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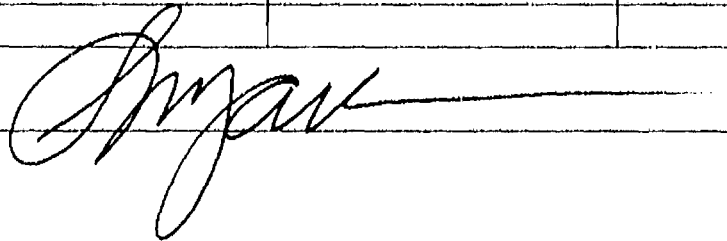
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Chairman Earl Rennerfeldt, Vice Chair Jon O. Nelson, Rep. Brekke, Rep. DeKrey, Rep. Droydal, Rep. Galvin, Rep. Keiser, Rep. Klein, Rep. Nottestad, Rep. Porter, Rep. Weller, Rep. Hanson, Rep. Kelsh, Rep. Solberg, Rep. Winrich.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: I'll call the committee back to order. I will open the hearing on HB 1269.

Rep. Hanson: Before you is HB 1269 which I introduced for the members of Sportsmen Alliance, a group of sportsmen statewide, having more than 2000 members. (see written testimony).

Rep. Droydal: You say that this won't be a reduction in license sales, but this fiscal note shows a loss of \$4000.00. Can you explain that.

Rep. Hanson: Never believe those fiscal notes. The department can put anything down they want.

Rep. Droydal: This area that is split up, is that just for water fowl, or all hunting? Other than big game.

Rep. Hanson: Just for water fowl.

Rep. Keiser: In the bill you have set the ceiling for the total number per zone. Did you consider allowing the Game and Fish Department to determine the number per zone in those years when conditions change dramatically, and there may not be as much potential in some of those zones as in other years?

Rep. Hanson: As the bill reads it is up to that number. I can be less.

Rep. Keiser: Did you consider that maybe the Department could set up that limit, rather than putting it into statute?

Rep. Hanson: We can do that in committee work.

Rep. Droydal: As I read the overstrike. Wasn't the Governor able to previously do this exact thing?

Rep. Hanson: Yes, under present law the Governor or the Department can set the number of zones and number of licenses sold.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: You would be limiting the number of licenses that can be sold in some of the prime area and shifting it to other areas where people would not care to hunt? Is there a threat of that?

Rep. Hanson: There are certain areas a lot of people like to hunt, as I said before other species of wildlife has been divided up into units to relieve the pressure in certain areas. Like I said, those numbers can be changed and hopefully we can spread that pressure around. If you look at your map, Zone 4, the Department says there are approximately 4,900 non residents in there. I know there are 2500 hunters out of Jamestown. There are 5,000 out of Fargo, 3,000 out of Bismarck

and probably another 2000 local people in that area. So you are pushing close to 20,000 hunters in that small area. The reason the non residents are coming in here is they have nothing to hunt in Ohio and Wisconsin, they shot off their breeding stock. Once a duck is hatched out and goes south they reproduce where they are hatched. If we shoot our breeding stock off, we will be in the same shape as Minnesota and Wisconsin. They have very little hunting left. I am just trying to save our resources.

Rep. DeKrey: Is this second map is that the way you see it?

Rep. Hanson: It shows you the past units and the present ones.

Sen. Dave Nething - District 48: I would like to give you a bit of history of this legislation. The first time I introduced this bill we thought we were in tough shape with 9,000 non residents that were hunting. We thought that was too many and we need to control it better. We were trying to spread that hunting pressure out. Right now we're at 22,000. We have more than doubled since then. The law has been changed. The first time I tried this, the Governor saw fit to veto it. In the 1975 session we were able to come up with a bill, our current law, with several changes to it. In 1975 we were trying to get a hold on non resident water fowl hunting. At that time we had no restrictions on number of licenses issued. We did however get zones established so we could spread the pressure out. If the harvest is too heavy in one area, you end up losing some of your breeding stock. We indicated at that time we were interested in four zones, we didn't limit the licenses issued, but we limited the time and area. If you wanted to hunt in a given zone that is what you did. The House had a lot of questions and I explained it to them. Now that the law has been changed to a 14 day hunting period, we were pretty much concerned about hunting geese at the time. Now this would cover all water fowl. The problem has been around a long time. Let's go back to where we started and we have a problem that needs to be dealt with. The numbers in

the bill are starting points. Before we left the numbers open, we did the zoning, but left the numbers open and now we have many, many more non residents hunters. I think there is some feeling by residents hunters that this is not good for North Dakota. Perhaps there could be some accommodation in this bill for relatives of landowners.

Rep. Keiser: Where have we failed? The current law says the Governor has the authority to determine how many licenses can be issued per zone. Has the Game and Fish Department failed to monitor this appropriately?

Nothing: When you have an open ended piece of legislation subject to anothers interpretation you are always going to have differences of opinion. I would like you to look at the growth that has occurred in the license at a time when the population has not grown. We are about where we were in 1975 yet we now have from 9000 to the point we are at now 20,000. I think it is important to revisit it. Maybe the legislature should address this. Maybe this hasn't worked?

Vice Chair Nelson: How many classifications of non residents would you propose setting up?

Nothing: I would say not very many. I'd try to accommodate something that you would view as a serious need. I don't think I need to bring anyone in and tell them they are a special breed of hunters. When you bring in family members, I don't think I would go very broad with it.

Rep. Droydal: I'm not a water fowl hunter, but a few years ago we were debating this and I remember the news that we had all these birds flying in and we had to open up a special season because they are destroying the Tundra. What has changed our mind, the wrong type of species?

Nothing: Maybe there will be some hunters who can testify to that better. From what I gather is that many of them feel that they are losing interest in wanting to compete with the non resident and so we are looking to the magic of this committee to come up with the right balance.

Rep. Drovdal: What's bring this on is not lack of birds, but the lack of the land opportunity to hunt.

Nothing: I think that is it. The local hunters in my area feel nudged out.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Anyone else in favor of this bill?

Rep. Kelsh: Nothing generates correspondent from constituents more than hunting bills. When they find they can't hunt on land they have hunted for years because it has been leased up by out of state interests, that's my reason for signing on to this bill. One person informed me that land he has hunted for years has been leased up by out of state interests and found it wasn't available anymore. I hope that this bill will at least cause this committee to take a hard look at this issue for the concern of our own residents. People who live here all year round and add money to our economy all year round.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Anyone else?

Larry Knoblich - NDSA: (See written testimony).

Chairman Rennerfeldt: You are opposed to easements?

Knoblich: I did sit in on some of your easement hearings. I am not going to take a stand on easements. I don't necessarily understand them all. I just want a place to hunt.

Rep. Porter: The way the bill is set up and the numbers we are shown, about 4000 decrease in licenses sold, was there any consideration from your group in doing something similar to South Dakota and bringing in a number of licenses that can be sold only to certified guides?

Knoblich: I have been in conference with Rep. Hanson and his concern was, let's face the issue today, and what can be done. Any changes could be hammered out in subcommittee.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any further questions of the committee?

Ron Reynolds: I have a handout that shows the success of waterfowl hunters in North Dakota over a period of years. We have seen increased bag limits. As bag limits increase you expect the kill per day to increase, when you adjust that to the changes that have occurred in the bag limit you will actually see that the success of hunting relative to the bag limit has declined in the state. My concern about non resident hunting in this state is the commercialization, commercialization will result in blocking out resident hunters. The water fowl resource that is overpopulated is the white geese, it doesn't refer to the duck population. Populations are in good shape. I thought it was important to point out that I don't want to see North Dakota go the way of other states that have basically commercialized. I believe non residents represent strong commercialization because they are more willing to pay for guide services.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any questions of the committee?

Bill Wood - Woodhouse Restaurant: I am here to support HB 1269. (see written testimony).

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any questions of the committee?

Vice Chair Nelson: If I come into your restaurant and all the tables are filled, should I have the right to displace a non resident eating there? Because I am a resident?

Wood: I wish we were talking about apples for apples? I am not against the non resident hunter, I am against 40-50,000 though.

Todd Anderson: I think it is important for members of this committee to understand that the problem that this bill is attempting to address, which is the over saturation of hunters, is real. I can give you many horror stories about the sheer numbers of non residents hunters out there that are denying access on virtually every water fowl production area that I hunt, land that I have had access to hunt on for years, is suddenly surrounded by out of state vehicles. I would like to address one point, as I understand, this bill is seeking to lessen the hunting pressure from a

geographical standpoint, meaning spreading out the non residents hunters. I think there is also a problem with when the non resident hunters are here, non resident hunting for water fowl in this state seems to be primarily focused during the first two-four weeks of the season. Perhaps if there was a way to spread out the hunting pressure from a time standpoint, that would also address some of the concerns that resident hunters have about the over saturation of hunting.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any questions committee? Anyone here opposed to HB 1269?

Jim Nagel - Lobbyist for ND Guide and Outfitters Assn.: We are here to oppose HB 1269 as written. We do agree that there is a saturation as far as the land we hunted on, an access issue. Yes, there is some leasing from guides and outfitters, but there is just as much going on by non residents who have nothing to do with guides and outfitters. They are leasing up this land for their own private purpose. A misconception is that the guides are bring in most of the non residents. That is not true. 10% or less of non residents are coming in with guides and outfitters, the other 90% are do it yourselfers. I also want to clarify myself as a guide I also have residents hunters, they are not all non residents. We are opposed to this bill as written but we agree with some of the principles in trying to solve this issue. This access issue. Some of the points we would concede to is capping existing numbers. We would even agree to a number below the existing numbers, if there is a built in guarantee that guides could still get their license for their clients. What would be the matter with a reduction of the number of days, or moving some of those days out of the peak period? There are other ways other than the multi zone bill and restrictive numbers. If you decided to proceed with the bill as is be aware the biggest problem is in Zone 4, but their survey of licenses sold last year and the number shown on the map is only about 40% of the actual hunters in that zone last year.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any questions of the committee

Rep. Nottestad: You talked about the number of acres leased by guides and outfitters, the number of acres leased by non residents, what about the number of acres leased by residents? Do you have any specifics on that?

Nagel: I do not have the data. I wish we did.

Rep. Nottestad: If the other is a problem, it's a problem.

Nagel: Yes, it is a problem. There is an access problem out there. I understand the people supporting this bill. We cannot support the bill as written, there are other ways to solve the problem. Restricting number of days, moving some of those days out of the peak period, putting a cap on licenses.

Rep. Droydal: How many members do you have in your organization?

Nagel: We are working on that, of all the licensed guides in the state, someone threw out the number 270. We are probably a third or less that are members of our association. We have not been real aggressive in promoting.

Rep. Hanson: Zone 4 is where most of this is coming from. The Sportsmen Alliance is statewide with 2000 members, it is not only zone 4.

Nagel: My perception looking at the bill and the number of licenses proposed from that zone on the bill compared to survey work we did, that there isn't a real problem with any of the zones on the bill as far as the number of licenses proposed, other than zone 4. Zone 4 is really being penalized.

Rep. Hanson: In my opening statement I said that number could be adjusted. And it will be.

Nagel: With these zones there needs to be some kind of provision for whether or not it is a guide and outfitter or whether it is a do it yourselfer, there has to be some provision for multiple

zoning. There is a real problem in McClean County, there is a boundary there where you could be hunting in four different zones within a one hour period.

Rep. Keiser: As a guide, when we give special permits, or special hunting seasons for snow geese, did you do any guiding during that period?

Nagel: I did one three day shot.

Rep. Keiser: If this bill were to pass, and these limits were placed and a special season was opened, and all the licenses had been used up in the regular season, how could you get a license?

Nagel: I think you need to ask Game and Fish, but I think there is a special license for spring goose season. It would not affect anything you do. HB 1269 is based on fowl hunting seasons. There is already a special non resident license strictly for spring season.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Anyone else care to speak in opposition?

Orlan Mertz: We had a tourism meeting yesterday, and one job of the tourism division is doing their job too well. They bring in too many people. My son and I own two ranches and with this new zone setup, they are going to be in two different areas, and so close to a third that we will be hunting in three zones. One of the things that I have seen is during the weekends we are flooded with hunters. During the week we very seldom see someone out there hunting. So many the people from Jamestown and Fargo should take off a few days and do their hunting during the week. Another thing that is happening, he had a chance to lease or sell his land to someone and because of this new ruling, the hunters couldn't come in and spend time here or get their licenses. Because of SD law, they cut down on their number of licenses there, so we got a number of people hunting from there.

Rep. Porter: If we were to look at the existing three zone system and put caps on the existing 3 zone system, and keep the boundaries the way they are so it would not affect your operation so much, would that be a suitable compromise to you?

Mertz: Yes, I could go for that, I hate to see the caps put on, but I could live with that.

Rep. Porter: If in the same scenario where we put the caps in these three zones, we made a provision for certified guides to get a certain percentage of available licenses in that zone for non residents or other thing would be to look at the number of days and maybe reduce the number of days that an out of state license is good for. Would those be suitable compromises?

Mertz: Yes, most of the people come in for three days so we could live with that.

Rep. Porter: How much guiding do you do on public lands?

Mertz: We built our lodge where we did because of the Lone Tree Preserve next to there. We are hunting more on that than we used to. It will be a show place for hunting someday and we would hate to be deprived of the right to hunt on that land. We hunt around the perimeters of it and some of the places the residents and the non residents don't hunt. They need the food off the hunters land.

Rep. DeKrey: How long have you been in business, what kind of a financial outlay have you invested in this business? Do you feel it would be threatened if this bill were to pass?

Mertz: Yes, it would be. We have been in business 11 years and we have nearly a million dollars invested in this business. Yes, any of these things would affect the future of our business.

Rep. Hanson: The four thousand that have been in South Dakota has been in effect for a long time. Do you hunt WPA?

Mertz: Not that I know of.

Mark Berg: I am here on behalf on myself and Sheldon Schlect, who guides out of Streeter, ND.

We are opposed to this bill. (see written testimony).

Rep. Hanson: Do you provide room and board? Are you licensed by the State of North Dakota?

Berg: Yes we are. Do we hunt on any Waterfowl Production Areas. There is also a law on the book that says WPA are closed to commercial use so as guides and outfitters we are not hunting any of those.

Mike Donahue - USNA & NDWF: Bill 1269 in its current form, we do not support. But the principles and fairness factors that it is driving at, we do want to support. Through our membership we know there is pressure from non residents squeezing out, in particular access for residents. If we take 1269 with some amendments could be fair for residents and setting a cap for non residents, it would help on the access competition and also fair for non residents. We recommend that you would consider to amend the bill to a cap of 22,000 non residents or sales up to those numbers. One of main objections is the boundary lines of the six zones in the bill. We recommend to leave the zones and the number of licenses in the zone to be by proclamation and managed by the Game and Fish Department. We would also like to ask that the 14 day license can hunt only 7 days of the first 30 days of the water fowl season. For those guys who come in and park for a month, if we take that 14 day license and manage it a bit for them.

Rep. DeKrey: How would you manage the 7 days of the 14 day license? Would they get a dated license? How do you do that?

Donahue: I would leave that up to the guys doing the licensing I am sure they could have them pick seven days... It would be written right on the license.

Rep. DeKrey: Would that be 7 specific days...

Donahue: It is just like a gratis permit for deer, you have to put in the boundaries you will be hunting in. I'm sure they could manage it.

Paul Crary - Cass County Wildlife Club: We are opposed to HB 1269 and ask for Do Not Pass.

Rep. Kelsh: Why, are you opposed?

Crary: For several reasons, we don't want the cap on the number of hunters, we think it will add more confusion to the situation already.

Paul Becker - ND Farm Bureau: We come opposed to HB 1269. I don't feel there is a problem. We farm several thousand acres up there, and we never charge anyone to hunt. The people we have the best relationship with is the out of state hunter. It is the local hunters that decide the night before to hunt and they come out and they are the ones that are trying to get out there when someone else is there. The bill we need to look at is the next one. We need to open it up to the whole season. I ask you to oppose this.

Rick Koenig: (See written testimony).

Rep. Kelsh: The gentleman I talked to from my district switched to deer hunting.

Koenig: We had one gentleman come out and go deer hunting this fall. We haven't had any instate residents come and ask.

Bill Peda: (See written testimony).

Dean Hildebrand - ND Game & Fish Department: (See written testimony). This bill does not deal with numbers of out of state hunters, it just moves them around. Money is not the issue here. We have enough money to run the department. We are not opposing or encouraging this bill, it depends on what you want to do, this is a no win situation.

Paul Schadewald - ND Game & Fish Department: (See written testimony).

Rep. Porter: To make this bill revenue neutral would be to increase some numbers in specific zones?

Schadewald: Yes, that is correct.

Rep. Porter: Would you see the implementation of this type of system a lottery, would you see it being able to be done over the Internet and as it would be implemented, the problem I am having is that if you are doing an Internet sales type situation, how would you know if Scheels in Fargo or Grand Forks, if they have license books there to sell to people, how would they intermingle to make sure we weren't overselling a particular zone?

Schadewald: The way the bill is written now, we wouldn't be able to sell licenses around the state, we would have to control that from Bismarek. It would either be a drawing or first come first serve basis. Those licenses would be sold before the water fowl season began. If the numbers are larger in there, if we think we would reach the cap, we would probably have to do central issuing. We can control the sales.

Rep. Hanson: With your present setup in the Department, would it be possible for the Department to set aside a certain number of licenses for all those people behind you that are opposed to the bill. Say they have 10 people coming to their place. Could you do those ten licenses to those people and then reissue them to the individuals?

Schadewald: I am sure there could be a way where we would allocate a certain number of licenses to guides. We could do something like that. There are about a 100 white tail deer licenses and we do it for that. There would certainly be a way to do that.

Rep. Hanson: How do you deal with any deer and a bow?

Schadewald: On the bow licenses we do it on a first come first serve basis. The customers just buy them, there isn't a great demand for those licenses.

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Rep. Hanson: So we could put something together for those people from Woodworth?

Schandewald: Correct.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: I will have to close the hearing on HB 1269, if anyone opposed or in favor of this bill have written testimony, please hand it to the committee or the clerk. Please sign the register if you are for or against this bill.

The Following People left written testimony and/or signed the register on HB 1269.

Dennis Clark, Woodworth, ND; ElRoy Fercho, Streeter, ND; Greg Harr, Jamestown, ND; Sara Neustel, Dawson, ND; Wayne Buck, Streeter, ND; Liz Koenig; Tom Bair, Mandan, ND.

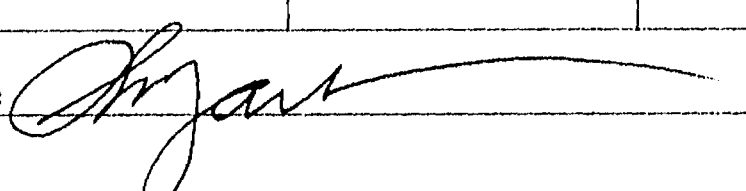
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Chairman Rennerfeldt: We will do HB 1269.

Vice Chair Nelson: Your sub committee of myself, Rep. Porter and Rep. Hanson came up with an amendment, notice in the amendment, there is a map that follows it. Refer to the map, this is rather complicated. We decided that we would combine HB 1333 and 1269 and create this bill. What we will do is we set up three water fowl zones in the state. Zone 1 (see map) a non resident in the new language would be able to hunt currently with a 14 day water fowl season. They could buy a combination or all season, another 14 day water fowl license in Zone 1 only for another \$130. Approximately half the cost of the original license. A full combination would mirror HB 148 and include that upland license as well and cost the full \$170. If they took advantage of all

three options in Zone 1 it would cost them \$170. In Zone 2 (see map), we set up limits of 22,000 non resident licenses, 16,000 would go in Zone 1. The only change in Zone 2 is they are limited to 2,000 licenses in that zone. In Zone 3 they would be allowed 4,000 licenses. For a total of 22,000 licenses. They would also have the option of the combination upland and water fowl that mirrors HB 1468. Fifteen percent of all licenses will be reserved for certified guides until July 1 and if they weren't applied for by July 1st, they would go back in the pool for anybody to apply for.

Rep. Porter: Time frame in Zone 1 and 2?

Vice Chair Nelson: In Zone 2 and 3, the current policy would remain in place where they can buy only one 14 day license. It is only in Zone 1 they could purchase a second license.

Rep. Hanson: That all season license.

Vice Chair Nelson: Yes, I expect there may be some questions.

Rep. Nottestad: Did you say the upland game license combination that a person would purchase in Zone 1 was only good in Zone 1?

Vice Chair Nelson: No, only the water fowl is included in Zone 1. The upland portion you can hunt the entire state.

Rep. Nottestad: Okay.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: So you are saying, Zone 1 is the only zone you can buy an all season license for?

Vice Chair Nelson: Yes, that is true. Zone 1 you can buy an all season water fowl license, all upland would be consistent across the state with current policy set in HB 1468.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: The combination only works for 14 days in Zone 1 also?

