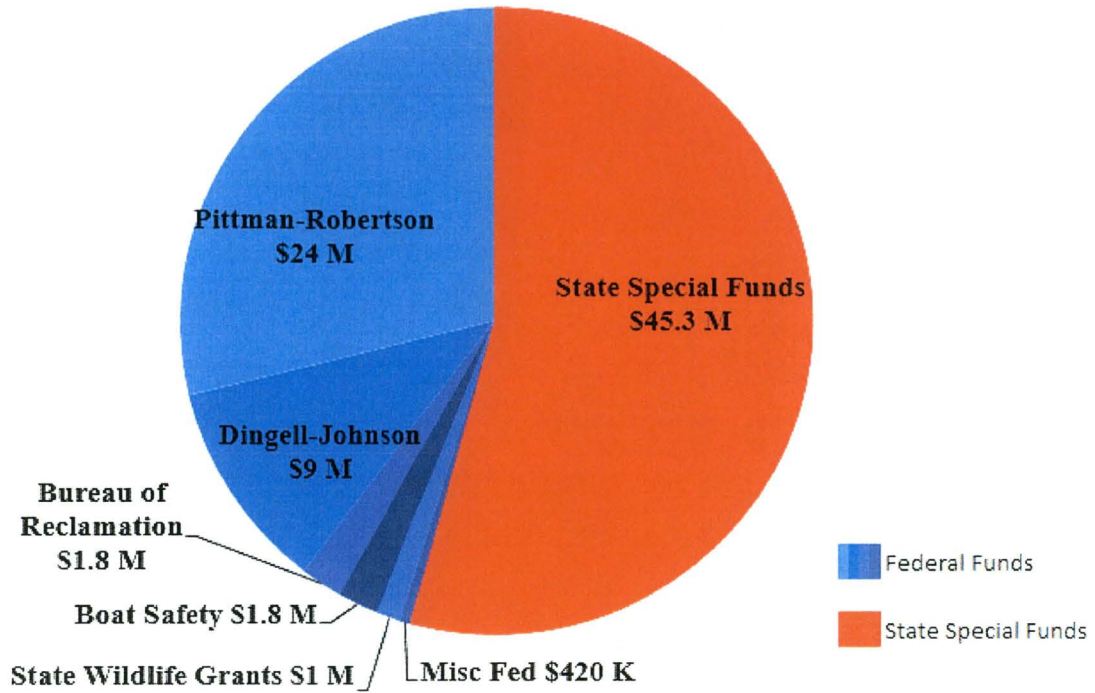
- Interest – decreasing (est. \$100K)
(07-09 \$1.5M, 09-11 \$500K, 11-13 \$185K, 13-15 \$115K)
- Transfer from the Outdoor Heritage Fund - \$2M. A grant was approved in the prior biennium and budgeted for five years to spend.

License Sales

- **Resident Deer Gun** license sales have significantly decreased.
2009-125,583; 2010-101,216; 2011-94,130; 2012-48,605; 2013-43,625; 2014-34,640; 2015-29,559.
- General Game license sales for residents and nonresidents have had minor changes (decreased 700 and increased 1,964 respectively).
- Fishing license sales continuing to increase. We had all-time highs in 2013 for resident and 2015 for nonresident sales.

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ND Game and Fish Department 2017-19 Expenditures by Funding Source



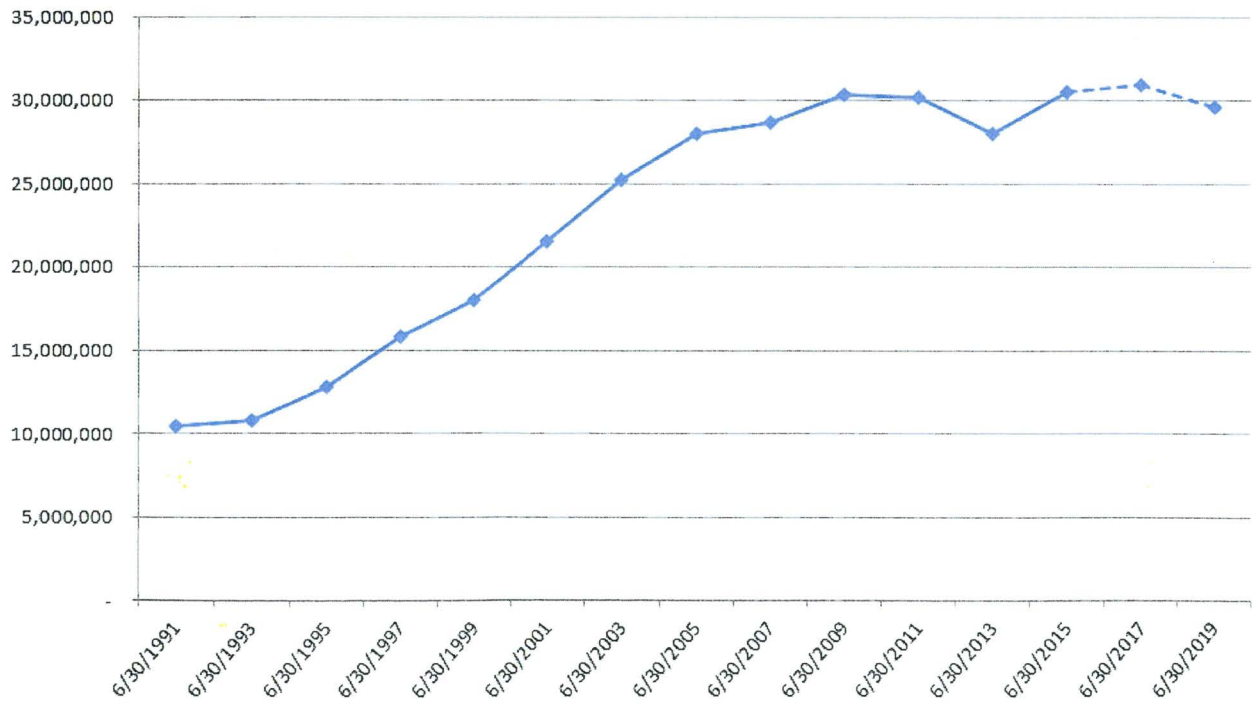
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Fund Balances - Fund balance projections are as follows:

	<u>6/30/17</u>	<u>6/30/19</u>
Game and Fish Fund	\$28,457,609	\$24,664,837
Private Land Habitat Fund	\$2,429,855	\$4,916,453
Non-Game Wildlife Fund	\$81,552	\$9,552
Total	\$30,969,016	\$29,590,842

Per NDCC 20.1-02-16.1, the fund balance shall not be reduced below \$15M unless authorized by the budget section.

**ND Game and Fish Department
Fund Balance**



REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION COMPARISON SUMMARY

720 Game and Fish Department
Biennium: 2017-2019

Bill#: HB1017

Description	Expenditures Prev Biennium 2013-2015	Present Budget 2015-2017	2017-2019 Requested		Requested Budget 2017-2019	2017-2019 Recommended		Executive Recommendation 2017-2019
			Incr(Decr)	% Chg		Incr(Decr)	% Chg	
By Major Program								
Administrative Services	14,123,460	17,106,675	(2,312,433)	(13.5%)	14,794,242	(2,205,542)	(12.9%)	14,901,133
Fisheries	9,102,207	10,435,716	1,258,521	12.1%	11,694,237	1,464,354	14.0%	11,900,070
Enforcement	7,915,081	8,942,214	1,085,854	12.1%	10,028,068	1,221,123	13.7%	10,163,337
Communications and Conservation	6,808,649	8,515,218	1,175,520	13.8%	9,690,738	1,252,233	14.7%	9,767,451
Wildlife	23,088,264	33,383,488	3,278,376	9.8%	36,661,864	3,454,255	10.3%	36,837,743
Total Major Programs	61,037,661	78,383,311	4,485,838	5.7%	82,869,149	5,186,423	6.6%	83,569,734
By Line Item								
Salaries and Wages	25,368,348	29,670,242	(201,985)	(0.7%)	29,468,257	329,935	1.1%	30,000,177
Accrued Leave	121,753	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0
Operating Expenses	11,514,890	13,693,944	1,644,186	12.0%	15,338,130	1,644,186	12.0%	15,338,130
Capital Assets	3,553,629	5,497,996	1,132,960	20.6%	6,630,956	1,132,960	20.6%	6,630,956
Capital Construction Carryover	282,999	244,996	(244,996)	(100.0%)	0	0	0.0%	0
Grants-Game and Fish	5,779,386	7,334,412	2,193,772	29.9%	9,528,184	2,315,772	31.6%	9,650,184
Land Habitat & Deer Depredation	11,225,672	17,804,257	0	0.0%	17,804,257	27,800	0.2%	17,832,057
Noxious Weed Control	532,030	700,000	25,000	3.6%	725,000	25,000	3.6%	725,000
Missouri River Enforcement	231,886	282,540	0	0.0%	282,540	1,392	0.5%	283,932
Grant-Gift-Donation	480,360	827,519	(27,519)	(3.3%)	800,000	(24,068)	(2.9%)	803,451
Nongame Wildlife Conservation	36,861	120,000	0	0.0%	120,000	0	0.0%	120,000
Lonetree Reservoir	1,525,447	1,823,005	(35,580)	(2.0%)	1,787,425	(21,558)	(1.2%)	1,801,447
Wildlife Services	384,400	384,400	0	0.0%	384,400	0	0.0%	384,400
Total Line Items	61,037,661	78,383,311	4,485,838	5.7%	82,869,149	5,186,423	6.6%	83,569,734
By Funding Source								
General Fund	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0
Federal Funds	25,247,677	34,917,894	3,035,275	8.7%	37,953,169	3,252,192	9.3%	38,170,086
Special Funds	35,789,984	43,465,417	1,450,563	3.3%	44,915,980	1,934,231	4.5%	45,399,648
Total Funding Source	61,037,661	78,383,311	4,485,838	5.7%	82,869,149	5,186,423	6.6%	83,569,734
Total FTE	158.00	163.00	0.00	0.0%	163.00	0.00	0.0%	163.00

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**Summary of
2017-19 Budget Changes
Compared to the
Adjusted 2015-17 Appropriation**

The Department prepared its budget by analyzing expenditures, projecting revenue and calculating our fund balance. The majority of the increase in appropriation is for the inclusion of \$5.2M additional USFWS federal Pittman-Robertson (PR) funds which will be lost if not spent.

The House Version of the budget is \$83,260,364, an increase of \$6,028,625 from the adjusted 2015-17 appropriation of \$77.2M.

- **Approx. \$5.2M** of the \$6M budget increase requested by the Department and included in the House Version is **attributed to additional spending authority for USFWS PR federal funds**. The PR funds have a 2 year window to be obligated by the department; otherwise, we will lose the funds and they will revert back to the USFWS to be allocated to other states.
- The budget also increased by \$881,576 for big game depredation carryover per NDCC 20.1-02-05(17h).

The main difference between the House Version and the Department's requested budget is the House:

- removed \$300K for the State Fair Shooting Skills Building
- increased the Wildlife Services line by \$115,600.