Vice Chair Nelson: Only in Zone 1 is water fowl considered different than any other part of the state.

Rep. Hanson: The 22,000 was a suggestion of the Game and Fish Department.

Rep. Droydal: If water fowl numbers begin to decrease, is there flexibility in this bill so Game and Fish can lower the number of non residents coming in? And, would you explain a little more about the cost to the hunter of hunting in this area compared to what current standards are?

Vice Chair Nelson: I believe the Game and Fish Department has the power to adapt policy in regard to limiting numbers. As far as your second question, yes there is going to be an increase much like in 1468. It de-couples the upland from the water fowl, so there is going to be that increase. I am sure there is a number of people, especially in the center part of the state, that do devote part of their time to upland and water fowl. That will be the biggest impact. Those people currently hunting both upland and water fowl.

Rep. Droydal: I want dollars.

Vice Chair Nelson: Currently it is \$85 for the license. The combination would be \$130, with the full season water fowl and the upland. If they bought the whole thing it would cost \$170. It would double it if they took advantage in Zone 1 of the full season water fowl and upland endorsement.

Rep. Porter: It was \$75 plus \$10. One other point is that all the language says up to those numbers so if something would happen significantly in Zone 1 and it is up to 16,000 and they decided that something changed, they could flex that number downward, they just can't go any higher. They can work from that down, based on what is going on in any of the Zones.

Vice Chair Nelson: Visiting with Dean Hildebrand and his staff at Game and Fish, they are certainly aware of this amendment. I think they feel this is a positive step, and it addresses the

diverse concerns they get from different areas of the state. Although they didn't come out and tell me they are in full support of this, they are certainly aware of it and seem to be in agreement.

Rep. Hanson: I don't know if you have seen the latest publication from Tourism that came out last week, Game and Fish had an almost identical map to this which they probably did last summer. So this isn't new to them.

Rep. DeKrey: The total number of non resident licenses can go up or down with this bill?

Vice Chair Nelson: The 22,000 is approximately current levels. That is the number Game and Fish felt was a workable number, it is a five year average.

Rep. Keiser: If you buy a 7 or a 14 day water fowl license, you have to buy a small game license? But if you buy an all season water fowl license you don't have to buy one? I am reading the old bill and not the amendment. (reads from bill). I am wondering why we give them the courtesy of an all season license without declaring the small game. It seems we are giving them more.

Rep. Hanson: Before you had to buy a small license and then a \$10 water fowl. Under this it is split, you can either buy a small game, or water fowl, or combination.

Rep. Keiser: But we are giving them more privilege without requiring them to first pay the \$10.

Vice Chair Nelson: No we are not, we are truly de-coupling the small game from the water fowl. That is a change from current policy. It is de-coupled for all situations with small game and water fowl.

Rep. Keiser: In the new amendments it says non resident purchases an all season water fowl hunting license is not required to purchase a non resident small game hunting license. But up above it says ... (discussion ensued)

Rep. Porter: I think Rep. Keiser is right, that is an error that should have been removed, if you go down 4 lines from the start of 21.03.07.1. It says in addition to a nonresident small game hunting

license, and that shouldn't be there any longer. That is an oversight on this amendment. That should be removed.

Rep. Hanson: After the comma.

Rep. Porter: That should be removed. What this intent is to completely follow HB 1468 with the de coupling. And this would not do this.

Rep. Hanson: I move that we delete that.

(discussion)

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Does everyone understand that.

Vice Chair Nelson: We have an amendment on the table, so why don't I just further amend that section.

Rep. Porter: I will second that.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any further discussion on the amendment as further amended. All those in favor of the amendment signify by saying Aye. Opposed? Amendment carries. Okay, we have another amendment, No. 02.02 offered by Rep. Weiler.

Rep. Weiler: I would like to further amend that a nonresident may not hunt the first 7 days of fall water fowl hunting season. The reason that I put this in is because it doesn't appear to me that we have done any thing for the resident hunter in this state. Their complaints was that there is too many nonresidents in the state and we are not doing anything at all in this bill that will address this situation. So by giving our residents one week of freedom to hunt without non residents, it is there to give them something. In Zone 1 from the amount of hunters there last year, that is increased. Zone 2 stays the same, Zone 3 decreased about 500 hunters. I move to make this amendment.

Vice Chair Nelson: I second.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Further discussion on this amendment?

Rep. Porter: While I commend Rep. Weiler on his amendment I don't know that it is going to accomplish anything, you cannot predict when the water fowl season is going to begin, even if Game and Fish sets the dates. You never know what the weather or migration patterns are going to do and whether or not you have a population of water fowl during that first week. Pheasants that are residents are here during those weeks and I can see where this type of amendment would serve this purpose. But if you look at it from a standpoint of the migratory bird, there might not be a season. I don't see how it will enhance resident hunting.

Rep. Weiler: I don't know that we can ever depend on weather to do anything. In my job I have to depend on the weather 6 months in advance. One year it might be good for the residents, the next year it might not be, I don't think we can decide on an amendment or a bill based on the weather.

Rep. Keiser: I oppose this amendment, for a couple of reasons, Rep. Porter has already addressed one of the reasons there are a couple of other reasons. This committee wants to get this bill out on the floor and you have the side of economic development, communities saying we want the non resident hunters and you have the state local people saying every time we add something..... If we are going to do anything for residents we are limiting the numbers. As you continue to add things to this bill you have additional reasons for somebody to oppose it. If it doesn't pass we go back to current law and that's something I think local hunters will really object to. I think they would generally see this as a compromise.

Rep. Hanson: If this was a separate bill I would support it 100%. But I think if we put it on our bill 1269 it may have a chance of killing the bill. Your amendment would be a good one for duck

hunters of ND to get our resident duck hunters a chance for 7 days. I don't want to put it on 1269.

Rep. Nottestad: I too will oppose the amendment because of what Rep. Hanson said. The non residents coming in especially the north unit, they will come in, the season is set by Game and Fish based upon Federal regulations, so it is beyond that, if they didn't have it set at that point they would set it later. It becomes a duck hunting weekend for non residents and then they come for a second season later on. It is economic development for the areas, Zone 1 is probably impacted by the non residents. For this reason no.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Question, okay. We will try a voice vote. All those in favor of Weilers amendment signify by saying Aye. Opposed? Amendment fails.

Rep. Keiser: I move a Do Pass as Amended.

Rep. Porter: I second.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: On HB 1269 any further discussion. Call the roll.

MOTION FOR A DO PASS AS AMENDED

YES, 11 NO, 2

2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING

CARRIED BY REP. NELSON

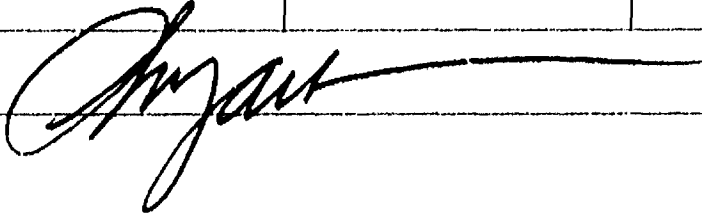
2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1269

House Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 21, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Minutes:

Chairman Earl Rennerfeldt, Vice Chair Jon O. Nelson, Rep. Brekke, Rep. DeKrey, Rep. Drovdal, Rep. Galvin, Rep. Kelser, Rep. Klein, Rep. Nottestad, Rep. Porter, Rep. Weiler, Rep. Hanson, Rep. Kelsh, Rep. Solberg, Rep. Winrich.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: I will open the hearing on HB 1269.

Vice Chair Nelson: I handed out the proposed amendments to HB 1269 and a letter from Jim Nagel. I move to reconsider our action on HB 1269.

Rep. Porter: I second.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: All in favor of the motion signify by saying Aye. Opposed? Motion carried.

Vice Chair Nelson: The reason we brought this back is we have been getting a lot of calls from Zone 3 and a number of people in the guide and outfitting business. One of the arguments they

have is that they have already booked a number of hunting trips and with only 4,000 licenses in that unit they wouldn't be able to take care of the customers they have already booked. We did go through this and the changes we made are in the number of licenses allowed in Zone 1 - it was 16,000, we lowered it to 13,000. In Zone 2, it was 2000 we raised that to 2500. In Zone 3, it was 4,000 and we raised it to 8,000. So the total licenses in the state went from 22,000 to 23,500. Another change we made was that we reserved 25% rather than 15% for certified guides and outfitters and we gave them until the end of July to apply for these. Jim Nagel from the guides and outfitters who does represent the organization signed off on this bill. I think this is as close of a compromise that we can get on this issue. I would hope the committee would pass these amendments. I move the amendments.

Rep. Porter: I second.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Okay, any further discussion.

Rep. Hanson: This is no longer my bill. This is no longer Rep. Nelson's bill either. I have never compromised more on any bill than this one. I think it is good for North Dakota and the northern part of the state wants more hunters and they will get more. It reduces the hunting in the southern part of the state and slow down the expansion in that area.

Rep. Nottestad: I voted for the bill last time very reluctantly. I don't like putting numbers in legislation. We could end up with a drought a year from now and we don't go back into session for two years. I will oppose this bill.

Rep. Hanson: It is up to those numbers, they can be down to zero if they want. Game and Fish has the opportunity to lower them if they want.

Rep. Nottestad: I just don't like seeing up put numbers on, let Game and Fish do it. They know what they are doing.

Rep. Hanson: It is up to those numbers, they can lower it if they want.

Rep. Porter: The Game and Fish, when they came in for a subcommittee on this, they urged us to set an upper limit cap. They feel they are being pressured from Tourism and that the Game and Fish issues aren't looked at and the concerns of the resident hunters and the pressures put out there are not being looked at because tourism is concerned about people being brought in. They felt it was a very reasonable number being put in place, they felt it was flexible for them from the standpoint this is the cap. So if there is a drought, or severe changes in the migratory patterns they can adjust the numbers accordingly. They feel very much still in control of the resource, they support it and therefore I will support it.

Rep. Nottestad: Very interesting, they didn't want the pressure and all of a sudden look what we are doing back here. It isn't because they asked, it is because of the pressure put on certain people here.

Rep. Porter: That is not necessarily true, the reason we are back is because we got new numbers from Game and Fish that weren't available to us before. When we got the new numbers so did everyone else in the area that had concerns and the estimated numbers we were using were not accurate. We felt compelled to use the accurate and new data.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: I have received more e-mail, phone calls and faxes on this issue than anything so far in this session. I have changed my mind. I will leave it up to Game and Fish.

Vice Chair Nelson: I understand that this is not any ownership on this thing anymore. If it does pass, and pass the Senate I don't know who will be at the signing at the Governors Office. With these amendments, in my opinion, is the only way this bill has any chance. I don't disagree with Rep. Nottestad, the reason we are back here is some of the pressure that was put on, but we are trying to find compromise. That's never been easy on these hunting issues. It is not perfect, I do

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think it is better than the current situation, it does a couple of things that we need to remember, 1 - the people in the southern part of the state and Jamestown wanted is a limit to the growth of hunting. 2 - we in the northern part of the state wanted more flexibility that is in this bill. I think the numbers reflect the current rates of pressure, that can be adjusted, this won't be the last time we revisit this bill. It's a good place to start.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any further discussion. We have a motion for the amendments in front of us. All those in favor of the amendments signify by saying Aye. Opposed? Amendments carry. We have HB 1269 before us.

Rep. Porter: I move a Do Pass as Amended.

Rep. Brekke: I second.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any further discussion? We are voting on HB 1269. Do Pass as Amended. Call the roll.

MOTION FOR A DO PASS

YES, 8 NO, 7

CARRIED BY REP. NELSON

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 03/22/2001

Bill/Resolution No.:

Amendment to: Engrossed
 HB 1269

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

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

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

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

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

No fiscal impact.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

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

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

Name:	Paul Schadewald	Agency:	ND Game and Fish Department
Phone Number:	328-6328	Date Prepared:	03/22/2001

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

02/22/2001

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Amendment to: HB 1269

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	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				(\$190,000)		(\$190,000)
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

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1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

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

Approximately 25,000 nonresident waterfowl licenses were issued in 2000. This bill will cap the number of licenses at 23,500. This reduction of 1,500 licenses will be partially offset by higher license fees for the Zone 1 all season licenses. The reduction in revenue is estimated to be \$95,000 per year.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

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With a reduction of revenue of \$95,000 per year, the total reduction will be \$190,000 per biennium.

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

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Name:	Paul Schadewald	Agency:	ND Game and Fish Department
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Phone Number: 328-6328

Date Prepared: 02/23/2001

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

01/16/2001

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1269

Amendment to:

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	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				(\$760,000)		(\$760,000)
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

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

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

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

It is estimated that the number of licenses issued each year in zone three would be 1,000 fewer than the current level. The number of licenses issued in zone four would be 3,000 fewer each year than the current total. Most of these customers would not go to other zones because the waterfowl hunting is not nearly as good in other areas. The sale of 4,000 licenses per year at \$95 per license results in a loss of \$380,000 per year.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1269

Page 2, line 13, after the underscored period insert "A nonresident may not hunt waterfowl during the first seven days of the fall waterfowl hunting season."

Renumber accordingly

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1269

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-03-07.1 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

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2. Zone 2 - that portion of the state south of North Dakota highway 200 and east of United States highway 281 - up to two thousand licenses.
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SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

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HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HB 1269

NATURAL RESOURCES

02/16/01

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Renumber accordingly

Date: 2/15/01
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1269

House Natural Resources Committee

☐ Subcommittee on _____

or

☐ Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO PASS as amended

Motion Made By Rep. Keiser Seconded By Rep. Porter

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Earl Rennerfeldt - Chairman	✓		Lyle Hanson	✓	
Jon O. Nelson - Vice Chairman	✓		Scot Kelsh	✓	
Curtis E. Brekke	✓		Lonnie B. Winrich	✓	
Duane DeKrey		✓	Dorvan Solberg		
David Drovdal					
Pat Galvin	✓				
George Keiser	✓				
Frank Klein		✓			
Darrell D. Notestad	✓				
Todd Porter	✓				
Dave Weiler	✓				

Total (Yes) 11 No 2

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Rep. Nelson Carries

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent: Decouple license, setup 3 zones,

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1269: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Rennerfeldt, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (11 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1269 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HB 1269

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES 02/21/01

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SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2/20/01
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1269

House Natural Resources Committee

☐ Subcommittee on _____
or
☐ Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass as Amended

Motion Made By Rep. Porter Seconded By Rep. Brekke

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Earl Rennerfeldt - Chairman		✓	Lyle Hanson	✓	
Jon O. Nelson - Vice Chairman	✓		Scot Kelsh	✓	
Curtis E. Brekke	✓		Lonnie B. Winrich		✓
Duane DeKrey		✓	Dorvan Solberg	✓	
David Drovdal		✓			
Pat Galvin		✓			
George Keiser	✓				
Frank Klein		✓			
Darrell D. Nottestad		✓			
Todd Porter	✓				
Dave Weiler	✓				

Total (Yes) 8 No 7

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Rep. Nelson

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

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1269: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Rennerfeldt, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (8 YEAS, 7 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1269 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact two new subsections to section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to nonresident hunting fees; to amend and reenact section 20.1-03-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to nonresident waterfowl hunting zones; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-03-07.1 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-03-07.1. Nonresident waterfowl hunting license required- Zones. Except as otherwise provided in sections 20.1-03-07.2 and 20.1-03-07.3 and this section, a nonresident may not hunt waterfowl unless that person first obtains a nonresident waterfowl hunting license, ~~in addition to a nonresident small game hunting license.~~ The nonresident waterfowl hunting license entitles the nonresident to hunt waterfowl for any period of fourteen consecutive days, any period of seven consecutive days, or any two periods of seven consecutive days each. A license authorizing the fourteen-day hunting period allows hunting in a specified waterfowl hunting zone. ~~A license authorizing one 7-day hunting period allows hunting statewide.~~ A license authorizing two 7-day hunting periods allows hunting in a specified zone during each period. ~~The governor, in the governor's proclamation, shall specify various waterfowl hunting zones for which nonresident waterfowl hunting licenses will be available, and may specify the number of licenses which may be issued in each zone and the manner in which they are to be issued.~~ A nonresident all season waterfowl hunting license allows hunting in zone 1. A combination nonresident all season waterfowl and nonresident small game hunting license allows hunting in zone 1. A nonresident who purchases a nonresident all season waterfowl hunting license is not required to purchase a nonresident small game hunting license and the combination nonresident all season waterfowl and nonresident small game hunting license entitles the nonresident to hunt waterfowl in zone 1 and upland game statewide. Zones and the maximum number of licenses that may be issued in each zone are:

1. Zone 1 - that portion of the state north of a line described as follows: North Dakota highway 200 beginning at the Minnesota border, thence west to its intersection with United States highway 52, thence northwest along United States highway 52 to its intersection with United States highway 2, thence west along United States highway 2 to the Montana border - up to thirteen thousand licenses.
2. Zone 2 - that portion of the state south of North Dakota highway 200 and east of United States highway 281 - up to two thousand five hundred licenses.
3. Zone 3 - the remainder of the state - up to eight thousand licenses.

The governor, in the governor's proclamation, may specify the number and the manner in which licenses are to be issued. The governor shall make twenty-five percent of the nonresident waterfowl hunting licenses in any zone available to certified guides licensed in this state until July thirty-first of each year. Any licenses designated for certified guides remaining after July thirty-first of each year must be made available to

~~nonresidents.~~ A nonresident is entitled to purchase only one nonresident waterfowl hunting license per year.

SECTION 2. Two new subsections to section 20.1-03-12 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code are created and enacted as follows:

For a nonresident all season waterfowl hunting license, one hundred thirty dollars.

For a combination nonresident all season waterfowl and nonresident small game hunting license, one hundred seventy dollars.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

2001 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1269

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1269

Senate Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3-8-01

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4	X		Start - 9.5
3-15-01	1	X	21.1 - 46.0
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Janet James</i>			

Minutes:

SENATOR FISCHER opened the hearing of HB 1269.

SENATOR DAVE NETHING, of District 48 cosponsor of HB 1269 introduced the bill RELATING TO NONRESIDENT HUNTING FEE AND NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL HUNTING ZONES. He testified the objective of the bill is make sure there is quality hunting for all and the original idea was the hunting pressure of geese. The idea is not to limit the nonresident hunting but to spread the hunting pressure around.

REPRESENTATIVE LYLE HANSON of District 48, cosponsor of HB 1269 testified that the bill was a hog house bill, amended from the original bill, and is not self serving bill. He presented maps and information about zones and nonresident waterfowl licenses (See attached).

SENATOR TRAYNOR asked who has always set the hunting zones and if a hunter can hunt in different zones.

REP. HANSON confirmed that the Game & Fish Department set the zones and that if this bill is

passed a hunter would apply for a zone and hunt in that zone only. If they want to hunt in two zones they could split the zones over the 14 days hunting license.

REPRESENTATIVE JON NELSON of District 7, cosponsor of HB 1269 testified with a different perspective that the bill is to compromise and no area would be hurt economically or fowl numbers. He had maps and information (See attached). Many different groups have come together that feel this is a vital and important economical development issue for North Dakota and want more flexibility to insure that this business can thrive in our communities. There is also division of resident hunters that feel threaten by growing number of non resident hunters and want to preserve hunting access primarily for the residents of North Dakota. If there is not a compromise with this issue all will lose. HB 1269 begins to address the issue of flexibility, a limits and access. With the added revenue to the Game & Fish this could be used to increase the PLOTS program and open up more public area for hunting. He also presented a set of proposed amendments prepared by Legislative Council for Rep. Porter.

REPRESENTATIVE JOE KROEBER of District 48 cosponsor of HB 1269 testified that this bill is a balance for the needs of resident and nonresident hunters. In a survey in state hunters spent an average of \$1,256.00 and nonresident hunters spend an average of \$705.00 per year.

REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT KELCH of District 11 cosponsor of HB 1269, testified that he received many calls from constituents. This is very emotional issue and the bill has been amended to make it a better bill.

LARRY KNOBLICH, representing the North Dakota Sportsmen's Alliance testified in support of HB 1269 (See attached testimony).

MACDONALD BARNES of Jamestown, ND testified in support of HB 1269. He read from a editorial called "Fly Fisherman" referring the overpopulation of fisherman. If the state limits nonresidents, the great space will be appreciated and the quality preserved. He asked emotionally to put a limit on waterfowl hunting.

KEN TEUBNER, of Devil's Lake testified in support of HB 1269. They have had to hold back water because of the flooding of Devil's Lake and with this held water are alot of ducks.

MIKE DONAHUE, representing the North Dakota Wildlife Federation testified of HB 1269 and encouraged a DO PASS.

SENATOR FISCHER asked for neutral testimony HB 1269.

An unidentified gentleman from Robinson, ND testified that he has had more problems with local hunters verse nonresident hunters and that if HB 1269 is pass he will post his land.

PAUL SCHADEWALD, chief of administrative services for the North Dakota State Game & Fish Department testified in a neutral position on HB 1269. He referred to testimony already presented.

SENATOR TRAYNOR asked if the resume was up to date and if reflected the amendments that were proposed.

PAUL SCHADEWALD answered that it represented the engrossed version of HB 1269 not the amended version.

SENATOR EVERY wanted to clarify that in the past the number of license or permits issued in each area was the wildlife management considered and is the waterfowl population in jeopardy.

PAUL SCHADEWALD answered that management was part of it and that the number of waterfowl is at record all time high

SENATOR EVERY asked if the number of nonresident hunters coming into the state causing any law enforcement problems and is it manageable number.

PAUL SCHADEWALD answered that there are problems but they are necessarily the nonresidents causing the problems and that the number of non residents was manageable.

SENATOR FREBORG wanted to clarify if there is concern about over harvesting the waterfowl.

PAUL SCHADEWALD assured him that the Game & Fish would watch the number of waterfowl population and would adjust number whether it would be bag limits, hunter numbers or lengths of seasons.

REPRESENTATIVE MIKE BRANDEDBURG of District 26 testified in opposition to HB 1269, stating the economic development is very important whether its non resident or resident hunters and with passage of the bill it would be economically bad for rural North Dakota.

SENATOR TERRY WANZEK of District 29 a cosponsor of HB 1269 testified that this a very emotional issue and although he is a cosponsor he has changed his mind about the bill. Hunting is a scared tradition and there needs to be balance the needs of economic development and the needs of our natural resources. If there is not a threat to the waterfowl population at this time why should this become a legislative issue and lets just trust the State Game & Fish Department to manage the program as they are entrusted to do. If this bill is passed it could become counter productive and strain relationships between hunters and land owners instead of a cooperative spirit.

PAUL CRARY representing the Cass County Wildlife Club testified in opposition to HB 1269 and support HB 1468 instead.

JOHN HOKANA of Oaks, ND testified in opposition to HB 1269 stating several points. First of the bill is not necessary, to put a cap of nonresident hunters would be a disappointment, and the increase of numbers and fees of nonresident hunters.

GARY KNOTTS representing the Cass County Wildlife Club testified in opposition to HB 1269 stating that with Zone 1 having an open off season waterfowl license would increase leasing of lands and reduce opportunities for resident hunters. Also with the Game & Fish Department management the bill is not necessary and would support HB 1468 instead.

BILL SHALHOOB representing the North Dakota Hospitality Association testified in opposition to HB 1269 stated that consensus among the membership is to keep the demand where the waterfowl is and allow the hunter to hunt where the license is issued. They would like to see more of study to see if the place of license issue is where the hunting occurs.

MARK BERG a hunting guide from Zone 3, testified in opposition to HB 1269 stating that HB 1269 would be devastating to the industry as the bill will cut into the number of hunters that come from out of state. If one of his clients of a group of hunters do not get his license, the entire group will not come to North Dakota to hunt. The bill divides the state into three hunting zones and feels this will increase hunting pressure. He also felt the estimated numbers of dollars spent on average per year for resident and nonresident hunters was incorrect.

FRED EVANS of the TTT Ranch, Stanley, ND testified in opposition to HB 1269 (See attached testimony containing written testimony from community members).

DAVID OGREN of Wishek, ND testified in opposition to HB 1269 concerned about the economic impact to be seen if this bill is passed. Family farmers will also be hurt because if we

lose this economic push. He also presented written testimony from people in his area (See attached).

JERILYNE HIDALGO motel owner from LaMoure, ND, representing a portion of the lodging industry in North Dakota, testified in opposition to HB 1269. She polled over 1000 business owners that would be directly affected by HB 1269 (See attached testimony and poll information).

RICK HOIS TAD of Sargent County testified in opposition to HB 1269 stating the problems we have are not caused by nonresident hunters but because of the lack of access of hunters. This bill would stop the people of North Dakota taking part in this economic wind fall. The real issue of this bill is the deterioration of the relationship between land owner and the sportsman and the destroying of the economic growth in North Dakota and the Committee will be responsible.

RANDY FROST representing the Devil's Lake Area Chamber of Commerce testified in opposition of HB 1269 (See attached testimony).

SENATOR KELSH asked that anyone with written testimony to please pass it into the committee clerk. (See attached)

SENATOR FISCHER closed the hearing on HB 1269.

MARCH 15, 2001

SENATOR FISCHER reopened the discussion on HB 1269.

SENATOR TOLLEFSON made a motion to adopt Amendment 10312.4403.

SENATOR FREBORG second the motion.

Discussion was held with all agreeing there is a problem and all concerned with hunting should talk and come up with a solution. There are other concerns like the effect on economic growth of

the industry and the idea of letting the Game & Fish who are the experts keep control of the program.

ROGER ROSTUET of the Game & Fish Department did confirm the HB 1269 will take out a previous bill concerning the hunting day periods. It also changes "may" to "shall". The Game & Fish have had the authority to set nonresident hunting limits and have not implemented that in the past. The word "shall" will force the department to set limits.

DEAN HILDABRAND commented that if there is a cap set on nonresident hunters, the licenses could no longer be sold by the county auditors but need a more central issuing center to control the restricted number.

SENATOR FISCHER called for roll vote # 1 of HB 1269 indicating 3 YAYS, 4 NAYS, AND 0 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

SENATOR TRAYNOR made a motion for a "DO NOT PASS" of HB 1269.

SENATOR CHRISTMANN second the motion.

SENATOR FISCHER called for roll vote # 2 of HB 1269 indicating 6 YAYS, 1 NAYS, AND 0 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

SENATOR KELSH will carry HB 1269.

10312.0401
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Representative Porter
February 28, 2001

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1269

Page 2, line 14, replace the first "July" with "August" and replace the second "July" with "August"

Renumber accordingly

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1269

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-03-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to nonresident waterfowl hunting; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-03-07.1 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

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

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

Renumber accordingly

Roll Call Vote #: 2

Roll Call Vote #: 2

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. *1269*

Senate NATURAL RESOURCES

Committee

☐ Subcommittee on _____

or

☐ Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken Do Not Press

Motion Made By Hayes Seconded By Christman

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Total (Yes) 6 No 1

Absent 6

Floor Assignment Kalish

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 15, 2001 4:23 p.m.

Module No: SR-45-5769
Carrier: Kelsh
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1269, as engrossed: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Fischer, Chairman)
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
Engrossed HB 1269 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

March 19, 2001

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1269

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

Renumber accordingly

*FLOOR Amendment
adopted
voice vote
bill lost*

2001 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1269

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1269 conf

House Natural Resources Committee

☒ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 4-5-01

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Pam Dever</i>			

Minutes: Chair Rennerfeldt called the conference meeting to order with following also present: Rep. DeKrey, Rep. S.Kelsh, Sen. Traynor, Sen. Tollefson, and Sen. J.Kelsh. The house would like to turn this bill into a study.

Rep. DeKrey I agree with the chair. We have a bill that is a can of worms.

Sen. Tollefson : The amended bill that came out of the floor, only changed it from "may" to "shall". That was amendment 10312.0405.

Sen. Traynor : I have spoken to my area and they would welcome this as a study. There are so many players in this area. I think it's appropriate that they all come together and hopefully reach a solution on both the resident and nonresident issue. I have seen the proposed study resolution and it addresses the issues. **I move amendment 10312.408.**

Rep. DeKrey : I would like to further amended to include what other states are doing around us. That is a recent issue. The surrounding states are starting to cap their nonresident hunters. That should be part of the study, too.

Sen. Tollefson : **I second that amendment.** I understand that there was a time perimeter involved in this. The study would be done now.

Sen. Kelsh : There was something said one time that Game and Fish do the study. This would allow for free exchange between all the parties concerned about this issue. The biggest thing is that it's building animosity between our resident hunters and our landowners. We have to alleviate this.

Sen. Traynor : When the senate heard this, we had it in the large hearing room. We had 10 to 15 people opposing this as it came to us from the house. I think there were 15 submitted written testimonies, too. I think this should be a legislative study. This bill has had a chaotic career. I don't think we want this again.

Rep. Traynor : There was talk about naming the particular entities to be involved, but what if you leave someone out. You don't want to offend someone. All the players could be put on the agenda during the study. This is what I would like to see. It was a shot in the dark once we got the bill. We didn't have all the players for the first hearing in the house. We took it back again. I think the senate had a better picture by the time you got it. We have L.C. hear so we can get that in our amendment.

Sen. Traynor : **I withdraw my first amendment and move the amendment to include the language concerning studying what bordering states to handle these issues. L.C. will know where to place the language in the study.**

Sen. Tollefson : **I second.**

VOTE: 6 YES and 0 NO with none absent. AMENDMENT PASSED. Rep.

Rennerfeldt will carry if needed.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1269

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1101 and 1102 of the House Journal and pages 880 and 881 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1269 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for a legislative council study of issues relating to resident and nonresident hunting in this state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY OF RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT HUNTING. The legislative council shall study issues relating to resident and nonresident hunting in this state. The study must include the number of licenses issued to residents and nonresidents, and the fees for those licenses, the time period for which a license is valid, whether zones should be established, effects on landowners, effects on guides and outfitters, and the economic impact of nonresident hunters on the state of North Dakota. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the fifty-eighth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

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Renumber accordingly

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nonresident & resident hunting*

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1269 NAT.RES.4-5-01

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY OF RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT HUNTING. During the 2001-2002 Interim, the legislative council shall study issues relating to resident and nonresident hunting in this state. The study must include the number of licenses issued to residents and nonresidents and the fees for those licenses, the time period for which a license is valid, whether zones should be established, effects on landowners, effects on guides and outfitters, the economic impact of nonresident hunters on the state of North Dakota, and how states bordering North Dakota are addressing issues relating to nonresident and resident hunting. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the fifty-eighth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

Date:

Roll Call Vote #

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. *AB*

House

Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken

Motion Made By

Seconded By Sen. Tolpeltson

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(Yes)

No

Absent

Floor Assignment

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

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1269, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Traynor, Tollefson, Kelsh and Reps. Rennerfeldt, DeKrey, S. Kelsh) recommends that the **SENATE RECEDE** from the Senate amendments on HJ pages 1101-1102 and place HB 1269 on the Seventh order.

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1101 and 1102 of the House Journal and pages 880 and 881 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1269 be amended as follows:

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Renumber accordingly

Engrossed HB 1269 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
(ACCEDE/RECEDE) - 420

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(Bill Number) HB 1269 (, as (re)engrossed):

Your Conference Committee

For the Senate:

Sen. Traynor
Sen. Tolleson
Sen. Kelch

For the House:

Rep. Remmerfeldt
Rep. Weimer
Rep. S. Kelch

☒ recommends that the (SENATE/HOUSE) (ACCEDE to) (RECEDE) from)
723/724 725/726 8724/H726 8723/H725
the (Senate/House) amendments on (SJ/HJ) page(s) 1101 - 1102

☒ and place 1269 on the Seventh order.
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☒ , adopt (further) amendments as follows, and place
1269 on the Seventh order:

☐ having been unable to agree, recommends that the committee be discharged
and a new committee be appointed. 690/515

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

DATE: 4/15/01

CARRIER: Rep. Remmerfeldt

LC NO. _____ of amendment

LC NO. 10312 . 0409 of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted _____

Statement of purpose of amendment _____

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2001 TESTIMONY

HB 1269



"VARIETY IN HUNTING AND FISHING"

NORTH DAKOTA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

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North Dakota Game and Fish Department Testimony House Bill 1269

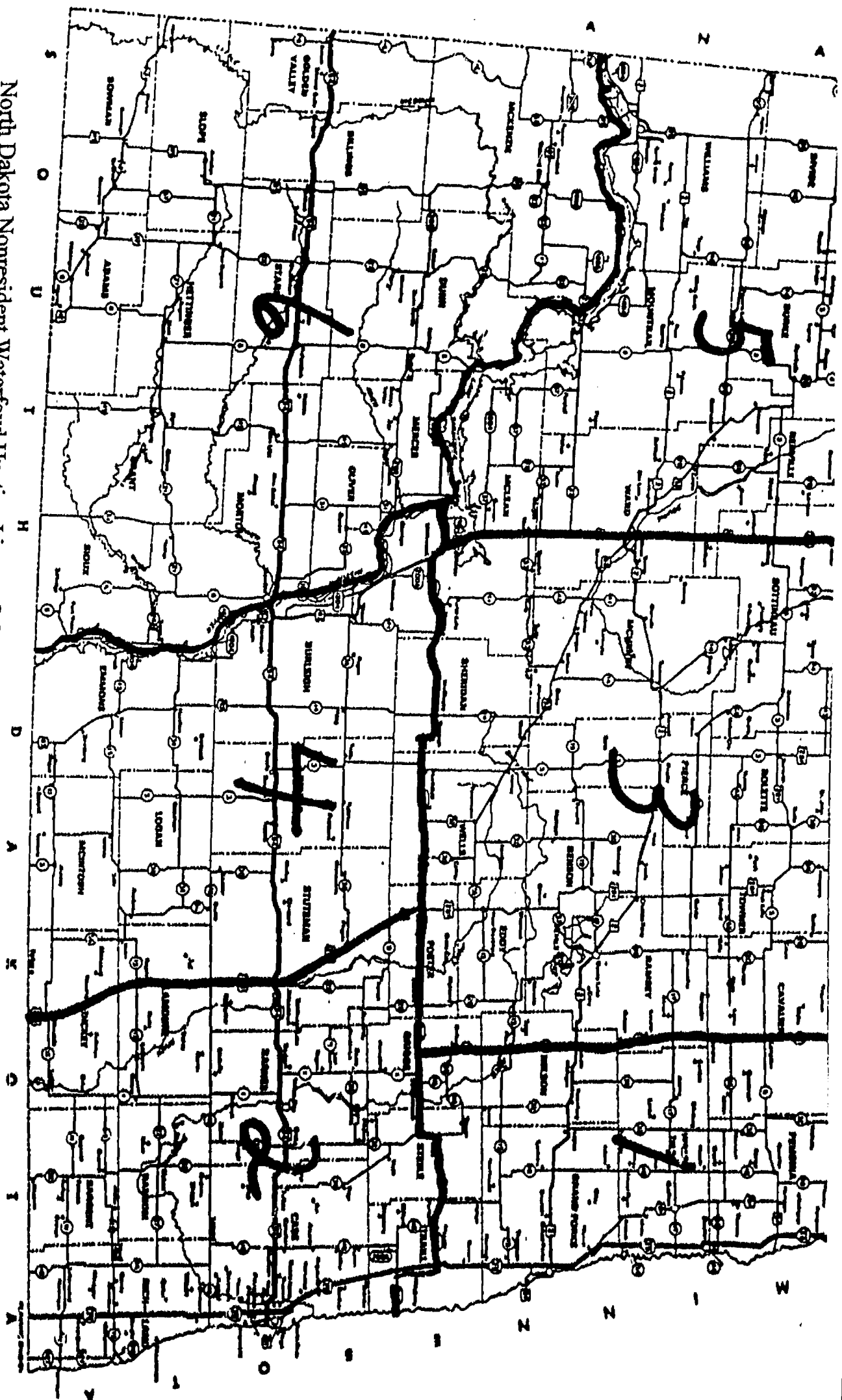
This bill involves setting up a zone system for nonresident waterfowl hunters and sets a quota for each zone. The Department is neutral on this legislation. If the Department would establish a restrictive system like this through the Governor's proclamation for waterfowl hunting, we would be accused of being anti-economic development in a state that needs all the economic help it can get. By having a liberal nonresident licensing system like we have, the Department is accused of not helping resident hunters and of wanting the money from the nonresident license sales. This is a controversial policy decision for the State of North Dakota and we welcome your help in making it. This bill may be a tool you want to use.

Attached you will find a zone map and a listing to the 1999 nonresident waterfowl license sales information compared to the zone limits in this bill. As you can see, only zones 3 and 4 would see a reduction in license sales to nonresidents. The north central zone 3 would be reduced about 1,000 licenses from the 1999 level. Zone 4 would be reduced from approximately 5,000 license to 2,000 - a 60 percent reduction.

The Department's licensing system will be able to handle this zone system with few changes and little additional cost. Since two of these units will probably reach their maximum number, licenses will not be available locally for nonresident hunters.

The fiscal note shows a reduction of \$380,000 per year for the Game and Fish Department. This reduction will not have a significant impact on Department operations. Revenue from nonresident hunting license sales will continue at a very high level.

One point needs to be clarified for this bill. On page 1, lines 13 and 14, nonresidents are allowed to have two 7 day hunting periods in a specified zone. For example, a nonresident hunter may hunt for 7 days in Unit 3 and 7 days in Unit 4. Would this hunter be subtracted from the quota in both zones 3 and 4? Should we allow nonresidents to hunt only in one zone per season? We would like some guidance on this.



North Dakota Nonresident Waterfowl Hunting License Sales

Zone	1999 Licenses Sales Estimated	HB 1269 Cap
1	700	2,000
2	1,600	2,000
3	10,900	10,000
4	5,000	2,000
5	2,900	6,000
6	800	2,000
Total	21,900	24,000

HB 1269

Objection to HB 1269

North Dakota is always looking for alternative income for our state. Our North Dakota communities have become prime waterfowl hunting areas due to excess rains and snows.

Each small town enjoys the income from gas, grocery, café, and bar sales. In Woodworth out of state hunters own many homes and the city earns some income versus leaving them vacant. The state of North Dakota benefits from an increase in taxes such as sales, gas, lodging..

The individuals themselves have renovated and updated and cleaned houses to accommodate the out of state hunters.

The bottom line is out of state money for the state of North Dakota and an economic boost the small communities need--tourism

Liz Klenig



curt wells

The Nonresident Issue

Nonresident Number One is the guy who lives in Minnesota or even Missouri, is a working man, serious about hunting, is ethical and hunts hard. When he comes to North Dakota he gets a motel room, eats in restaurants and buys gas and other supplies at local stores. He asks permission from landowners and wouldn't dream of upsetting a hospitable farmer. He's also teaching his young son to hunt, and together they daydream about their time in North Dakota.

Nonresident number two is the guy who sits in a corporate office in Chicago with a North Dakota pheasant on his wall. Money is merely a formality to this guy and every year he books a pheasant or waterfowl hunt for himself and a half dozen clients. They fly in and are picked up by an outfitter who takes them to the lodge where everything is provided for them. These nonresidents pay several hundred dollars per day and the money they spend here is then used by the outfitter to lease more private land, taking it away from both the resident hunter and nonresident Number One.

Which nonresident do you

prefer as a guest in your state?

Yes, there are nonresidents who are idiots, game hogs and have no respect for private property, but there are residents who fit that mold, too. Oftentimes a neighbor causes more trouble for a landowner than the outside hunter.

The key to this issue is balance. How do we welcome just the right number of nonresidents to satisfy tourism and economic interests, without degrading the hunting experience for residents?

If we raise license fees as a way of limiting nonresidents, guess which nonresident we'll end up with? Number Two won't bat an eyelash, while Number One and his young son will have to stay home.

The other options are to limit nonresident hunter numbers, or the amount of time they can hunt. But do we really have too many nonresidents now? If so, what kind? Too many out-of-state pheasant hunters? Waterfowlers? Bowhunters? We limit out-of-

For many of North Dakota's resident hunters, the word *nonresident* rolls off their tongue like a pheasant feather with a little dirt on it. Unless, of course, they're hunting in another state themselves. Then nonresidents aren't so bad.

I hunt several states yearly and don't like to feel like an outcast. That's why I resist joining the anti-nonresident chorus that's echoing across the prairie. But that song is growing louder every year. Is it time we further manage nonresidents?

There are essentially two types of nonresident hunters. Well, maybe three.

state deer gun hunters and restrict the time for waterfowl hunters, but there are inconsistencies. We allow unlimited numbers of nonresident pheasant hunters and let them hunt all season long. We limit nonresident archery "any deer" tags, yet sell unlimited numbers of nonresident archery antelope tags. Are further restrictions warranted?

And what about Number Three, the third face of the nonresident? It's the face of your son, or mine, your granddaughter, brother or father. Are they, or will they someday be, a nonresident? Would you like them to come home to hunt? Just how restrictive should we be?

The obvious drawback to limiting the number of nonresidents rather than raising license fees is loss of revenue for the Game and Fish Department. I hear lots of complaining about how it seems the Department just wants to sell licenses. We'll, we're one of the only states whose game and fish agency is funded entirely by license fees (and federal matching funds) and receives no revenue from the state's general fund. Is it fair that the state's tourism and service industries reap the benefits of hunting and fishing, yet no tax dollars go to support the outdoors? Perhaps a few tax dollars from the general fund would make it easier for the Department to manage nonresidents fairly, without fear of a reduced budget.