The Department does not have any changes it wishes to request to the House Version.

Summary of Budget Changes by Department lines

Operating Line – increase of \$1.6M is mainly attributed to the following:

- Wildlife Division - **\$750K** for contract services and O&M on WMAs, **all of which are 75% PR federal funds**;
- Administrative Services Division - \$184K increase in IT costs;
- Fisheries Division - \$60K for fisheries O&M on our WMAs was a line item change from Grants to Operating.

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- Enforcement Division – \$24K for state fleet vehicle change over.
- General inflation department wide for printing, supplies, legal fees, etc. Also increase of cost of materials for projects (e.g. cement),

Capital Assets Line – overall increase of \$1.1M relates to: the replacement of an aircraft, increase of In Lieu of Tax payments, and an increase in extra ordinary repairs as explained below.

- Equipment > \$5K (One-time Funding) – includes the replacement of our 2006 American Champion Scout aircraft. The estimated net cost after trade-in is \$250K. **The purchase will be using 75% PR federal funds.** See attached budget change package narrative on page 20.
- In Lieu of Taxes – an increase from \$1M for 2015-17 to \$1,363,000 for 2017-19. The funding source of these payments was changed to **75% PR federal funds** for 2017-19.
- Extraordinary Repairs – increase of \$995K consists of:
 - Wildlife Division - \$483K for WMA road repairs and development on new WMAs **all of which are 75% PR federal funds**;
 - Fisheries Division - \$200K for development work done on our WMAs which was a line item change from Grants to Cap. Assets; \$130K for replacement of lighting in the salmon building at GDNFH; and an increase of \$72K for pond liners for state owned ponds at GDNFH (total \$572K 2017-19 vs \$500K 2015-17). These increases are all with federal DJ funds;
 - Admin. Division – increase of \$97K based on OMB formula; \$65K for misc. land improvements to replace the Hay Creek culvert at the Bismarck OWLS pond area and a gravel fire barrier at the Dickinson shop.
- Buildings – \$300K for State Fair Shooting Skills Bldg. This was requested and approved by the 2015 Legislative Session; however, the State Fair put a hold on all building construction for the State Fairgrounds during 2015-17 and thus we were not able to bid the project nor sign contracts. This project can't be carried over to the 2017-19 biennium by the legislative Construction Carryover process since the project does not have signed contracts. We requested the project be re-approved for the 2017-19 biennium and it was included in the Executive Recommendation; however, **the House Version removed it.**
- Land Acquisition - \$800K (same as 2015-17)

Grants Line – the total increase of \$2.3M is attributed to increasing spending authority **for additional PR funds**:

- The majority of the increase is in the Wildlife division for wildlife surveys and research for elk, moose, white-tailed deer, and sage grouse.

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- Shooting Range grants – includes \$1M for 2017-19. The entire \$1M is 100% federal PR funds and the match is provided by the club/organization (tentative locations in Jamestown & Minot).

Private Land Habitat and Deer Depredation Line – change to base for \$881,576 is for big game depredation carryover allowed per NDCC 20.1-02-05(17h); the remaining \$22K due to funding added by House for health insurance increase.

Missouri River Enforcement Line – no change to base. This line is funded by U.S. Coast Guard federal funds and \$200K from Water Commission for matching funds.

Noxious Weed Control Line – net increase of \$25K for increase in chemical costs.

Lonetree Line – decrease of approx. \$22K. This line is 100% BOR federal funds.

Donation Line – slight decrease for prior biennium compensation package.

DEPARTMENT BUDGET BY DIVISION

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The Department included in its budget request the following funds appropriated for grants to other state agencies:

- \$0 to ND Parks & Recreation Department. The Gov. Recommended budget is \$122,000 and it was included in the House Version
- \$100,000 to Board of Animal Health, Ag Dept.; the Ag Dept. is requesting \$114,430
- \$384,400 to Wildlife Services, Ag Dept. **The House added \$115,600 for a total of \$500,000.**

DIVISIONAL BUDGETS

Brief details on the budgets for the Department's five (5) divisions are presented below:

1. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION - Costs in this division include:

- Secretarial support for all Divisions
- Licensing section costs including lotteries
- Accounting costs
- Information Technology costs
- All Department utility, telephone, office rental, janitorial, office supplies, insurance, postage, air craft costs, office machine rental, and other similar costs
- Credit card transaction fees
- Legal services from Attorney General's office
- Costs for the Game and Fish Advisory Board
- Statewide Cost Allocation payment to OMB
- North Dakota Risk Management fund
- Buildings, Grounds, Vehicle Maintenance Supplies
- Travel costs for the Director, Deputy Director, Administrative Services Division Chief, Business Manager and IT staff.
- Capital Assets –
 - \$1,190,786 for extraordinary repairs to Department facilities statewide
 - \$1,363,000 for In Lieu of Tax payments for all Department lands WMAs (\$1M for 15-17)
 - \$300,000 for State Fair Shooting Skills building that was approved for the 2015-17 biennium; however, we were not able to do the project since the State Fair Board put a hold on all building construction for the State Fairgrounds during 2015-17. **The House removed it from 2017-19.**

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- **\$250,000** to replace airplane (2006 American Champion Scout) – 75% federal funds from USFWS Pittman-Robertson (PR) funds. See *attached budget change package narrative on page 20*.
- Grants – \$295,000 for cooperative grants to local groups and organizations for game and fish related projects, funding for Tribal access agreements, ND Natural Resources Trust, other Director’s grants and sponsorship grants (e.g. ND Landowners Sportsman Council, ND Stockmen’s Assoc., etc.).