There's yet another twist in this issue. Because we don't limit the time nonresident pheasant hunters can hunt, some are starting to

buy farms with houses and turning them into their private hunting preserves. That will stop if we limit their hunting to a couple weeks, but will also punish all other nonresidents, including the Number Threes.

What about us residents? Shouldn't we come first? You bet! Why do we live in North Dakota? Why do we put up with nasty winters, short summers, mosquitoes, and relatively low-paying jobs? It's partly because the hunting and fishing is so damn good. We earn our outdoor paradise. We get the good stuff because we tolerate the bad.

Meanwhile, nonresidents are

safely back home. They don't pay our taxes, shovel our snow or fight our mosquitoes. They come only for the good stuff. Maybe they should move to North Dakota, bringing their businesses and jobs with them. Wouldn't that be more valuable than hosting them for a week or two each fall? If we take charge and maintain our outdoor experiences at a high enough level, it can happen, and already does.

The commercialization of hunting is a runaway train that's bearing down on North Dakota. It's fueled by the union between the wealthy nonresident hunter and the guide/outfitter. That

train has plowed through many states where, if you aren't a member of a hunting club with an expensive lease, you don't hunt. What can we do to stop this train when no one else has?

What if we put the clamps on guiding and outfitting? Cap the number of licenses issued and raise the fees to prevent frivolous operations, like the guy with a good dog, who decides he might as well get paid several hundred dollars while he's hunting.

I applaud the ND Game and Fish Dept.'s proposal to prohibit guides/outfitters from operating on land managed by the Dept. I wish it applied to federal land also. Why should the public land hunter have to compete with an outfitter's clients?

That same bill would also prohibit guides from carrying weapons. I agree. It's not ethical, isn't done in most other states, and goes back to the frivolous guide. If he can't hunt at the same time, he'll think twice about guiding. Why make it easy and fun too?

Maybe an occasional sting operation would identify the cheaters. Like the unlicensed guide who pockets hundreds of dollars per day just to "help some friends hunt."

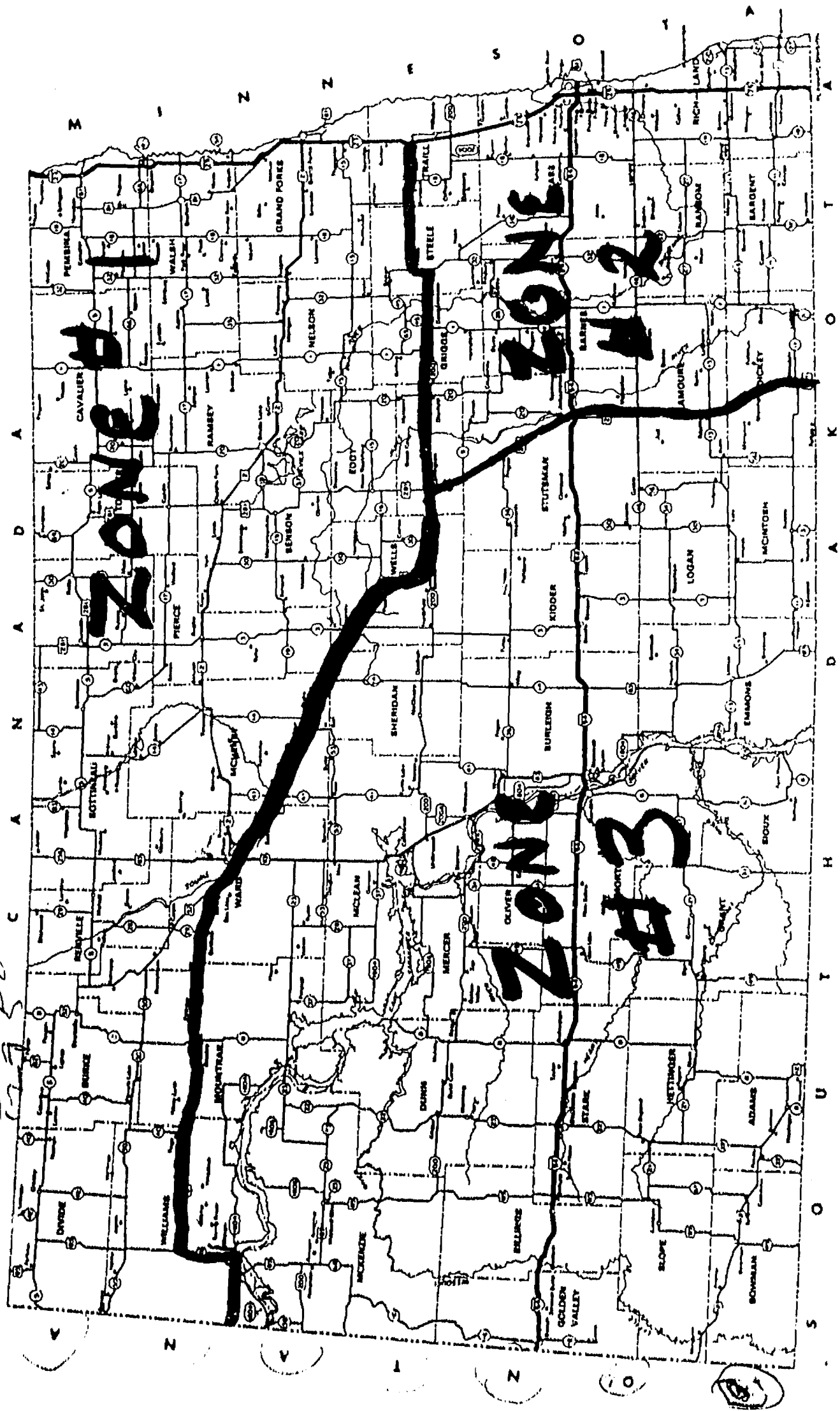
I imagine I'm not making any friends in the outfitting business with these views, but I'm only interested in securing the future of hunting in North Dakota for people like myself, the common man. Tough decisions need to be made.

Certainly, there's a place for outfitters in North Dakota. I've used outfitters in many states and Canada, but, like nonresidents there has to be limits.

Nonresidents and outfitters are like visiting relatives. They're an important part of our hunting family, but too many of them at once can lead to serious trouble. I don't have all the answers, but if we fail to take control of this problem, like so many states before us, a large portion of North Dakota's hunting land will be leased or purchased and served up to the wealthy hunter.

The rest of us will be left out in the cold.
With only the mosquitoes. •

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TESTIMONY OF LARRY KNOBLICH NORTH DAKOTA SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES ON HB 1269, FEBRUARY 2, 2001

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Good morning. I am Larry Knoblich, Executive Director of the North Dakota Sportsmen's Alliance. Six weeks ago we were 5 members; today we are 2000 members and growing. I only mention this to emphasize the fact that all 2000 members are concerned with the same problems caused by the ever-expanding numbers of nonresident hunters.

We support HB 1269 in that it confronts the problem that was first dealt with in 1977 when the state was divided into nine (9) zones. This bill will allow for approximately the same number of nonresidents that hunted in 2000. This plan allows for the hunting pressure to be distributed more equally throughout the state.

We offer the following reasons for this bill to be passed.

1. Waterfowl hunting quality is greatest where the ratio of waterfowl to hunters is the highest.
2. Nonresident waterfowl hunters in North Dakota have increased exponentially during the last 10 years, from <5000 in 1990 to >21,000 in 1999 (the best estimate for last year is 25,702, but the official count won't be available until March 2001).
3. Unofficial queries of landowners indicate that they're just plain tired of all the hubbub (hunters driving through their fields, hunting too close to their houses or buildings, hunters calling to ask permission, etc.) An increasing amount of land is being leased or bought for hunting by nonresidents, further decreasing hunting opportunities for residents.

"To Lobby for the Good of North Dakota Sports Persons"

TESTIMONY OF LARRY KNOBLICH

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9. At current rates of increase, nonresident waterfowl hunters in North Dakota will outnumber resident waterfowl hunters in 2003, they will exceed 50,000 by 2005, and they will exceed 88,000 by 2010. This number may be reached much sooner with the speed of today's internet and the mobility of present day hunters.
10. The states around us have come to the realization that too many nonresidents can be a problem. South Dakota limits the nonresident waterfowlers to 4,000 ten-day licenses and 2,000 three-day licenses for the Pierre area. Montana has put a limit on elk and deer tags and are about to limit nonresident upland licenses to 11,000. Colorado has capped the number of elk tags for the first time in 30 years. More non-residents is not the only doorway to economic development. Quality of life and a concern for the resource has proven to be of great importance in these states.

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The NDSA offers the following conclusion as taken from page 38 of Characteristics, Expenditures, and Economic Impact of Resident and Nonresident Hunters and Anglers in North Dakota, 1996-97, Season and Trends, as compiled by the Department of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Experiment Station, N.D.S.U., Fargo, ND.

The responsibility of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department is to manage the state's fish and wildlife resources. This involves meeting the growing demands of resident hunters and anglers. Previous research has found that a considerable number of resident hunters and anglers would hunt elsewhere if North Dakota could not provide adequate hunting and fishing opportunities (Keitch and Baltezore 1993). NDGF should focus on keeping resident hunting and angling in the state to maintain and diversify the state's economic base. A secondary consideration should be to identify an excess capacity which could provide hunting and angling opportunities for nonresident hunters and anglers.

The members of the North Dakota Sportsmen's Alliance urge you to confront this issue. It is in your hands to find a solution. The solution is HB 1269.

We ask for your support and a DO PASS on HB 1269.

*Thank
you*

Respectfully,
Larry Knoblich
Larry Knoblich
Executive Director

January 29, 01

Dear Committee Members:

My name is Sheldon Schlecht and I am the owner of Sheldon's Waterfowl and Upland Bird Hunts of rural Streeter.

My wife and I are unable to attend this committee meeting because we are at a sport's show in Harrisburg, PA.

I object to House Bill 1269 in its entirety for the following reasons:

1. The out-of-state hunting dollars provide our rural communities with a huge economic boost that affects not only the local economy, but trickles outward to communities like Jamestown, Bismarck and Fargo.
2. Chase Lake Project - the largest percent of funding comes from out of state funding, the majority of which is from Ducks Unlimited. Chase Lake currently has 1.1 million acres in its program. How can we justify all the money and effort from out of state to build up and maintain the project only to try to eliminate their participation now that the project is established by eliminating their hunting rights?
3. This isn't fair to the out-of-state hunters who have purchased property and paid taxes for the sole purpose of being allowed to hunt here. Should we now penalize them?
4. In addition to rural property, several small towns have had out-of-state hunters purchase homes. These people have put the property back on the tax rolls in addition to maintaining the property. If they are not allowed to hunt there, what are the chances that they will continue to keep the property maintained and on the tax rolls?
5. Waterfowl is currently in record high numbers, and in fact, the goose season was extended to a spring season and a fall nuisance season. Why would we now want to cut back on hunters when the bird population is at a record high?
6. In addition to out-of-state hunters spending money here during the hunting season, many of them bring their families back here in the summer and spend a considerable amount of tourist dollars. We are the least visited state for tourism. Don't we need these dollars?
7. This would have a devastating effect on the guide service that I have worked hard to establish over the last 13 years.

In the 2000 fall hunting season, this is what my business did:

- Provided 87 car rentals from Bismarck
- Provided 247 airline tickets into the Bismarck airport
- Spent \$8300.00 on shotgun shells at Scheel's in Bismarck
- Provided 27 local temporary jobs in rural communities
- Purchased and remodeled 10 homes in Streeter and put them back on the tax rolls
- Spent \$4300.00 in local repair shops for hunting vehicle repairs and upkeep
- Spent \$14,000.00 in our local grocery store
- Spent \$11,000.00 in fuel for our hunting vehicles
- Spent \$25,000.00 for non-resident hunting licenses
- Spent \$29,000.00 in pheasants to benefit not only the out-of-state hunters, but the local hunters who enjoyed hunting them at our expense
- Provided 300 acres of unharvested corn to winter the local wildlife

This was all done in a six week period with non-resident hunters this past fall. The State of North Dakota has no money invested in us - we pay for sports shows, web sites, etc. They benefit from the return.

Our hunters book their hunts up to a year in advance, making vacation plans, airline reservations, etc. How can we do our job without knowing if we will even be able to have them here to hunt?

8. In talking to people who sponsored this bill, it seems like the main issue here is local land access, yet year after year, hunters will come in to small towns, rent a room without utilizing local guide services, and still manage to limit out on birds within public lands. Hunting is a privilege, not a right. This privilege is contingent on the farmer, rancher or landowner allowing open hunting on his land, not on a hunter in our state thinking that because he lives here, it is his right to be able to hunt here. Let's let the Game and Fish Department, not a sportsman's group, do their job in allowing hunting zones and setting standards for the number of hunters allowed to hunt in our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Sheldon Schlecht

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Dear Committee,

My name is Wayne Buck I Am the manager of Streeter COOP oil company. I oppose HB 1269 due to the fact that we rely heavily on non-resident hunters who spend tremendous amounts of money in our local gas stations & communities. Our local guide services also do their business with us during the fall season. ~~our~~ With our average age in these rural communities getting older and towns getting smaller shouldn't we encourage more non-resident hunters instead of discouraging them. Remember, we will once again have dry years where we will ~~not~~ not have as many hunters. Let's utilize this resource when we can.

Sincerely,

Wayne Buck

Manager / Streeter COOP oil
Streeter, N.D.

Dear Comm. Member

My name is Sara Kemmet Neustel
We own and operate Kemmet's
in Dawson

I object to have Bill 1269
these non resident hunters spend
a lot of money in these little
towns, the Cafe and gas station
are also run here & done well
by the town people and out of
towners, you people don't realize
that but we need that extra boost
in these little towns.

Thank You

Sara Neustel

KEMMET'S GROCERY #173
P.O. BOX 204
DAWSON, ND 58428

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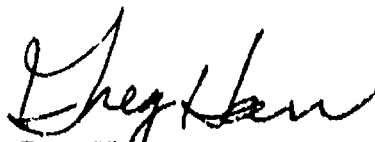
Committee Member, Natural Resources

As a native North Dakotan and a avid hunter, I have spent many years hunting central North Dakota.

I have developed many friendships with landowners which has resulted in opportunities to hunt their property.

I have found a sense of satisfaction by involving myself, supplying labor assistance to the landowner, earning hunting privileges on his property, plus kindling friendships with his family and neighbors. I have knocked on many landowners doors and have been provided access to land for hunting.

In my opinion, my opportunity to gain access to hunt on private property has not been severely impacted by non-resident hunters. Further restrictions on non-resident hunters will not solve the access problem. It may, in fact , only escalate posting of property and restrict the resident hunter.



Greg Harr
Jamestown, N.D.

STREETER GROCERY
Box 807
Streater, ND 58468

Dear Committee,

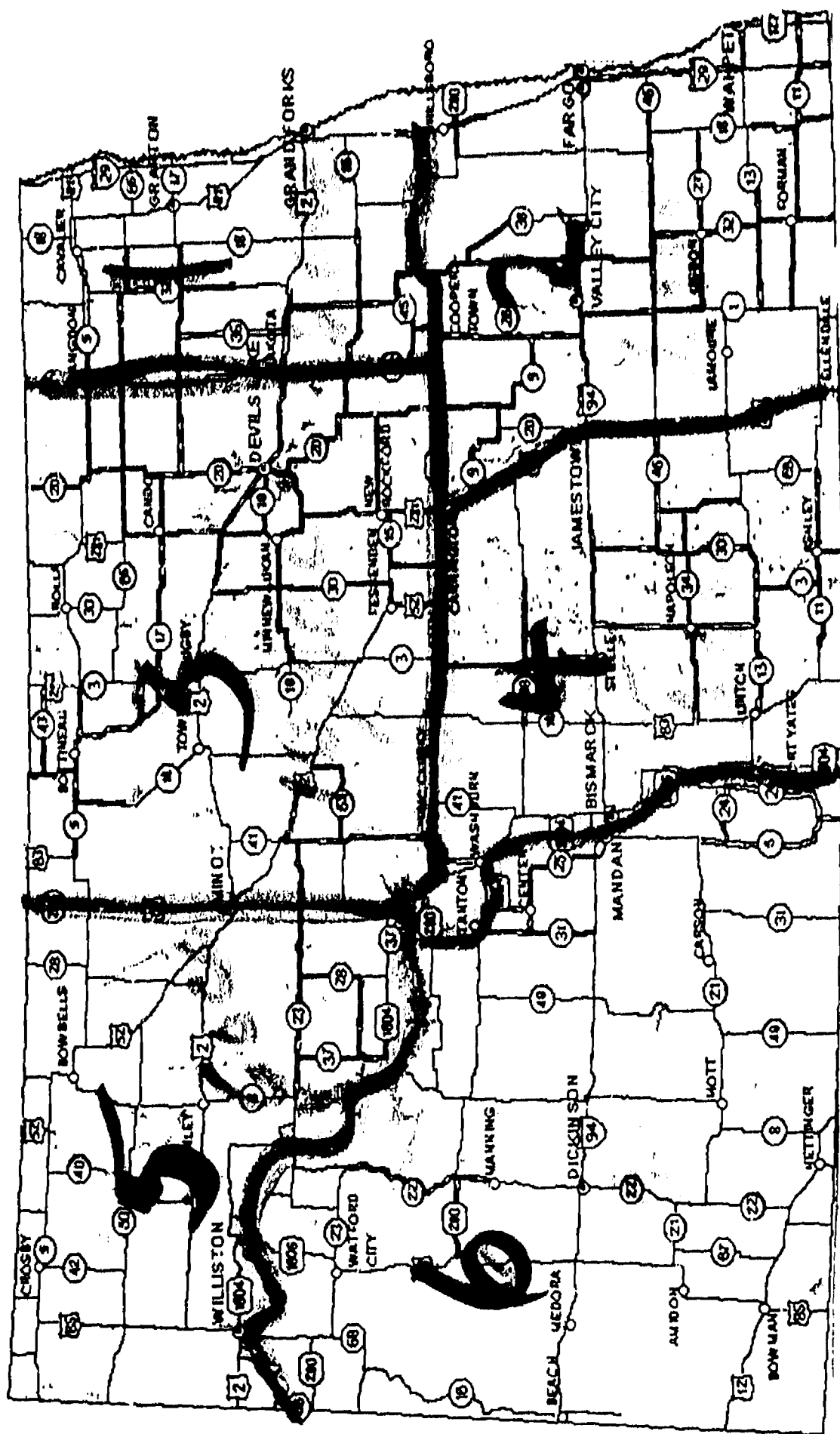
My name is Elroy Percho I own & operate the local grocery store in Streater, North Dakota. I oppose HB 1269 due to the fact that it would be devastating to the grocery store I am operating. We rely on the local guides who purchase all of their groceries from our store and the hunters who may not utilize the local guides but also stop in and buy gas & snacks. Who is going to help our local small communities if non-resident hunters are limited, is it going to be the new Sportsmans alliance? I sold \$27,489.00 worth of non resident hunting licenses for the state of North Dakota during the past two seasons. I feel this is a great contribution from a town of 150 people. Hats off to our guides and outfitters and the tourism dept for bringing these people in. My final comment is how

do our local guides justify going to Sports shows and advertising in magazines to help our local community if they are not able to know if they will be getting licenses for their clients. Isn't this unfair because of this bill creating such limits & restrictions. This is like telling a printing shop owner in Jamestown that we have ^{area} ~~state~~ many print shops in the ~~state~~ and we need to distribute them more evenly across the state and that we can't guarantee him any clients but we will have a lottery drawing in August to decide if he will have any business. Who cares if he has worked hard over the years to establish his business like our local guides have. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Elroy Percho
owner of Streeter Grocery
Streeter, N.D.