The department’s Grant-Gift-Donation line approx. \$800K is used as follows:

- Grants and gifts received for special projects are used as desired by the donor. The department has money from an estate for fishing access work. Also a major grant for bighorn sheep work is expected to continue.
- Revenue received for surface damage, easements, and reclamation on department owned or department managed properties as a result of mineral exploration and extraction activities. The department manages Corps of Engineers (COE) and department lands along Lake Sakakawea, the Missouri River and the Killdeer Mountain WMA. There is significant oil activity on these lands. The COE and other applicable federal agencies require that this money be spent by the department on these areas that are affected. This line allows the department to receive revenue and turn around and spend the funds on the appropriate areas. This funding is often used for road repairs, fencing, habitat development and similar work.
- Royalty payments received for the department’s 160 acre mineral lease in the Killdeer Mountains WMA. These funds are used to employ one full-time biologist to assist the significant increase in work load due to oil activity on our WMA’s. We have also used these funds on a grant to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the impact of oil and gas development on mule deer populations in western North Dakota. Also, a grant for big horn sheep work is expected to continue.

2. FISHERIES DIVISION - This program includes fish production and distribution, fishery research and surveys, fishing area and boating facility development and maintenance and a Save Our Lakes program.

Grants – Total \$2,767,000:

- \$1,293,000 for boating access and development. These grants are used for cost sharing with local governments on fishing and boating facilities; 75% is federal funds.
- \$570,000 in grants is to pay the Department's share of costs for the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery; 75% is federal funds.
- \$305,000 in grants used for creel surveys and Aquatic Nuisance Species.

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- \$122,000 is included for boating access related costs to ND Parks and Recreation Department for state parks.
- Misc. other grants.

Capital Assets line – Total \$1,557,000:

- \$1,387,000 in extra ordinary repairs which includes dam repairs, hatchery repairs (\$572K for 4 pond liners at Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery and \$130K for replacement of lighting in the salmon building at the hatchery), and fishing and boating facility construction on lands owned by the Department. which includes an increase of \$200K for development work on our WMA's such as toilets, fish cleaning stations, etc. High and low water conditions at Devils Lake, Lake Sakakawea and the Missouri River have been major challenges for the boating access program. 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.
- \$170,000 for equipment over \$5,000 – boat motor replacements, fish transportation tank monitoring system replacement, an electrofishing unit replacement, etc.; 75% is federal funds.

Save Our Lakes Program – To renovate prioritized lakes statewide to provide sustainable quality fisheries. These projects include sediment dams, shoreline enhancements and building of earthen piers, establishment of buffer zones, building of rock weirs, building of wetlands, waste management systems, active hypolimnetic pumping systems, passive low water draw downs, fencing projects, alternate water sources (well), planting of trees and grasses in riparian areas, sediment removal, gravel spawning substrates, establishment of wave breaks and underwater boulder habitats.

Total \$600,000: \$400,000 is budgeted from the private lands line item for this type of work on private land. A significant portion of our watershed work will be on private land. Also \$200,000 is for grant funds from NRCS.

3. ENFORCEMENT DIVISION - This budget supports a staff of thirty-eight (38) law enforcement employees. The budget includes operating expenses mainly for State Fleet and travel costs. Game wardens are very dependent on vehicles to do their work. Over 1.9M miles per biennium are driven using State Fleet vehicles. There is \$225,000 for replacement of equipment included are: two boats with motor and trailer, six ATV/UTV, two snowmobile, and two motors for river patrol boats. The division has a replacement cycle for equipment. There is \$20K for new equipment (investigation surveillance camera and infrared/night vision binoculars).

Missouri River Enforcement line – Expenditures for this special line include salaries, operating, and equipment related to enforcement activities on and along the Missouri River in the Burleigh and Morton county area. Grants are also given to local law enforcement agencies to help with the Missouri River enforcement. This line is funded

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50% from federal boat safety funds and 50% from the State Water Commission.

4. CONSERVATION AND COMMUNICATION DIVISION – The division includes the communication section, education section and conservation section. Some programs include aquatic and hunter education, boating education, youth mentoring program, national archery in the schools program, nongame wildlife program, ND Outdoors magazine, ND Outdoors weekly television program, web page management, supplying general information to the public, environmental reviews, work involving the Endangered Species Act, etc. Also, natural resource related reviews and recommendations are provided to private and government entities.

Grants – Total \$3,032,500:

- \$1,262,500 for shooting range grants throughout the state. (An increase of \$750,000 federal PR funds.) The entire amount is federal PR funds which is passed on to local clubs/groups that provide the matching funds for shooting facilities for public use and for hunter education. (\$1M of the total is for tentative locations in Jamestown & Minot).
- \$80,000 for boat safety grants to counties funded by 50% federal funds.
- \$640,000 is included for youth programs, archery in schools, Hooked on Fishing, clay target league in the schools, etc.
- \$1,000,000 is included in grants for the State Wildlife Grant Program. This federally funded program works primarily with wildlife species that are not hunted. The match is normally provided by the grant recipient.
- \$50,000 for grant to Dept of Ag for a collaborative statewide survey and monitoring project for threatened bats and declining native bees and butterflies.

Capital Assets line – Total \$40,000:

- \$30K for extra ordinary repairs for the department's Conservation and Outdoor Skills Park area located on the State Fair grounds.
- \$10K for upgrade/replacement to video equipment.

Nongame Wildlife line - \$120,000 is budgeted for this special line which is supported by the income tax check off.

5. WILDLIFE DIVISION - This budget includes operating costs for Department managed lands, wildlife surveys and investigations, grants to organizations on cooperative projects. It also includes the following Special Lines: Noxious Weed Control, Wildlife Services, Lonetree, and Private Land Habitat and Deer Depredation.

Grants – Total \$3,433,684 (\$837K increase is for additional federal PR funds):

- \$3,333,684 Includes work for grants with wildlife groups and organizations on cooperative projects and wildlife research projects conducted through universities. These include chronic wasting disease work, North American Wetland Conservation

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Act, Central Flyway studies, waterfowl habitat projects, salt cedar work, studies/research on various species such as pronghorn, grouse, deer, moose, mountain lions, etc. (All funded 75% federal PR funds).

- \$100,000 to reimburse the State Veterinarian for costs related to oversight of farmed wildlife producers and the administration of wildlife propagation permits. (The amount is the same as the 2015-17 biennium.)

Capital Assets line – Total \$1,685,170 (\$226K increase from 2015-17 is for additional federal PR funds):

- \$653,170 for extra ordinary repairs (e.g. fences, roads, water control structures) and similar work on department wildlife management areas (WMA) statewide. 75% federal PR funds.
- \$232,000 for equipment over \$5,000 – tractor and ATV replacements, replace heavy equipment trailer. 75% federal PR funds
- \$800,000 is included for land acquisitions of small tracts near wildlife management areas, possibly in-holding or round-outs that may come up during the biennium. (This amount is the same as the 2015-17 biennium.)

Noxious Weed Control line - \$725,000 is requested for the work on department lands. This line is increased by \$25,000 for chemical costs.

Wildlife Services line - \$384,400 is to support Wildlife Service's animal damage control work in the Ag Department. This is the same amount as the 2015-17 biennium.

The House added \$115,600 for a total of \$500,000.

Lonetree line – Approx. \$1.8M. The Lonetree area consists of over 30,000 acres of land managed for wildlife purposes. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department manages and provides technical services for this area for the State of North Dakota as laid out in the Garrison Diversion Reformulation Act. The budget for this line stayed about the same as 2013-15. The budget continues to include funding for 5 staff, operating, equipment, maintenance and development for this area. It is funded 100% by federal funds from the Bureau of Reclamation.

Private Land Habitat and Deer Depredation line – A \$17.8M appropriation is requested to operate this special line. The base budget of \$16,922,681 was increased by \$881,576 by law for big game depredation carryover and \$27,800 for miscellaneous expenses.

This line is commonly called the Private Land Initiative (PLI) line. This line is not just for our PLOTS program, it also includes deer depredation and administrative costs for the PLI line. The base budget includes Outdoor Heritage Fund Grants (\$2M) approved in the prior biennium and budgeted for five years to spend. Approximately 20% of this program is funded with interest earned on game and fish funds and from habitat stamp sales. Cash from the regular game and fish fund along with U.S. Fish and Wildlife

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Services Pittman Robertson (PR) federal funds federal funds are used to fund the other 80%.

Of the total line, the budget for the PLOTS Program is \$13.8 million of which approx. \$11.9 million is landowner payments. We had a goal to reach 1 million acres of public hunting access on private land by the year 2009. We reached that goal two years early in September 2007. The number of PLOTS acres for the 2015-2016 hunting season was approximately 726,000 acres. A chart of PLOTS acres by program is attached to this testimony.

The line includes \$1,100,000 mandated in the 2010 session by SB2227 to be budgeted to provide wildlife feeding and other winter management practices on lands impacted by big game depredation. Per NDCC 20.1-02-05(17h) - Any unexpended funds, up to two million dollars, may be carried forward for these types of expenditures in future bienniums.



North Dakota Game and Fish Department Private Land Initiative 2016 PLOTS Program Acreage