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Proposed Hunting Zones

Non-Resident waterfowl or waterfowl and small game licenses sold in 1997 or 1998

ND 18,000

TX 8,000

WI 5,837

MN 5,504

SD 4,000 + 2,000 in 4 county area around Pierre

MT 4,000

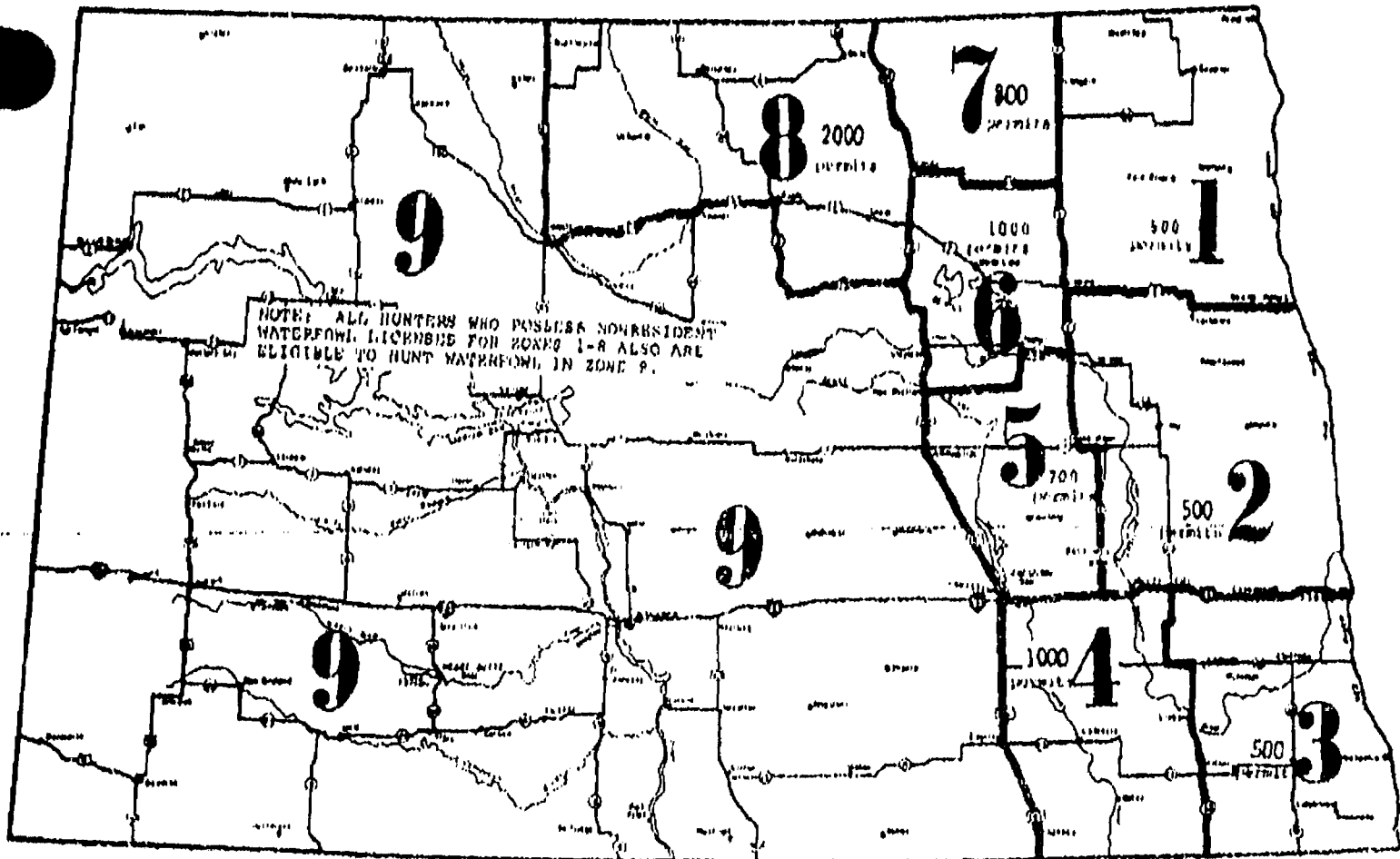
KS 3,200

OK 1,300

WY 1,025

1999 ABNT 23,000

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Nonresident Waterfowl Licenses and Zones. Nonresident waterfowl hunters shall be restricted to hunting waterfowl in certain specified zones as hereinafter described. They may only hunt in the zone for which they have a nonresident waterfowl license and in Zone 9.

Zone 1, 500 Licenses. An area bordered on the west by N.D. No. 1, on the south by U.S. Highway No. 2, on the east by Minnesota, and on the north by Canada.

Zone 2, 500 Licenses. An area bordered on the west by N.D. No. 1, on the south by Interstate 94, on the east by Minnesota, and on the north by U.S. Highway No. 2.

Zone 3, 500 Licenses. An area bordered on the west by N.D. No. 32, on the south by South Dakota, on the east by Minnesota, and on the north by Interstate 94.

Zone 4, 1000 Licenses. An area bordered on the west by U.S. Highway No. 281, on the south by South Dakota, on the east by N.D. No. 32, and on the north by Interstate 94.

Zone 5, 700 Licenses. An area bordered on the west by U.S. Highway No. 281, on the south by Interstate 94, on the east by N.D. No. 1, and on the north by N.D. No. 15.

Zone 6, 1000 Licenses. An area bordered on the west by U.S. Highway 281, on the south by N.D. No. 15, on the east by N.D. No. 1, and on the north by N.D. No. 17.

Zone 7, 800 Licenses. An area bordered on the west by U.S. Highway No. 281 and N.D. No. 69, on the south by N.D. No. 17, on the east by N.D. No. 1, and on the north by Canada.

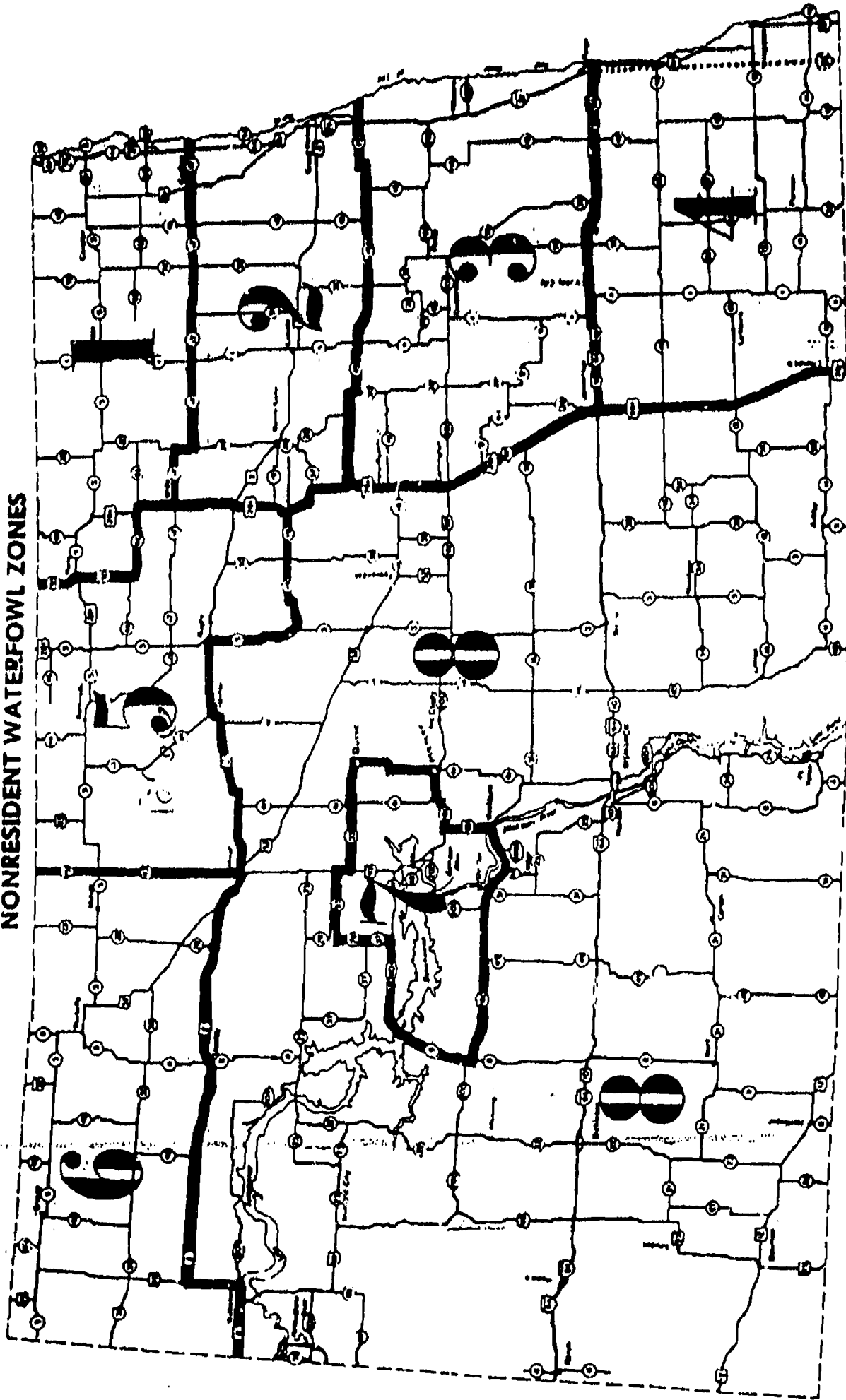
Zone 8, 2000 Licenses. An area bordered on the west by U.S. Highway No. 83 and N.D. 256, on the south by U.S. Highway No. 2 starting with its junction of U.S. Highway No. 83, thence east to N.D. No. 3, thence south to N.D. No. 19, on the east by N.D. No. 69 and U.S. Highway No. 281, and on the north by Canada.

Zone 9, Unrestricted number of Licenses. The remainder of the state not described in Zones 1 through 8.

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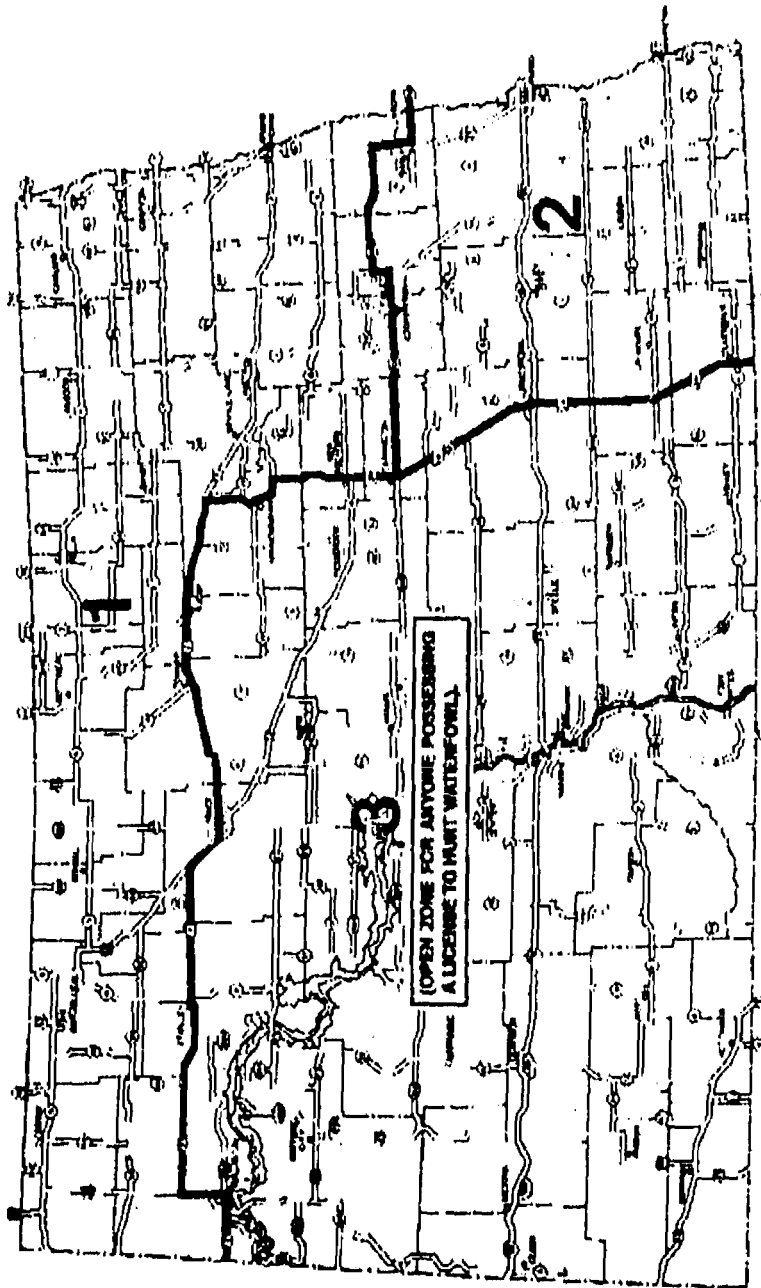
NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL ZONES



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NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL ZONES



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

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

ZONE 3. The remainder of the state. (In addition to hunting in the zones specified on their license, hunters who possess a resident waterfowl license may also hunt waterfowl in Zone 3.)

Without Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP)

In addition to all appropriate state and federal licenses and stamps, participation in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) and evidence of that participation is now required in order to hunt migratory birds in North Dakota. A hunter may receive HIP authorization by completing the information on this form or when purchasing a license through our 24-hour phone licensing system or through our website (see information in boxes at right). HIP was designed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to track the harvest of migratory birds for management purposes. With your help, we can continue to protect migratory game birds and ensure future hunting. Thank You!

For additional hunting information visit our website at www.state.nd.us/gnf

NON-TOXIC (STEEL) SHOT REGULATIONS

Possession or use of shot other than Non-toxic shot is prohibited while hunting ducks, geese, sandhill cranes, tundra swans, snipe and coot skeinshots.

Non-toxic shot is required for hunting on a. Fish and Wildlife Service lands, including Federal Refugees and Waterfowl Production Areas. This regulation applies to all hunters using shotgun except while hunting turkeys and big game. These shot requirements apply in addition to current statewide non-toxic shot requirements for migratory birds as listed above.

For additional information on Non-toxic shot, contact the department's Gamecheck office.

Nonresident Youth Hunting License. A nonresident under age sixteen may purchase a North Dakota resident Youth Hunting and Trapping Certificate and a North Dakota resident game and wildlife license and may hunt small game and waterfowl except turkeys and wild turkeys, provided that the hunter is the child, or a parent or guardian of the child, of a resident of North Dakota who is also under age sixteen. Currently states of WA, ID, MT, TN, TX, and CO qualify. To be eligible, a nonresident youth may not have been a member of the Superior Hunting and Trapping Association for a year for which the license is issued and must possess a certificate of completion for a certified hunter education course. The nonresident youth may only hunt under the supervision of an adult family member or legal guardian who is licensed to hunt small game or waterfowl in this state and is subject to the same regulations as that youth's adult family member or legal guardian.

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You can also purchase your license over the telephone - 24 hours a day - 7 days a week. Call toll free 1-800-408-6469. Visa, Discover, and MasterCard accepted. (In addition to the license fee a service charge will be added. Service charge will vary depending on amount of transaction.)

1-800-408-6469

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Montana plan to restrict nonresident hunters advances

Doug Smith

Star Tribune

Sunday, December 24, 2000

Minnesota is a prime exporter of hunters. They migrate by the thousands each fall to North and South Dakota, Iowa, Colorado, Montana and other even more distant points.

But these days those nonresident hunters aren't always greeted with open arms. There's concern in some states, including North and South Dakota, that a growing number of nonresident hunters are taking away hunting options for residents.

Residents are concerned that pressure for land access by a growing number of nonresident hunters has made it more difficult for them to find places to hunt upland birds. Nonresident upland license sales have increased 86 percent in the past 15 years, while resident sales have dropped 20 percent.

"The intent is to get more public hunting opportunities for residents," said Ron Aasheim of the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. "They're feeling left out."

A proposal to prohibit nonresidents from hunting upland birds on state managed public wildlife areas was rejected because it likely would have been illegal, Aasheim said. This fall, the state doubled the cost of a nonresident upland license from \$55 to \$110, which reduced sales by about 20 percent. Many of the nonresident hunters are believed to be from Minnesota.

The commission is expected to make a final decision in early February, and will accept public comments until then. They can be sent to the FWP Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, Mt. 59620 or via e-mail to fwpwld@st.mt.us

Duck-killing investigated Minnesota Department of Natural Resources officials are investigating an especially ugly case of vandalism that occurred last week on Forest Lake.

Two snowmobilers intentionally skipped over a small patch of open water on the lake, running through a flock of about 150 mallards that had congregated there, killing 41 birds.

The ducks were familiar to home owners, some of whom fed the ducks and watched them nest and produce ducklings.

"It's safe to say people are outraged," said local DNR conservation officer Jason

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HOUSE BILL 1269

I am here today to OBJECT to House Bill 1269 regarding restricting the number of **Out-Of-State** hunting license. I am originally from Woodworth, ND, just 18 miles north of Medina, ND. My family owns 2000+ acres for over 35 yrs. As of this date, I have never had a problem with out-of-state hunters, nor have I ever heard any complaints from them.

OUT-OF-STATE hunters bring A LOT of money to rural communities. During hunting season, there isn't much to support these small communities. Some of these communities make enough during hunting season to support them thru the winter months. Your out-of-state hunters eat at the local café's, rent motel rooms, lodges, etc., buy gas, and go to taverns.

I, being a owner of 2 hunting lodges and land, know how much income these hunters bring to small communities. **OUT-OF-STATE** hunters also promote the state of North Dakota. We have hunters that come from all over the US that even bring their wives here because it is such a beautiful state. WE even had one hunter from KY that is now looking for job here in ND.

I would like to make four points to the OBJECTION of this bill:

1. **VALUE:** A lot of farmers are using hunting and lodging as value added agriculture to their existing operations.
2. **TOURISM:** **Out-Of-State** hunters promote the state of North Dakota in many different ways. They don't just see the big cities, they see ALL the different sites to be seen through out the state of ND.
3. **INCOME:** Do you realize how much income is brought into the state of ND during hunting season? Your small communities are limited as to what they can do to make some money, but during hunting season, the **OUT-OF-STATE** hunters spend money on motels and lodging, gas, food, at taverns, etc. They help the rural communities when in need.
4. **SUPPORT:** A lot of your rural communities are dying because people are moving to bigger towns. Who wants to buy a home in a small town? Your **OUT-OF-STATE** hunters do and they pay a descent price for them. Instead of these homes sitting vacant, these hunters buy them and use them, and by using them they are promoting ND and spending their money here in ND.

CLOSING: I, being one of these concerned citizens of ND, AND A VOTER, I hope you ALL take this into consideration. The people that are for this bill only want the state of ND for themselves, they don't want to promote it at all, they just want to limit it. Thank you for your time.

Rick & Amy Koenig
Carrington, ND

HB BILL 1269 OBJECTION

Land-owners 487 A. CRP, 313 A. Wetlands

Retired Farmers 701-752-4271

**BILL AND VIOLET PEDA
WOODWORTH ND**

Objection to this bill Our Non-Resident Children and Friends may not be able to hunt our farm, located in one of the best hunting areas of North Dakota. This bill is no incentive to allow the general public to hunt. Even more land could be posted-No Hunting.

Why do we own this land? We have owned this farm for 40 years to farm and enjoy wildlife. Our children live out of state for jobs. One of them now has part of his business in North Dakota, but lives in Arizona.

Why do we post our land ?

It is our right to control who hunts it. Our second CRP contract is 25% less than the first 10 year one. This is not an incentive to allow the public access to hunt because they pay taxes. Non-Residents do too. If our friends cannot hunt no one will.

Non-Resident Hunting benefit to the state

Non-Resident hunters purchased 22,000 licenses in 1999 @ \$93 each = \$2,046,000. The unofficial figure for 2000 is 30,000 licenses @ \$93 = \$2,790,000. If each hunter spends \$50 a day and stays only one week that would be \$15,000,000 spent in the state above license fees. An increase of over 25% in one year. This has become Big Business Major Tourism. **There is no shortage of good hunting land in Zone 3, as proposed in this bill. Zoning Non-resident Hunters will greatly damage if not eliminate much of this business, which is additional income for farmer-land-owners and the urban areas as well.**

There is a lot of land to be leased or bought in the Woodworth Area. Hunters tell us this is the best hunting in the world. **Putting 2/3 of the Non-Residents into the NW 1/3 of the State, and issuing 6000 licenses less than last year will surely greatly injure this major business.** It will also reduce revenue to the State. Some Non-residents will not be able to hunt their own land, which they rent to local farmers very reasonable. They do not have to make a profit. They just want a place to hunt. It is hard to find a parking place on good Minnesota lands, much less ducks. **To zone only Non-Residents from some Federal Hunting Land would be Unconstitutional.** Resident Hunters tell us it would be unsportsman-like to lease land to hunt. Even with out Non-Resident Hunters, the best hunting land will be leased by someone. Very little is free anymore. Why should hunting be?