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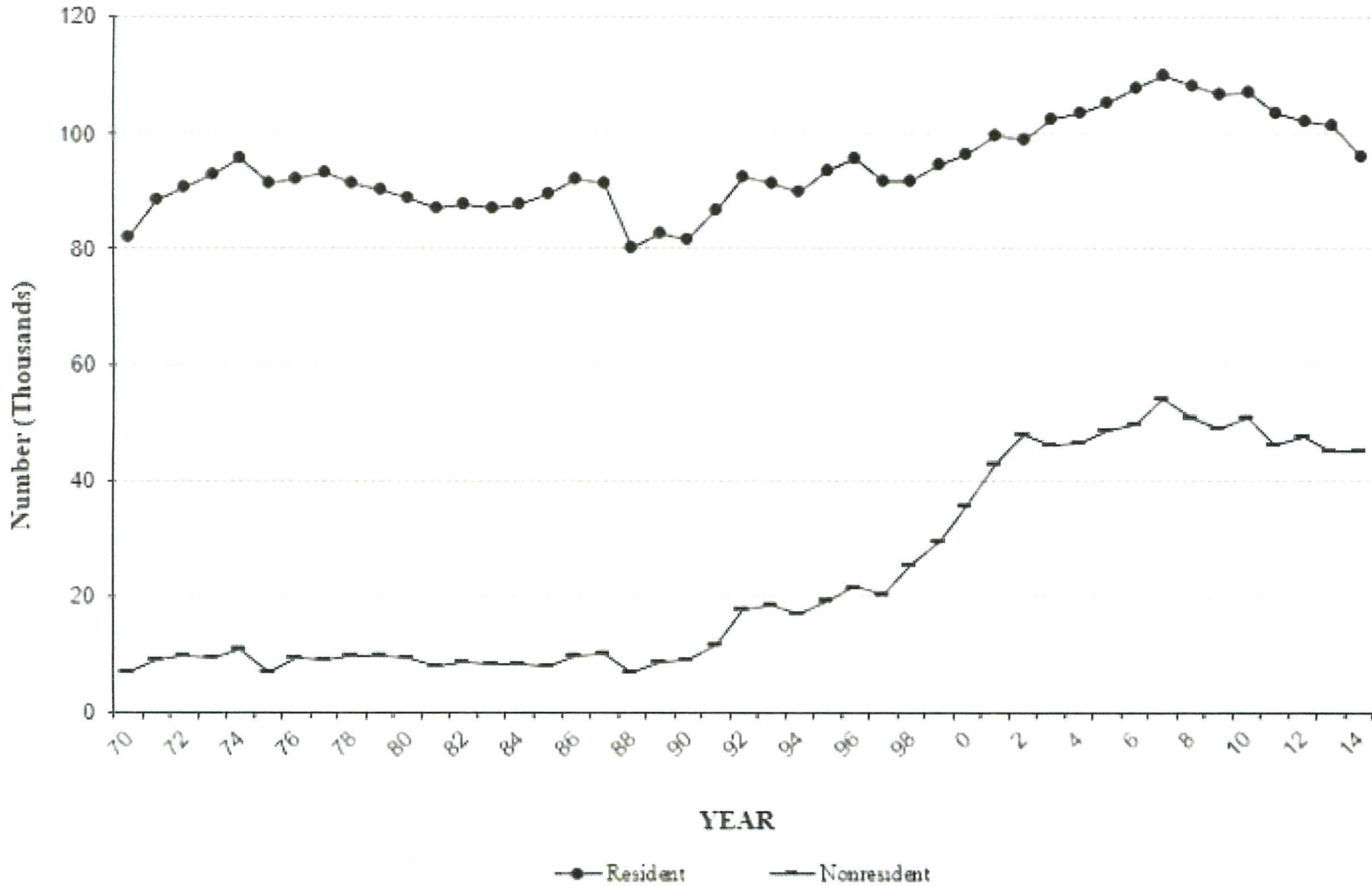
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Beginning Farmer Program	2,520	2,520	0
CREP/Coverlocks	14,050	1,723	12,327
CRP Access Program	212,884	181,805	31,431
Food Plots	101	101	-2
Habitat Plots	102,919	84,791	18,374
Other	20,189	20,037	152
Private Forest Conservation Program	10,241	7,346	2,895
Tree Planting Cost Share Program	711	397	314
Working Lands Program	344,034	344,034	-473
WRP Incentive Program	18,931	17,171	1,761
Totals	726,580	659,925	66,778



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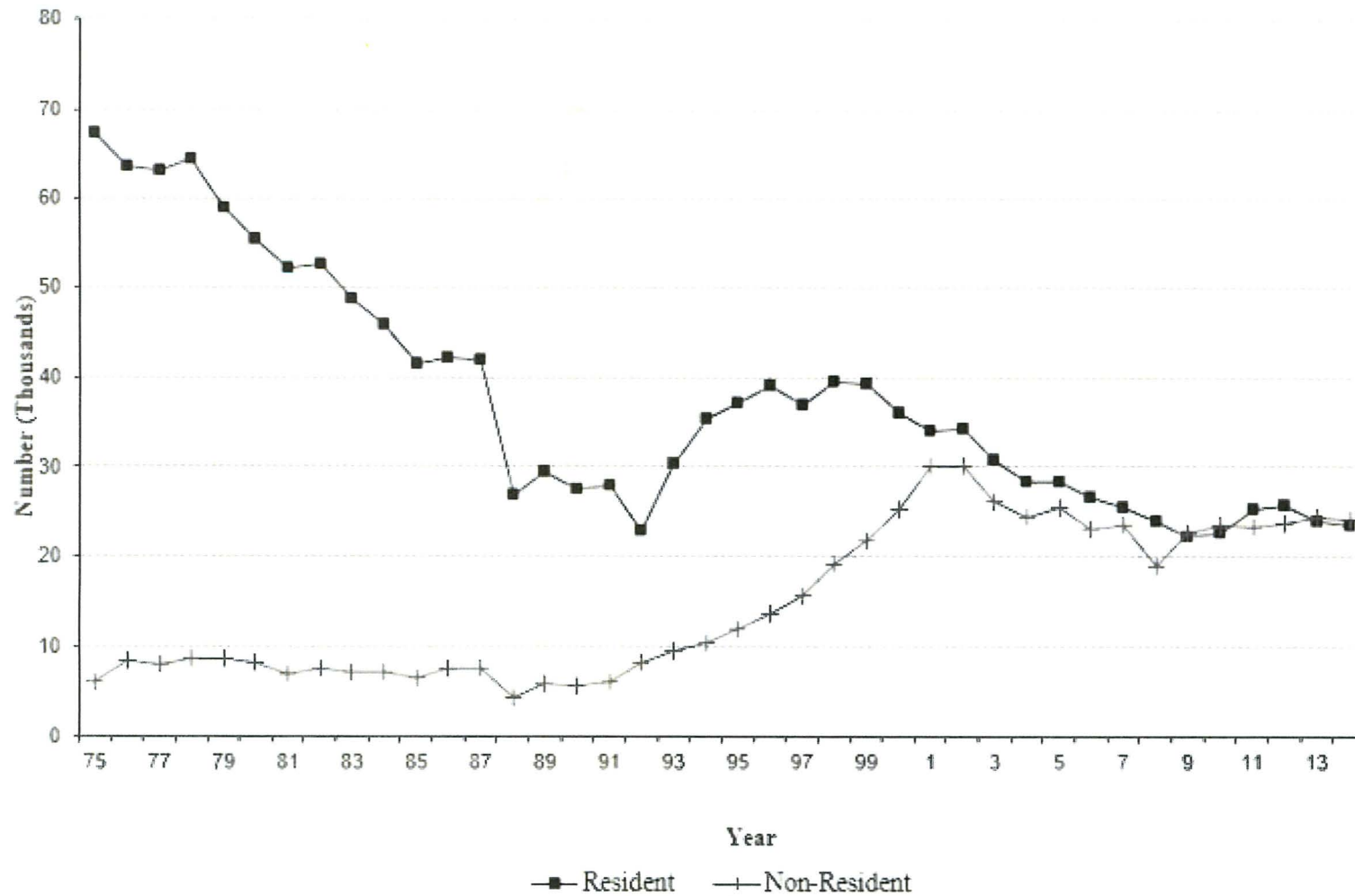


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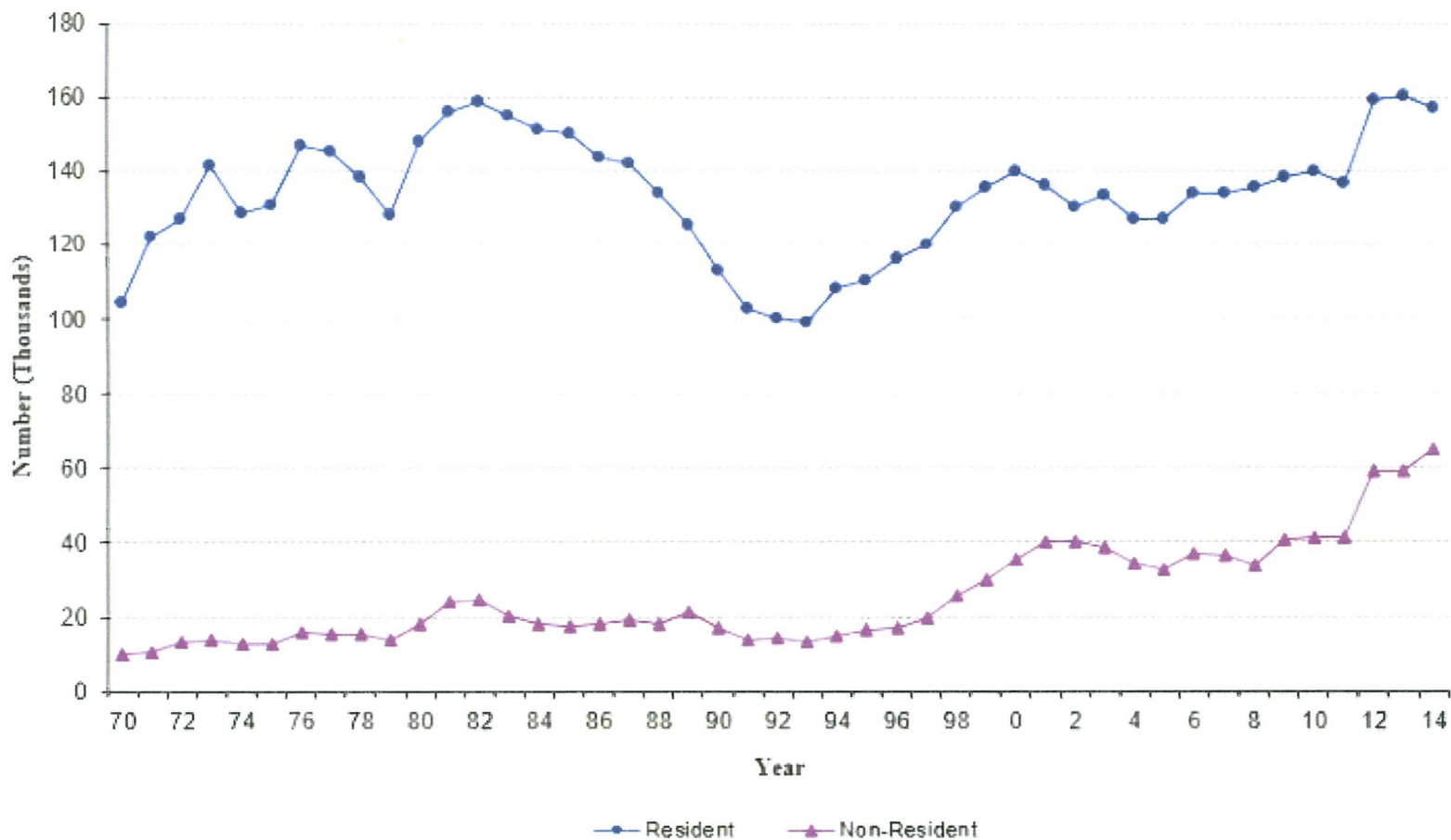
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BUDGET CHANGES NARRATIVE

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Replace Airplane-American Champion Scout

Currently the 2006 American Champion Scout has over 5,500 hours on it. During the 17-19 biennium, we estimate it will have 6,200 to 7,500 hours. When this type of aircraft gets to 10 years old and 6,000 hours, the maintenance begins to rise, value drops and some technology becomes outdated. Based on our estimates, this aircraft would have a better trade value toward the second year of 17-19 biennium.

The estimated cost of a new Scout is \$345,000 (before trade and including the addition of custom order equipment for the special use of the aircraft). The estimated trade value of the 2006 Scout is \$95,000. The net cost of \$250,000 is 75% federal funds using USFWS, Pittman-Robertson (PR) funds.

The Scout is used for mission specific purposes such as flying big game surveys and telemetry work, i.e., locating radio collared animals for research purposes. It is designed to fly slow and low, which is required for survey work. The type of plane we use needs to have the maneuverability for survey work that larger planes don't have, e.g., Cessna 182, do not have. It is a special use aircraft which provides the capability for 1) short field high performance take offs and landings, 2) off airport operations, 3) two person tandem seats for best visibility for pilot and biologist, 4) large (tundra) tires for items 1 & 2 as well as safety, 5) retractable snow skis for winter operations, and 6) telemetry equipment for tracking radio collared wildlife.