VOTE NO ON THIS BILL

**HB 1269
OBJECTION**

**MR CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE**

**My name is Dennis Clark, Farmer- Land-owner 2000 A
Woodworth, ND.**

**I am not an outfitter or a guide. I own some of the prime hunting land in
Stutsman County. My land was leased to the Wildlife by previous owners,
for no draining, burning or filling. The opportunity has come in which we
can get some revenue from our sloughs and potholes from the depredation
which has occurred in the past and is still occurring. Our Out-of-State
Hunters basically hunt on OUR land.**

**The state has spent millions on the tourist industry. I feel the out of state
hunters are tourists and they have expressed interest in bringing their
families back in the summer to show them the unique area in which they
hunt. Some have expressed interest in coming back in the winter to fish.
Our land is open for in state hunters as well as out of state hunters, but
why should it be free?**

**This a form of Economic Development that has greatly benefited area
Cafes, Gas Stations, bars and grocery stores. The businesses in cities and
towns are not limited to the number of customers they can have. Why
limit our customers. This bill will be limiting our opportunity to make a
living from our land.**

**The Out-of- Staters do not have any problem finding land to hunt. I do
not know why Local Hunters do. A Jamestown man has purchased a
section of land in our area. It is gated and posted to all other local
hunters.**

Please do not pass HB 1269

If the landowners can no longer lease land for hunting it does not mean local hunting will be better. The land owners see it as a loss of quite a bit of income which can not be recouped from local hunters who will not lease land, but want to hunt free

From the information we have been able to obtain :

Non Resident hunters purchased 22,000 licenses last year @ \$³95 each --\$2,046,000

Resident Hunters purchased 39,000 licenses last year @ \$15 each -- 585,000

Please do not sign this bill.

Copies to all ND Representatives and Senators.

Thank you for your attention,

Woodworth Area Residents

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02/19/01 10:03 PM

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cc:
Subject: (no subject)

Jon:

In regards to the latest proposed amendment on Hb1269 with 13,500 licenses in Zone 1 and 2,500 licenses in Zone 2 and 8,000 licenses in Zone 3. Also 25% of the Non-Resident Waterfowl licenses being available to Certified Guides until July 31st.

Our new official position of The North Dakota Professional Guides and Outfitters Association would be to change our position from opposed to neutral on Hb1269.

We would like to express our appreciation on your efforts in this matter and even though I am sure you would have rather we would actually come out and support Hb1269, neutral is the best position we are able to offer at this time. This is probably due to some individual association members who are still worried about reductions in Zone 3 from the estimated 9,325 hunters per Game and Fish Dept. Survey work for the year 2000.

Once again our final association stance is neutral on Hb1269 and any further opposition from Guides on this issue is probably because of the short time frame and the inability to slow down the truck that was already set in motion on this downhill run.

Thanks for your consideration,

James L Nagel

Lobbyist, ND Guides and Outfitters Association.

"Schadewald, Paul T."
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To: "Nelson, Jon O." <jonelson@state.nd.us>
cc:
Subject: HB 1269 Relate Info

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	HB1269	1999(Est)	2000 Level Est.
Zone 1	16,000	11,000	12,500
Zone 2	2,000	2,800	3,175
Zone 3	4,000	8,200	9,325
Total	22,000	22,000	25,000

Jim Nagel asked me to email you this info on the number of nonresident waterfowl licenses sold by zone. We just this past week, received the year 2000 info. When the bill was heard, only the 1999 info was available.



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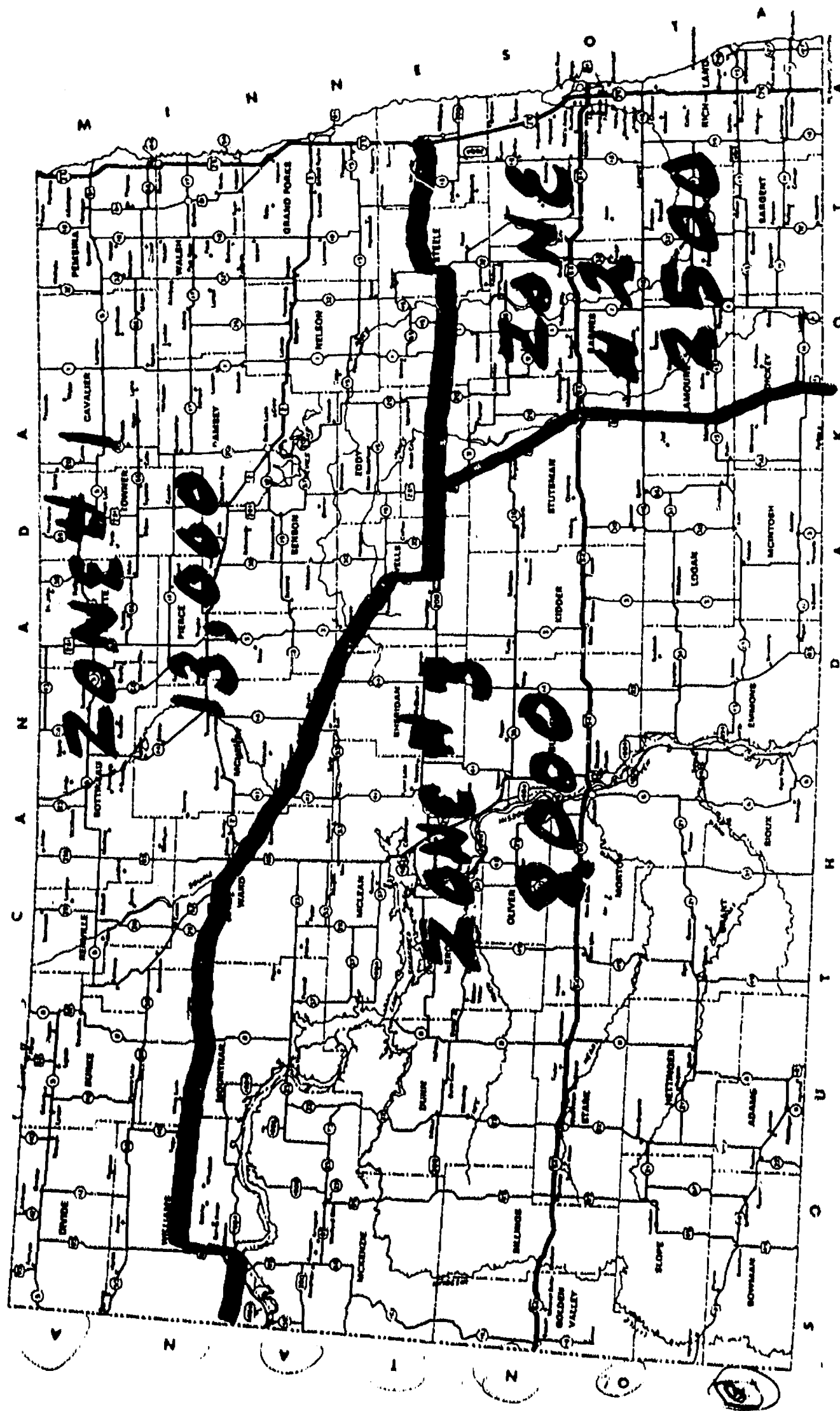


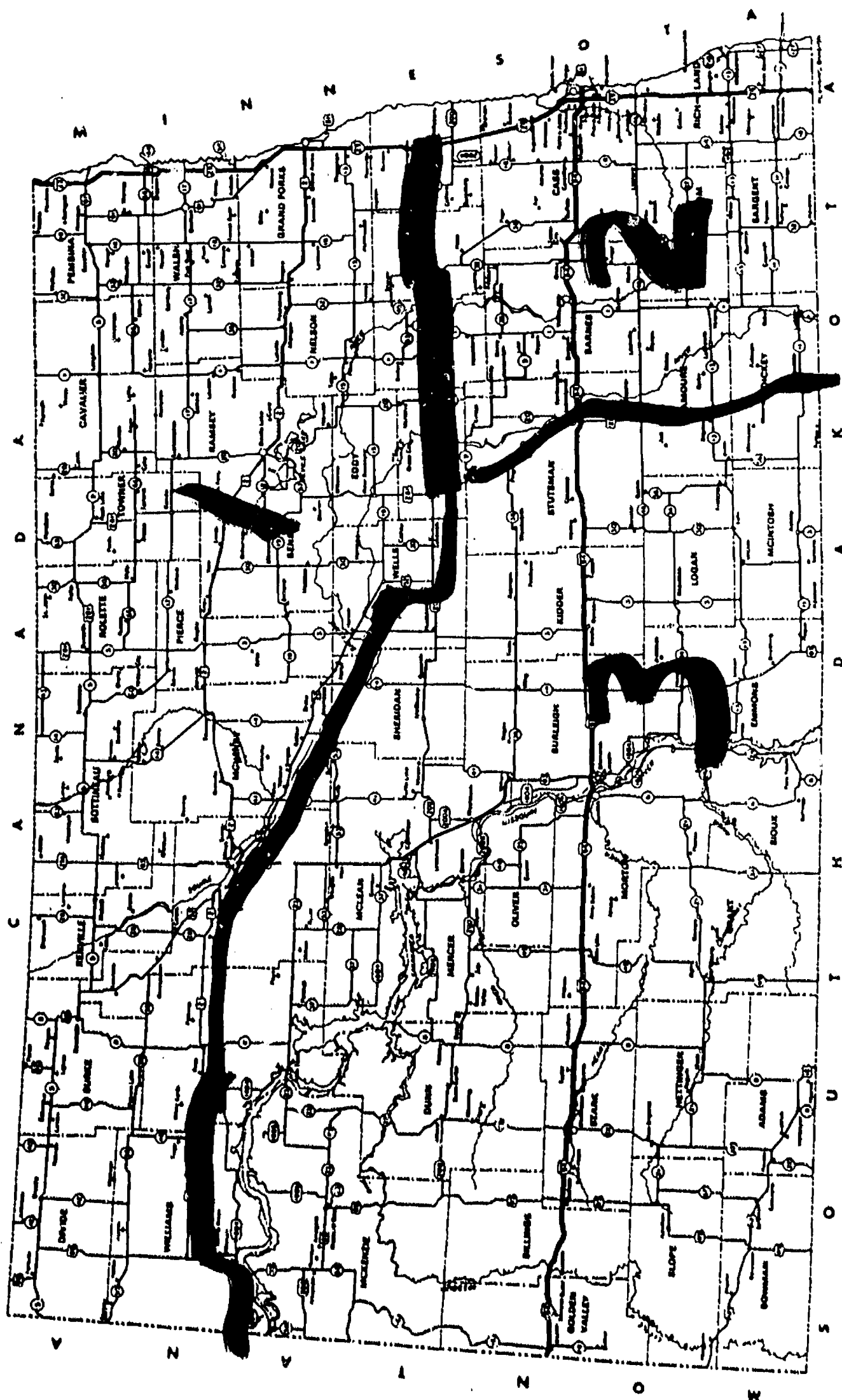
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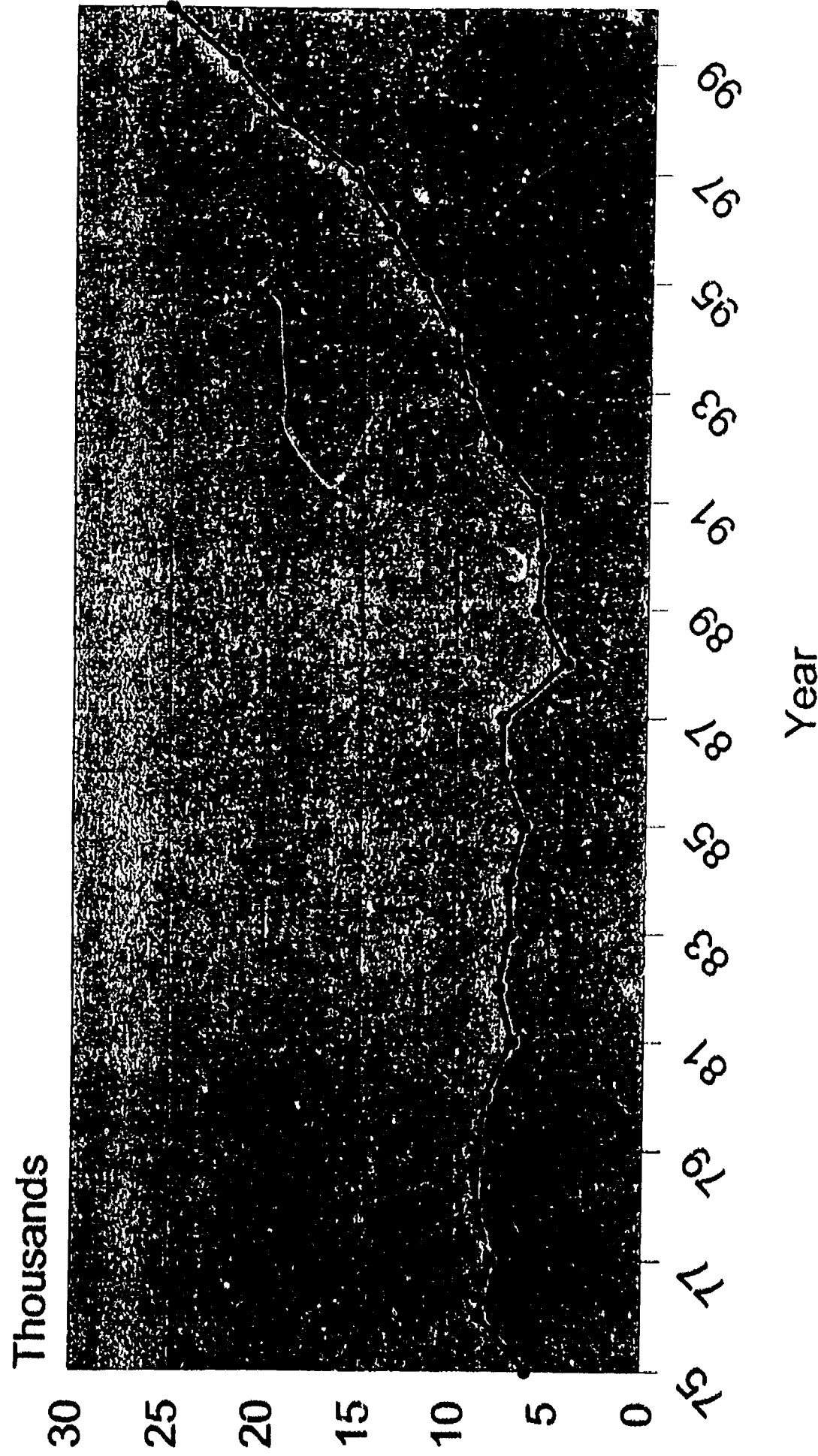
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Non-Resident Waterfowl Licenses

North Dakota



waterfowl

Testimony of Tom Bain re: NB 1269 (For)

we hear about economic impact. But forget
the impact of those of us residents that choose to
live in NB because of its quality of life. We
are business owners and many of us love to
hunt waterfowl. There are 1000's of us. We own
businesses. Each of us that live here have an

economic impact that dwarfs the impact
of non residents. Many of us have job opportunities
out of state that are far more lucrative ~~than~~
what is available to us here in NB. Yet,
we choose to live here because of the quality
of life, including hunting. Our impact is huge.
This legislature represents us.

Thank you.

Tom Bain

North Dakota Sportsmen's Alliance

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Jamestown, ND 58401
Phone: 701-252-1586



*Hotels & motels also not pay one cent in
taxes to the S & F. LK.*

TESTIMONY OF LARRY KNOBLICH NORTH DAKOTA SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES ON HB 1269, MARCH 8, 2001

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Good morning. I am Larry Knoblich, Executive Director of the North Dakota Sportsmen's Alliance. I represent membership in United Sportsmen of North Dakota, Jamestown Chapter, Stutsman County Wildlife Federation, Future Pheasants, Inc. of Marion, Barnes County Wildlife, Carrington Wildlife Club, and individuals from throughout the state that now total over 2400 members. This is only mentioned to let you know that "those Jamestown guys are the only ones concerned about this" is not a true statement at all.

This bill was only brought to the legislature because the resident hunters of the state have expressed a real concern over the ever-increasing number of nonresidents that hunt in the state. The reason that Jamestown is mentioned in the equation is because a small group of us were willing to carry the flag of the resident hunter to the legislature before the problem becomes so large that hunting as we all would like to remember it becomes a memory that our descendants will only experience through family pictures and stories, as well videos put out by the economic developers of our state.

We offer the following reasons for this bill to be passed.

1. Waterfowl hunting quality is greatest where the ratio of waterfowl to hunters is the highest.
2. Nonresident waterfowl hunters in North Dakota have increased exponentially during the last 10 years, from <5000 in 1990 to >21,000 in 1999 (the best estimate for last year is 25,000).

"To Lobby for the Good of North Dakota Sports Persons"

TESTIMONY OF LARRY KNOBLICH

NORTH DAKOTA SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE

PRESENTED TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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3. Unofficial queries of landowners indicate that they're just plain tired of all the hubbub (hunters driving through their fields, hunting too close to their houses or buildings, hunters calling to ask permission, etc.) An increasing amount of land is being leased or bought for hunting by nonresidents, further decreasing hunting opportunities for residents.
4. Despite an annual increase of 19% in nonresident waterfowl hunters during the last 5 years, numbers of resident waterfowl hunters have been stable at about 35,000 during this time.
5. Despite all the hype written in popular magazine articles, seen on TV and on the internet about how great the duck hunting is in North Dakota, hunter success (number of ducks harvested/hunter/day) is one of the lowest in the U.S. (about 0.8 ducks/hunter/day).
6. Hunter success (as measured above) shows a declining trend during the last 5 years.
7. Many resident hunters are dissatisfied with duck hunting because of increased competition with nonresidents.
8. The average duck hunter in North Dakota does NOT benefit by nonresidents pumping money into the community -- instead, they suffer poorer quality hunting and increased personal expense from having to drive farther or longer to find a place to hunt. Resident hunters spent \$1,265/hunter/season, while nonresidents spent \$705/hunter/season in 1997.
9. At current rates of increase, nonresident waterfowl hunters in North Dakota will outnumber resident waterfowl hunters in 2003, they will exceed 50,000 by 2005, and they will exceed 88,000 by 2010. This number may be reached much sooner with the speed of today's internet and the mobility of present day hunters.
10. The states around us have come to the realization that too many nonresidents can be a problem. South Dakota limits the nonresident waterfowlers to 4,000 ten-day licenses and 2,000 three-day licenses for the Pierre area. Montana has put a limit on elk and deer tags and are about to limit nonresident upland licenses to 11,000.

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Colorado has capped the number of elk tags for the first time in 30 years. More non-residents is not the only doorway to economic development. Quality of life and a concern for the resource has proven to be of great importance in these states. We do not wish to be a "copy-cat" state, but we should be willing to learn from other states and take heed to what they have learned from their past.

We think these facts are great cause for concern for the quality of waterfowl hunting in North Dakota in the future. We do not propose to eliminate hunting opportunity for nonresidents. Few other states allow 23,500 nonresident waterfowl hunters, the limit we would like to place. However, a completely open-door policy is heading in a very dangerous direction for the maintenance of high quality waterfowl hunting for resident AND nonresident waterfowl hunters alike.

The NDSA offers the following conclusion as taken from page 38 of Characteristics, Expenditures, and Economic Impact of Resident and Nonresident Hunters and Anglers in North Dakota, 1996-97, Season and Trends, as compiled by the Department of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Experiment Station, N.D.S.U., Fargo, ND.

The responsibility of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department is to manage the state's fish and wildlife resources. This involves meeting the growing demands of resident hunters and anglers. Previous research has found that a considerable number of resident hunters and anglers would hunt elsewhere if North Dakota could not provide adequate hunting and fishing opportunities (Keitch and Baltezore 1993). NDGF should focus on keeping resident hunting and angling in the state to maintain and diversify the state's economic base. A secondary consideration should be to identify an excess capacity which could provide hunting and angling opportunities for nonresident hunters and anglers.

The members of the North Dakota Sportsmen's Alliance urge you to confront this issue. It is in your hands to find a solution. The solution is HB 1269.

We ask for your support and a DO PASS on HB 1269.

Respectfully,



Larry Knoblich, Executive Director

To Whom It May Concern regarding House Bill #1269

We are against this bill for the following reasons and would appreciate your help in defeating it.

- North Dakota promotes tourism and Out of State Hunters are part of the tourism \$\$\$'s that the State wants. **This is one small portion of tourism that is working.** Let's continue enjoying the dollars brought into the State by Out of State Hunters.
- Small towns in North Dakota are struggling for survival along with the area farmers and ranchers. We also are struggling to survive the farm economy. **Every small town Motel, Café & Business benefits from Out of State Hunters,** along with the farmers and ranchers who permit these hunters to hunt on their land. We were the second B&B in North Dakota. We need and enjoy that extra income that we receive from Out of State Hunters.
- We feel that there are not too many Waterfowl being killed in North Dakota. Waterfowl is regulated nationally as well as by states. The birds that are raised in North Dakota, and the ones that pass through on their way South from Canada, are hunted hard in the Southern States. This being the case, **what is wrong with us in North Dakota taking advantage of the time the Waterfowl are here, to help promote tourism and the economy of the State?**
- This bill raises license fees, plus changes the license fee structure. The State Game & Fish didn't ask for the increase, as they actually have quite a surplus of money now. **Wouldn't it seem logical for the State Game & Fish to ask for an increase if they needed or wanted it?** We like when we can go into town to buy Waterfowl licenses for our guests shortly before they come in the fall.
- This bill divides North Dakota into three (3) areas. We live close to Highway #2, so Out of State Hunters could only hunt, --- on the North or South side of the road. **We certainly would like to be able continue to take Hunters on either side!**
- Evidently the folks who presented this bill are against Out of State Hunters. Our thought is: **Did they consider the benefits North Dakota and its people receive from these Out of State Hunters?** They did a fantastic job of pushing the bill through the House. However, we feel it is very bad legislation for North Dakota.