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Senate Requested Information for 2015-17

2015-17 budget and the effects of the budget reductions approved during the August 2016 special legislative session

Not required for special fund agencies. North Dakota Game and Fish Department is a special fund agency.

Estimated 2015-17 spending and the status of one-time funding items

Overall, our 2015-17 appropriation is on track and within budget.

- We will spend the majority, if not all, of the Capital Assets line and Grants line. Appropriation in these two lines were used for additional federal USFWS Pittman-Robertson (PR) funds, which would revert back to the feds if not used.
- The Department was required to assist with the DAPL protest. Expenditures were incurred in the Salaries and Operating lines. The following amounts were provided to OMB: Salaries and Wages \$221,795; Operating expenses \$201,929 for a total of \$423,724.
- Our fund balance is projected to be \$30M at the end of the 2015-17 biennium. By law our fund balance can't go below \$15M.

One-time funding – The 2015 Legislative Session approved \$300K for a State Fair Shooting Skills Building. The State Fair put a hold on all building construction for the State Fairgrounds during 2015-17 and thus we won't be able to do the project this biennium. The department included it in its budget request for 2017-19 and it was included in the Gov. executive recommended budget. The House removed it.



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Senate Requested Information for 2017-19

Listing of the proposed 2017-19 budget reductions identified by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to meet Governor's 90 percent budget request guideline:

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is a special fund agency and was not required to meet the Governor's 90 percent budget request.

The Department prepared its budget by analyzing expenditures, projecting revenue and calculating our fund balance, plus an increase in appropriation for the inclusion of \$5.2M additional USFWS federal Pittman-Robertson funds. *Details are provided on pages 7-9 of the testimony.*



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Comparison of the optional adjustment requests made by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to those included in the executive recommendation:

The Department had 3 optional adjustment requests for FTE's (Fisheries Wildlife Technician II, Fisheries Biologist I, Game Warden II). None of these optional adjustment requests were included in the executive recommendation.



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Summary of changes recommended by Governor Burgum and those made by the House:

Governor Burgum removed 1% compensation, removed 6 FTEs and required employees to pay 5% of the health insurance premium.

The House kept the 6 FTEs, removed \$300,000 State Fair Shooting Skills Building and increased the Wildlife Services Line \$115,600.



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Itemized listing of any changes the North Dakota Game and Fish Department is asking the committee to make to the House Version of the budget:

The Department does not have any changes to the House Version of the budget. The details for supporting this budget are summarized *on pages 7-9 of the testimony.*

Other related legislation affecting our appropriation: **HB1419**

- The hearing for HB1419 was heard in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources (SENR) committee on March 10. The bill sponsor provided an amendment to the SENR committee. The Department supported the amendment.
- The bill will be re-referred to Senate Appropriations from SENR committee.
- The Department supports HB1419 with the proposed amendment that was provided to the SENR committee. The bill in its original form is a diversion of funds. The bill provides for an appropriation from the game and fish fund of \$250,000. The proposed amendment would allow the funds to be used for a shooting sports grant program in schools, clubs and organized youth groups. The amendment is needed to eliminate any diversion of funds and resulting loss of the Department's federal funding or licensing revenue.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1017

Page 1, replace line 12 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$29,670,242	\$184,632	\$29,854,874"
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Page 1, replace line 16 with:

"Land habitat and deer depredation	16,922,681	901,496	17,824,177"
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Page 1, replace line 18 with:

"Missouri River enforcement	282,540	1,317	283,857"
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Page 1, replace line 21 with:

"Lonetree reservoir	1,823,005	(24,886)	1,798,119"
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Page 1, replace line 23 with:

"Total special funds	\$77,231,739	\$5,995,759	\$83,227,498"
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Page 2, line 2, replace "\$453,615" with "\$420,749"

Page 2, line 3, replace "\$1,249" with "\$1,241"

Re-number accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1017 - Game and Fish Department - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$29,670,242	\$29,885,205	(\$30,331)	\$29,854,874
Operating expenses	13,668,944	15,338,130		15,338,130
Capital assets	5,497,996	6,330,956		6,330,956
Grants - Game and fish	7,334,412	9,650,184		9,650,184
Land habitat and deer depredation	16,922,681	17,825,808	(1,631)	17,824,177
Noxious weed control	700,000	725,000		725,000
Missouri River enforcement	282,540	283,932	(75)	283,857
Grants - Gifts - Donations	827,519	802,201		802,201
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000	120,000		120,000
Lonetree Reservoir	1,823,005	1,798,948	(829)	1,798,119
Wildlife services	384,400	500,000		500,000
Total all funds	\$77,231,739	\$83,260,364	(\$32,866)	\$83,227,498
Less estimated income	77,231,739	83,260,364	(32,866)	83,227,498
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	163.00	163.00	0.00	163.00

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

	Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Increases ¹	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$30,331)	(\$30,331)
Operating expenses		
Capital assets		
Grants - Game and fish		
Land habitat and deer depredation	(1,631)	(1,631)
Noxious weed control		
Missouri River enforcement	(75)	(75)
Grants - Gifts - Donations		
Nongame wildlife conservation		
Lonetree Reservoir	(829)	(829)
Wildlife services		
Total all funds	(\$32,866)	(\$32,866)
Less estimated income	(32,866)	(32,866)
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding for employee health insurance is adjusted to reflect the updated premium amount of \$1,241 per month. Section 2 of the bill is also changed to reflect the revised premium rate.