It is your turn, as a Senator, to decide the fate of this bill. We certainly appreciate your help in defeating this slanted piece of legislation.

Let's welcome and encourage Tourists to come, including the Hunters, to the Great State of North Dakota.

Yours truly,


Fred & Joyce Evans

3/7/01

Our business, has just been informed, of a zoning, for out of state hunters. Our business is in Stanley, along the highway, that is to be the cut off.

Out of state hunters are a great boost, in our town. We own a cafe and lounge. With the farm economy the way it is, we need all the revenue we can possible generate. A lot of these hunters come back every year. They not only spend a lot, of money, in our business, for meals, but all over town. Small towns and business are fighting, to hang on. We need all the business we can get.

Some of these hunters have stated, if the zoning goes through, they won't come back, to N. Dak. N. Dak can't afford that, Stanley can't and my business certainly can't. We have spent a lot of time catering to these people. We don't need that shut down because of some zoning idea.

2 Way Nook
Nancy Brown - owner
Stanley, N. Dak
Box 956 58784

Russ H. Peterson
23901 233rd Ave SW
Kyler, ND 58779

VOLUNTEERS

Serving Home, Church
and Community

To: Senate Committee on Natural Resources

I am writing concerning the bill before the Senate Committee which intends to raise nonresident license fees for waterfowl hunters.

I believe this bill would be very detrimental to our state because there would be a lot less out of state hunters coming to our state of over abundant waterfowl.

These hunters do a lot of business in our local economies plus they love hunting in North Dakota.

I have hunters (mostly from eastern states) hunt ducks, cranes and geese on my land. I let them hunt for free and they have all

(over)

 LUTHERAN
BROTHERHOOD



Antelope Valley Farms

9049 74th Street NW
Powers Lake, ND 58773



To Whom It May Concern: (regarding House Bill 1269)

This bill is obviously targeted against out of state hunters who would spend time hunting waterfowl in North Dakota. It raises fees and worst of all complicates the matter by chopping the state into segments in which these out of state hunters may hunt. Why would we not want to make it easier to attract these folks to our state to spend their money. As you will note my address is Powers Lake, ND. Like many other small towns in ND it is struggling to maintain its economy. These small towns were almost totally supported by agriculture in the past. Currently people have had to look for other ways to generate revenue. During the waterfowl season the small motel in Powers Lake is always full of out of state hunter who not only pay for lodging but support the café, gas station, hardware stores which carry sporting goods, along with a number of farmers and ranchers in the area who have established guide services.

It would be my observation that we have plenty of waterfowl in this general area in the fall. Many times crop depredation occurs if harvest is delayed by wet weather. In these circumstances I would welcome some hunters who would keep the geese and ducks out of my crops. Many of these birds will be killed by hunters in other states as they continue their migration.

Often times we have guests from out of state who come to hunt waterfowl. The division of the state into different areas poses a real problem for us because of the close proximity of highway 2 which is one of the boundaries. Traditionally we have always hunted locals on both sides of this boundary. The passage of this bill would further complicate our ability to freely move as we have in the past. We may find that if this bill passes a number of the regular out of state hunters may choose to find another hunting area for their future recreational plans.

Phone 701-464-5782

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E-mail TJHOVE@NCCRAY.COM

March 7, 2001

Dear Sirs,

First off, let me tell you that as a business owner in the town of Stanley, I am deeply concerned about the waterfowl dividing zones for nonresident hunters, as Stanley is on the edge of a zone. If hunters have to choose a zone early in the year to hunt in, it is probably going to end with them not even hunting in North Dakota and traveling right through to Canada. I am not alone on feeling concerned about this matter, as I have talked with other business owners in town and they feel this is going to deeply effect our community, as these hunters buy gas, food, drinks, and lodging in our town. Please take another look at limiting the licenses and dividing zones.

Tim Brown

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.



Lowell & Carol Berntson

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3-8-01

Mr. Chairman and Members of the committee,

My name is Carol Berntson. My husband, Lowell and I farm near Kulm, North Dakota. Our farm is located in the Prairie Pothole region of the state. Today I am speaking in opposition to House Bill 1269.

We have several friends from out of state that have stayed with us and hunted ducks for the past 8 years. These sportsmen and many others have created a significant economic impact on local small business in our area.

House Bill 1269 would cap the number of waterfowl licenses issued to out of state hunters. Therefore limiting economic development and tourism in North Dakota.

According to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, out of state waterfowl licenses issued was as follows: 1997-----15551

1998-----19191

1999-----21873

The 2000 numbers have not been released yet but I would expect them to be larger than 1999 levels.

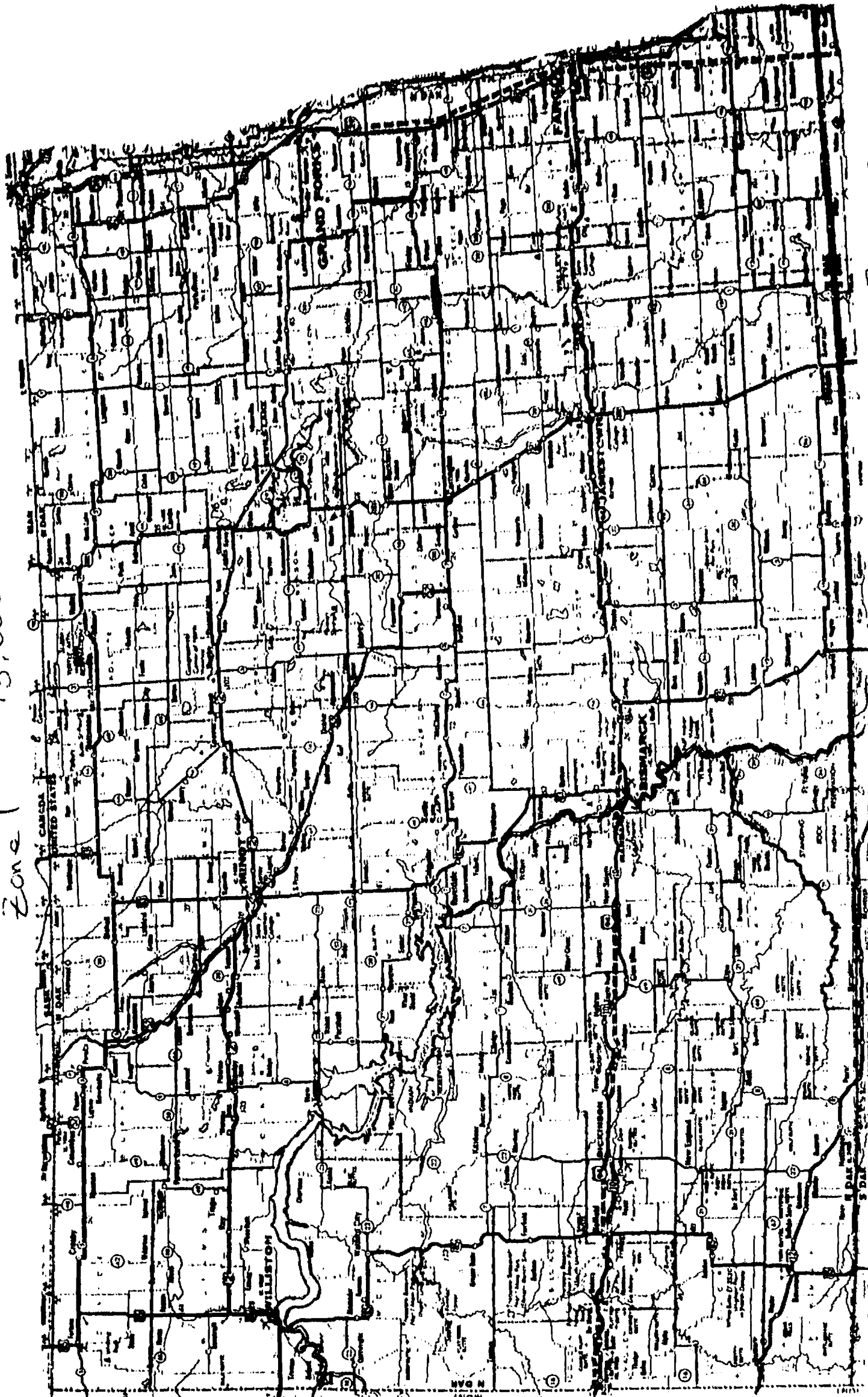
This bill would limit out of state waterfowl licenses. Why do we want to limit our growth potential?

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, I urge you to give this bill a do not pass recommendation.

Sincerely,

Carol Berntson

Zone 1 13,000



Zone 2

2500

Zone 3 8000

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MARCH 6, 2001 HB 1269 ON EXTENDING THE HUNTING SEASON FOR NON-RESIDENT HUNTER WAS DISCUSSED.

TOWNER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FEEL THAT PASSAGE OF THIS BILL TO NOT LIMIT THE NON RESIDENT HUNTERS TO 14 DAYS OF HUNTING IN THIS AREA WOULD BE A BENEFIT TO THE ECONOMY. THEY FEEL THIS IS A GOOD ECONOMIC RESOURCE FOR OUR AREA BUSINESSES. WITH THE DECLINE IN POPULATION IN OUR COUNTY AND WITH HOMES IN SMALL COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS FARM HOUSES THAT ARE VACANT, WE HAVE NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS WHO ARE PURCHASING HOMES AND RENTING HOMES WHEN THEY COME TO HUNT.

TOWNER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PASSED A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HD 1269 AND WOULD ASK YOU TO PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT TO IT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

For the record my name is Tim Finley, I'm from Oberon ND. Which is 37 miles SW of Devils Lake. I am a landowner, farmer, and sportsman. I am here to testify against bill number 1269. The 14-day limit on nonresident hunters was removed from zone 1 by this bill. The 14-day limit was very important to protect the resident hunter from wealthy corporations and hunting clubs, leasing and buying the surrounding staging areas used by waterfowl. It has worked very well in the past and should not be interfered with.

Last year in zone 1 there were about 12,000 nonresident license sold. This bill sets a limit of 13,000. At 12,000 we were overrun by nonresident hunters. I realize we have to share with our neighbors, but I don't think it has to be to this extent.

1999 and 2000 we had a tremendous duck population in Benson County, by the second week of the season most of them had been pushed out. Every waterfowl production area, wildlife management area, large slough, and small lake in our area had been shot out. The only concentration of ducks and geese left were in the large game refuges. Leaving little left for the resident hunters.

Economics and money from nonresidents seem to be the only concern of some, yet in 1999 and 2000 there were 35,447 small game licenses sold to N.D. residents, the residents buy everything for hunting in the state, including guns, ammo, hunting clothes etc. things the nonresidents bring with them.

The 35,447 resident hunters are right now the silent majority, but they are starting to grumble. They are the ones that vote and pay taxes in the state and should be given first consideration. It should be wildlife management not wildlife marketing.

Our young hunters need also to be guaranteed a place and opportunity to hunt. By removing the 14-day restrictions and being overrun by nonresident hunters their future in hunting N.D. is in jeopardy.

I hope you will compromise on this bill to make it fair for all sportsmen hunting in North Dakota.

ROLOFF RENTAL'S
6615 82nd St. SE
Kulm ND 58456

6 March 2001

TO: Senate Natural Resources Committee

RE: House Bill #1269

I and my husband own Roloff Rental's which specializes in providing rental of houses to out of state hunters at Kulm, North Dakota. We have been in business since 1996 and currently have two different locations.

We are concerned that the passing of House Bill #1269 in its current form will hurt our rental business. A loss of 20% of our clientel would definately be detrimental to our continued business.

In small towns throughout our area, we have seen economic development happening due to the increase in the number of out of state hunters. Undoubtedly this has a large economic impact not only for us who provide places for them to stay, but also for other businesses such as the cafe, grocery store, meat market, hotel, bar, and gas station. Many of these businesses have come to rely upon hunting season as an extra income for them.

Also, it does not appear that we have too many hunters in our area. We have not had a problem with overcrowding and welcome hunters. We have many ducks and geese, and according to current population trend, we will continue to have a very large huntable population of both. The game and fish department wants geese to be harvested in large numbers, ducks will likely get to have the same problem if they keep increasing. Hunter pressure is necessary to control the populations.

Our rental business is a suppliment for us as we are a young couple that is engaged in agriculture. We hope to continue living on the family farm. Our hunting rentals was one way we were able to bring in extra funds, and by doing so we were able to help not only ourselves but also the general business community and everyone knows how hard it is to make a living out in our smaller farming communities.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that House Bill #1269 receive a do not pass vote from the Senate Natural Resource Committee.

Thank You,



Cheri Roloff
Owner
Roloff Rental's

Dale's Hardware

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March 6, 2001

To ALL North Dakota Legislators !!

This letter is concerning Senate Bill #1269 and the impact it would have on the rural small town economy.

My Hardware Store has benefited greatly by the influx of non-resident hunters. The non-resident hunter spends by far more than the resident hunter in my store and throughout our town. Even losing 6 or 10 hunters would make a big difference.

Every year our town grows more and more with non-resident hunters. Not only are they coming to Kulm and spending money in my hardware store, the cafe, gas station, hotel and liquor establishment, they are also buying property in town and are returning to our community at other times of the year, other than just hunting season. Also, fishing is becoming a major reason for the non-resident to return to the small communities. I KNOW I can speak for all the surrounding small rural towns and say that if Senate Bill #1269 is passed, it would be "ANOTHER" major economic set back for the small towns. You as legislators need to be thinking more and more of the "Backbone" of North Dakota, which is the rural communities.

PLEASE give careful consideration to the negative impact the passing of this bill would be to the economic development of the small town before you vote for this bill. Also, please consider that many of these non-resident hunters have become our friends throughout the years.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Dale Anklev

PEOPLE'S MEAT MARKET
PO BOX 190
Kulm ND 58456

6 March 2001

TO: Senate Natural Resources Committee

RE: House Bill #1269

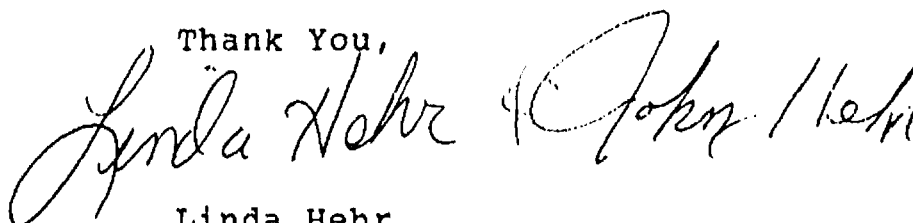
I and my husband own the People's Meat Market in Kulm, North Dakota. We are engaged in the processing of both domestic meats and wild game for private individuals. We also have a pizzeria and grocery business along with this. We are concerned that if this bill passes in its current form, that our business will be adversely affected due to a loss of business during the fall of the year.

Our meat market business has become to depend upon the business brought in in the fall by out of state hunters. We have worked with ND Game and Fish to help out of state hunters process their daily bag limits and to ship it home for them as allowed under federal regulations. We worked with the Game and Fish counsel to make sure that our business would not be engaging in an activity that would not be viewed favorably by our State Game and Fish Department. In fact, we were encouraged to assist out of state hunters in processing their game because there are so many ducks and geese. The population is large, in fact record numbers, that hunting pressure is necessary to have effective control.

We also sell groceries, meat, cheese, and pizza in good amounts to hunters in our area. Obviously if we were to take a 20% reduction or more in our business as the current bill would dictate, it would mean a substantial reduction in the revenues that we take in. It is hard enough to make a living in small towns without the loss of further revenues. Further, we would not be the only business or the only town that would loose money. All across south central North Dakota this loss would be felt.

I respectfully ask that House Bill #1269 receive a do not pass vote from the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Hehr".

Linda Hehr
Owner
People's Meat Market

My name is Bill Wood and I own the Woodhouse Restaurant in Bismarck. I am an avid sportsman, especially for waterfowl.

I am here to SUPPORT HB 1269 that would control the number and distribution of nonresident waterfowl hunters. The following are my reasons:

1. The quality of hunting for residents has greatly declined because of overcrowding. The number of nonresident waterfowlers has increased over 4 times in the last decade. Waterfowl are often concentrated in certain areas and with this dramatic increase in hunters, there is fierce competition for places to hunt.

2. Landowners are now complaining about the increased hunting pressure. I hear more say they are posting more land and saying no to hunting because of the increase in nonresidents.

3. More land is being leased by nonresidents or by residents to accommodate nonresidents. This leaves less land for residents to hunt on, especially if you cannot afford to pay hunting fees.

4. Increased hunting pressure from nonresidents is reducing the quality of ND's greatest asset, good and accessible hunting. I am from Iowa and a main reason I located here was the waterfowl hunting. I know of others who located here for this same reason. We talk about keeping our young people or attracting others to relocate here, but we are allowing one of our greatest attractions to be ruined by uncontrolled numbers of nonresidents. We don't have mountains or beaches or thousands of lakes, we do have some of the best waterfowl hunting in the country. Why let the value of one our best asset be lost to overcrowding.

5. Resident sportsmen, are paying most of the cost of good hunting and fishing in ND, not the businesses that are promoting more nonresidents. The Game and Fish Department does not receive general tax revenues and there is absolutely no support that comes from the business community. I live here for the opportunity to have good hunting, but I am being forced out by nonresidents. If businesses want to increase nonresident activity they need to start paying for the wildlife programs.

6. Nonresidents are here when the hunting is good and gone when it declines. Residents are here each and every year, paying taxes, voting and buying licenses. We need to ensure that the quality of hunting for residents is the top priority and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views. I urge you to help the resident North Dakota hunter by managing the numbers of nonresidents.

Legislative Assembly: Senate Natural Resources Committee.

After reading amendment 20.1-03-07, reducing out-of-state hunters to our area would be a financial loss to our small community. My wife and I own & operate a cafe & steakhouse adjacent to a long, leading alley motel, & supermarket. We depend on these hunters to provide added income, as do other businesses in our community. Income that is needed to survive when business is slowed by winter.

Reducing out-of-state hunters at a time when waterfowl numbers are at record highs is not understandable. We should have more licenses available when waterfowl is plentiful.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter.

Owners of Prairie Winds Restaurant
Wishek, ND

Adrian Dewald
Maryann Dewald

TO: Senate Natural Resources Committee

RE: Hare Bill #1269

Referring to house Bill H B 1269
I own a small business in the
town of Wishek, Come fall when
hunting season opens up.

My business increases by 50%.
So I am hoping, you won't
destroy this for me.

It's hard enough to make ends
meet, so don't try & hurt us
any more.

Bernie's Lounge
Wishek, N. D
Bernice Nagel



Ogren House Rentals

PO Box 856

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djogren@bektel.com

To: Senator Thomas Fischer and Natural Resources Committee

From: David and Janine Ogren, Ogren House Rentals Owners

March 07, 2001

Re: HB 1269 Do Not Pass Vote Request

We respectfully request Do Not Pass votes from all senators on the Natural Resources Committee.

We own and operate two licensed lodges and manage a third lodge in Wishek, North Dakota. We started the business in 1999 to supplement our incomes and were looking forward to making our third year profitable. Now, with the possibility of restrictions on out-of-state hunting licenses, our business may show a loss rather than a profit for 2001.

Ninety percent of our business comes from out-of-state hunters. In our two years in business, we have purchased two lodging facilities as well as computer equipment and a web site to promote our business. We obtained a loan to finance the start-up expenses of the business and rely on the 2001 hunting season to repay the loan.

It has been our experience that the hunters whom we have had stay in our facilities have almost always obtained their limits on a daily basis. There has never been any indication of anything but an abundance of wildlife for hunting, including ducks, grouse, and pheasants.

Almost all of the hunters who have stayed in our facilities have ties to North Dakota. They are either former North Dakota residents or have family in the Wishek area. It would be unfortunate for them to be unable to obtain hunting licenses, especially when they were born and raised in North Dakota. We have three sons and hope that if they choose to follow the trend of young North Dakotans and move out of state that they will be able to return to North Dakota and purchase North Dakota hunting licenses.

We urge you to vote Do Not Pass on HB 1269.

Janine Ogren



P. O. Box 306 · Wishek, ND 58495

To: Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

From: City of Wishek

Date: March 7, 2001

Subject: House Bill No. 1269

This hunting bill is bad for North Dakota Tourism and the Economic Development of rural communities in this state.

Our small rural communities have an opportunity for new wealth and new economy.

The passage of this bill will greatly affect the business community of Wishek because many are dependent on this outside money.

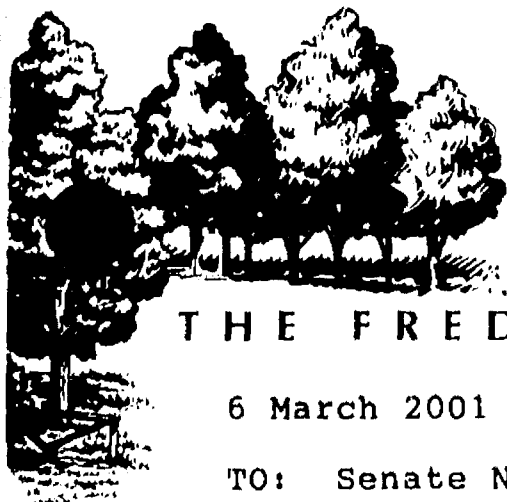
My question, Do we want all our small communities to dry up??

I ask that you vote NO on House Bill 1269.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jonna H. Hochhalter'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'J' and a trailing flourish.

Jonna H. Hochhalter
Mayor
City of Wishek



THE FREDONIA LODGE • THE FARM HOUSE

6 March 2001

TO: Senate Natural Resources Committee

RE: House Bill #1269

In McIntosh, Logan, Dickey, and LaMoure Counties, there is over 45,000 acres of land open to public hunting. These acres are provided by the Kulm Wetlands Management District. This land is within a 50 mile radius of the Fredonia Lodge in Fredonia, pop. 63 and The Farmhouse near Kulm, pop. 530. This area, known as the prairie pothole region has many hundreds of small and large bodies of water. All of the small towns in this area benefit from the waterfowl hunters who come here. They patronize the cafes, gas stations, bars, hardware stores, and grocery stores. They benefit the state, buying hunting licenses. The Fredonia Lodge and The Farmhouse pay license fees and collect sales tax for the state, as do others.

This is an industry that is still growing. It brings money into the state and benefits small towns, which we all want to keep viable. Out of state hunters are eager to come here, they are happy to leave their money behind. I have asked several if they met other hunters while hunting. Their reply was perhaps one group or none. There are still not too many waterfowl hunters here.

I respectfully ask that House Bill #1269 receive a do not pass vote from the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

Thank You,

Marjorie Flegel, manager

Marjorie Flegel
Manager

To Whom it may concern:

This is a note concerning HB 1269 having to do with out of state hunters.

If These numbers are fewer it will affect the amount of traffic & business that we see in our local communities.

We already are seeing declining traffic in our small towns due to declining population in rural communities. The out of state hunters that travel through our state do add revenue to the local businesses in small communities.

It may not seem like a large amount of business but the biggest percent of our business is repeat customers that live in the local community. It is nice to see new business, coming from these out of state hunters, added to our local businesses.

Please do not reduce the number of out of state hunters for North Dakota.

Allen Baunig author

Supervisor - Farmers Union Oil Co
Wishek ND.

Wishek Job Development Authority

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March 7, 2001

TO: Members of the Senate
Natural Resources Committee

RE: HB 1269

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of efforts to kill HB1269, which deals with limiting the number of non-resident waterfowl licenses in North Dakota.

I do not hunt, therefore I can't speak from that perspective. However, I am aware of the concerns of hunting enthusiasts, and the emotional nature of hunting issues relative to fee hunting, posting land and non-residents encroaching on land that has historically been considered "there for the locals." Those are issues to be dealt with, to be sure. However I view HB1269 as an economic issue as much as a hunting issue. It is from that perspective that I write this letter.

As an economic development coordinator for my community the past two years, and a Wishek business owner for nine years prior to that, I have had countless discussions with business owners about how tough economic times have become. This isn't news to anyone who has spent time in rural North Dakota. The people are no longer here in numbers sufficient to allow the economic growth many of our business owners have experienced in the past, and they're feeling it.

Money makes the world go 'round. It always has and it always will. Businesses everywhere are getting pinched by higher operating costs, higher cost of goods, higher wages to employees. Small town business owners struggle even more because they must also deal with a shrinking customer base and an increasing lack of loyalty among the customers they have left.

Our economy needs new dollars injected into it. Non-resident hunters have had a significant impact on my local business community, from the grocery store to the gas pump. We have three restaurants, three bars, a hotel, three gas stations and about a dozen property owners who provide lodging to hunting parties who are the direct beneficiaries of these people. They choose to come to North Dakota to vacation, to relax and recreate, and to spend money. These dollars turn in our community a while before leaving, and they are having a positive impact. If HB1269 successfully restricts the number of non-resident licenses, it stands to reason that our community will see fewer non-resident hunters, fewer rooms rented, fewer meals and beverages consumed, fewer gallons of gas pumped and fewer rings of the famous Wishek sausage purchased.

I know for a fact there are a staggering number of deer and waterfowl in this region of the state, so the issue of there not being enough hunting for everyone is a weak one, in my opinion. As I said, do take a look

at whether or not fee hunting and posting land is causing problems for resident hunters. But please do that separately from this bill.

Recreational tourism—hunting and fishing—is the most dominant and abundant natural resource this part of North Dakota has. It is the purest form of economic development I can see for my region, and we need the freedom to promote it.

Respectfully,



Tom Lovik

Wishek Job Development Authority

D BAR LODGE
6603 County Road 66
Kulm ND 58456

7 March 2001

RE: Senate Natural Resources Committee

RE: House Bill #1269

I am the owner of the D Bar Cattle Company at Kulm, North Dakota which is located in South Central North Dakota. As a suppliment to ranch income, we remodeled a bunkhouse and turned it into a hunting lodge. This coming season will be our first year in business.

I never thought that a business venture of mine would be placed in jeopardy because of legislation, especially one which was tied into an agricultural business. My family has been ranching in North Dakota for over 100 years, but economic conditions have forced us to look at different types of income and diversity on our ranch.

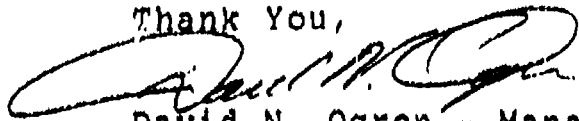
I also hunt, my family has a long tradition of hunting in our area. What I don't understand is that it is being claimed that there isn't any place left to hunt. I have not seen this problem. I have not run into anyone else or have had my hunting area overrun by other out of state hunters. Ducks, we have record numbers of ducks. Currently there are more ducks then we have hunting pressure for. I just don't see where the problems are that #1269 was created to cure.

I have seen in our area other family farmers starting hunting related businesses as a way to suppliment there incomes. There is no question that making a living on a farm or ranch is a lot harder then it used to be and that the opportunities to diversify are few, so why when we develope a business should we have legislation that could destroy it?

Currently #1269 will reduce the number of out of state hunters in our area by at least 20%. That is our profit margin, without it I don't know if we could afford to run a lodge. We already have reservations for this fall and I was looking forward to a good season. I don't want to loose that income and I have already had some of our hunters questioning what will happen if this bill becomes law and how their party will be effected.

I don't think the time for this bill has come. If I saw that there was a problem, I would agree with it, but there is no problem in our area. I respectfully ask that House Bill #1269 receive a do not pass vote from the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

Thank You,



David N. Ogren - Manager
D Bar Lodge

D & A LOUNGE
3 Centennial St. N.
Wishek ND 58495

7 March 2001

TO: Senate Natural Resources Committee

RE: House Bill #1269

I am the owner of the D & A Lounge in Wishek, North Dakota. Wishek is a smaller rural community in South Central North Dakota. I am concerned with the above entitled legislative bill because it proposes to limit the number of out of state waterfowl hunting licenses that would be issued by our state.

I believe that the out of state hunters, that come in every year, boost our local economy. I know that my business definately benefites from it and I don't want to see this disappear.

I respectfully ask that House Bill #1269 receive a do not pass vote from the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

Thank You,



Dale Aipperspach
Owner
D & A Lounge

March 7, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

I think that the bill is a bad idea. Small towns like Wishek really enjoy tourism and any publicity that we may receive. The hunters have brought a lot of revenue to many Wishek businesses. These businesses also enjoy and welcome these hunters who continue to patronize their establishments. They welcome the hunters with a week or two filled with relaxation, good food, and small town fun. Therefore, I think we should not limit how many licenses we are giving out to hunters.

Sincerely

Mary Wald

Mary Wald

Association of Commerce President

Senate Natural Resources Committee:

In behalf of the North Dakota Professional Guides and Outfitters Association I would like to express the following viewpoints on HB1269:

1. The Guides and Outfitters Association was opposed to this Bill in its original form before the House Natural Resources Committee. Only in its present Engrossed version did we move our position from opposed to neutral. It should now be noted that if considering any further amendments to be placed upon this Bill, that would be detrimental to the operations of Guides and Outfitters, would cause us once again to take up a position of strong opposition to this proposed Legislation.
2. The Guides and Outfitters Association does still have individual members that would want us to testify as opposed to this Bill even in its present amended form. The Association respects the individual members rights to testify in opposition to this Bill and encourages these individual Guides to do so at the Senate Natural Resources Committee Hearing.
3. HB1269 as amended calls for a season long Non-resident waterfowl license in Zone 1. This seems to be in sharp contrast to the intent of the Bill which was to restrict Non-resident waterfowl hunting traffic in the State of ND. The Guides and Outfitters Association would like the committee to seriously consider removing this portion of the Bill as we feel this would cause Non-residents to lease large chunks of land if they were able to obtain season long licenses.

Thanks for your consideration,

James L Nagel

Lobbyist Registration #369



"VARIETY IN HUNTING AND FISHING"

NORTH DAKOTA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

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North Dakota Game and Fish Department Testimony House Bill 1269

This bill involves setting up a zone system for nonresident waterfowl hunters and sets a quota for each zone. The Department is neutral on this legislation. If the Department would establish a restrictive system like this through the Governor's proclamation for waterfowl hunting, we would be accused of being anti-economic development in a state that needs all the economic help it can get. By having a liberal nonresident licensing system like we have, the Department is accused of not helping resident hunters and of wanting the money from the nonresident license sales. This is a controversial policy decision for the State of North Dakota and we welcome your help in making it. This bill may be a tool you want to use.

Attached you will find a zone map and a listing to the 1999 and 2000 nonresident waterfowl license sales information compared to the zone limits in this bill. As you can see, only zones 2 and 3 would see a reduction in license sales to nonresidents. The Department's licensing system will be able to handle this zone system with few changes and little additional cost. Since two of these units will probably reach their maximum number, licenses will not be available locally for nonresident hunters.

The fiscal note shows a reduction of \$190,000 per biennium for the Game and Fish Department. This reduction will not have a significant impact on Department operations. Revenue from nonresident hunting license sales will continue at a very high level.

One point needs to be clarified for this bill. On page 1, lines 15 and 16, nonresidents are allowed to have two 7 day hunting periods in a specified zone. For example, a nonresident hunter may hunt for 7 days in October in Zone 3 and for another 7 day period in November. The Department's interpretation is that because of the quota system, nonresidents will only be able to hunt in one zone. We would like some guidance on this if you want us to handle this in any other manner.

Conflict with HB 1468 – HB 1468 establishes a 14 day period for nonresident small game licenses. HB 1269 states, "a combination nonresident all season waterfowl and nonresident small game hunting license allows hunting in zone 1." Does it allow all season hunting for both waterfowl and small game in zone 1 or can the nonresident hunt small game statewide all season long or for 14 days only?

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HB 1269
Nonresident Waterfowl Hunting Licenses

HB 1269 divides North Dakota into three zones and sets maximum nonresident waterfowl hunter levels for each. See the attached map of the zones. The bill significantly cuts the number of nonresident waterfowl hunters in zones 2 and 3. It increases the number of licenses in zone 1.

	<u>HB 1269</u>	<u>1999 Level(Est.)</u>	<u>2000 Level (Est.)</u>
Zone 1	13,000	11,000	12,500
Zone 2	2,500	2,800	3,175
Zone 3	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,200</u>	<u>9,325</u>
Total	23,500	22,000	25,000

HB 1269 establishes two new licenses for zone 1 only. These are a nonresident all season waterfowl hunting license costing \$130 and a combination nonresident all season waterfowl and small game hunting license costing \$170. These all season licenses are not available for zones 2 and 3.

Related Bill

The current fee for the 14 day nonresident waterfowl and small game license is \$85. HB 1269 does not change this but HB 1468 does. HB 1468 makes major changes in the nonresident small game and waterfowl licensing system. Currently a nonresident who has the Certificate, general game and habitat license(\$10), a small game license(\$75) and a 14 day waterfowl license(\$10) can hunt for a total cost of \$95. A nonresident who hunts upland game, but not waterfowl must pay \$85 for licenses. HB 1468 changes this so that a nonresident who hunts both upland game and waterfowl would pay \$140. Those hunting only waterfowl would pay \$95 and those hunting only upland game would pay \$95. This would be an insignificant change for those hunting only upland game or only waterfowl. It would be an increase of \$45 for those who hunt both.

HB 1468 also limits nonresident upland game hunters to 14 days per license. More than one license may be purchased per year. Currently nonresident upland game hunters may hunt the entire season. HB 1468 also increases nonresident fishing licenses starting in 2002.

Supporters View of HB 1269

Supporters of this bill are mainly from the southern half of the state. These folks strongly believe that there are far too many nonresident waterfowl hunters in North Dakota. The strongest support seems to be from the Bismarck and Jamestown areas. Supporters think that

many North Dakota residents are being pushed out of their places to hunt by nonresident hunters and by hunting guides who are leasing prime waterfowl areas for their mainly nonresident customers.

Opponents View of HB 1269

Opponents state that rural North Dakota needs economic help and that the fall hunting seasons are a tremendous boost to local businesses. It not only has helped existing businesses, but it has resulted in the construction of lodges and creation of new jobs to support the hunting guide operations.

Note: Both sides made strong appearances at the House Natural Resources committee hearing. Also note that this is a people(resident vs. nonresident) issue, not a wildlife resource issue. Waterfowl populations and water conditions are at record high levels.

DEVILS LAKE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Date: March 8, 2001

Subject: HB 1269

From: Devils Lake Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Committee

To: Chairman Tom Fisher and Senate Natural Resource Committee Members

The Devils Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and the Devils Lake Tourism Committee are recommending a do not pass on HB1269. Although there are pieces of this Bill we would support alone, the Bill in its present form has the potential to hurt our efforts at developing and maintaining the tourism industry related to waterfowl hunting for both nonresident and resident hunters in our state. As part of our testimony, I have included two articles that recently appeared in our organization's membership newsletter. These articles address the issues related to resident/nonresident hunter conflict from our perspective. The following is a list of why we oppose this Bill:

- When using the year 2000 season estimated numbers, this Bill is a net loss of over 4,000 nonresident hunters. Given the historically high water levels throughout the state, which effectively distributes hunters over a wider geographic area, we feel that there is room for an expansion, not a reduction, of total number of hunters.
- We also believe that if a cap on total nonresident hunters is at some point initiated the cap should be statewide and not by zones. This would allow communities, hunting outfitters or businesses equal opportunity to attract the nonresident customer to their area or business. The community of Devils Lake, which has invested significant amounts of our tourism promotional money developing this area of tourism and the businesses in this area who have shifted their business plans to accommodate these nonresident tourist, should not be unfairly penalized for being successful. State government should not be in the business of directing our customers to other areas of the State.
- Under the Bill's emergency clause nonresident hunters who have secured next year's accommodations or outfitters with a deposit may not be guaranteed a license.
- Hunters who hunt with a group or family members from this state may not get a license. This could cause us to lose the entire party of hunters to another state or our Canadian competition.

For these reasons, it is the position of our organization that this committee recommend a do not pass. Thank you for the opportunity to present our testimony.

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"Battle is Brewing Over Out-of-State Hunters" A community economic development perspective

Part I

By Randy Frost

**Devils Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
Executive Vice-president**

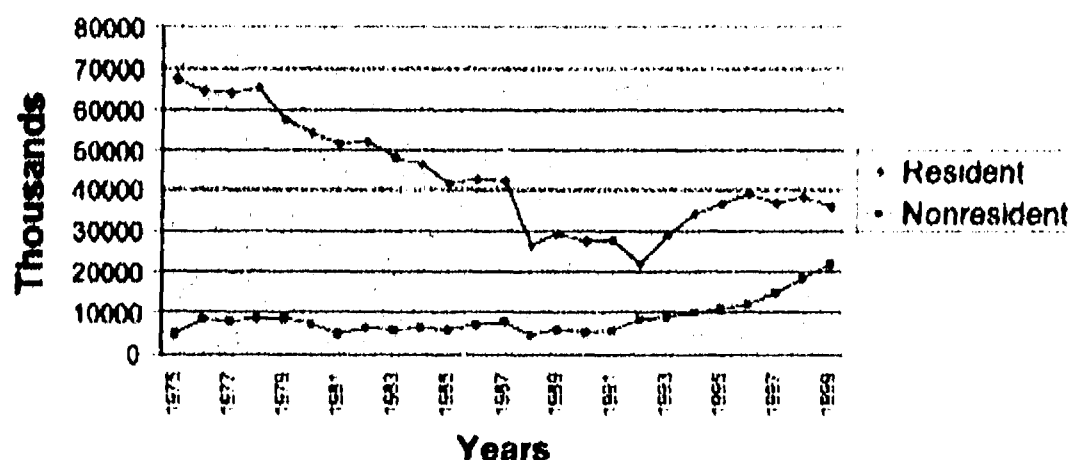
Over the last seven years our region has suffered from a yearly flood fight. The opposition to managing the water and minimizing damage has effectively blocked any efforts by the Lake Region. We have weathered many years of agricultural downturns. Out-migration from the rural areas to the larger cities or out-of-state continues to be a problem. Given these realities, the Chamber's Tourism Committee, the Chamber Board of Directors, Spirit Lake Tribe, business owners from all over the basin and farmers have begun a transition. We are trying to use the lake and all the water in the basin as an asset not a liability. This effort has produced strong and steady growth in our tourism industry. It has generated millions of dollars annually into our economy. Just as important, it has helped many of the smaller communities and helped to diversify farm operations.

Unfortunately, our new efforts are under attack. Sportsmen organizations from the Highway 94 communities feel that out-of-state hunters and, to a lesser degree, fishermen are negatively impacting their ability to hunt or fish in the State. They feel that the hunters from other states are leasing or buying land and they also feel that the sheer numbers of hunters are creating way too much competition for the available resources. In fairness to these organizations and their membership there probably is a little truth to both arguments, but there is much more to the story than they present.

We know that their membership is made-up of hard working North Dakotans, who raise their families, support their communities and pay their taxes. They can and should have a voice in the direction the hunting tradition is headed. All we are asking is that they consider working with the people who live here year around and not just during the hunting or fishing seasons. These groups have hired lobbyist stationed in Bismarck supporting restrictive legislation or they oppose legislation that will enhance our tourism efforts.

Let us talk about some of their complaints. Many hunters from North Dakota feel that we have too many hunters in the field, particularly from out-of-state. Take a look at the graph below. As you can see in 1975-1979 we averaged approximately 65,000 resident hunters and 8,000 non-residents for a total of 73,000 hunters. In 1999 we had about 39,000 resident hunters and 22,000 non-residents for a total of 61,000 hunters. As you can see there are 12,000 fewer hunters in our state then in the late 70's. For years I have heard that the reason resident hunters quit hunting was because of non-resident competition. The graph clearly shows that resident hunters fell dramatically during the time of few non-resident hunters. Non-resident hunters have been blamed unfairly for this decline and in fact seem to be more loyal/die-hard waterfowl sportsmen than our own local hunters. Even during low water periods and the steel shot controversy they continued to visit the state.

Waterfowl Hunters North Dakota



(The resident/nonresident waterfowl hunter numbers are from the Game and Fish Department).

In Part II, I will continue this discussion and talk about land leasing, economic impacts and the revenue generated for our Game & Fish Department from non-resident hunters. In closing, I hope you will remember that our most famous non-resident hunter was Teddy Roosevelt. He fell in love with this State (Territory) and had a big impact on our history. Hunting and fishing may be the marketing tool that will bring the next big company to North Dakota. We can talk about our state's quality of life all we want, but if nobody sees it, they will not move here.

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"Battle is Brewing Over Out-of-State Hunters" A community economic development perspective

Part II

By Randy Frost

**Devils Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
Executive Vice-president**

In last month's Part I article, I discussed the growing conflict between resident hunters and nonresident hunters and the businesses and communities dependent on the revenue generated from these visitors. As I indicated last month the truth is we have far fewer hunters in the state than we did in the late 70's. During this period we had almost 12,000 more waterfowl hunters in the field than we do today. What is bothering the resident hunter is that the percentage of nonresident hunters is much closer. If you are trying to hunt a field or pothole and the guy that beats you to the spot is a North Dakotan you don't get as frustrated as when the license plate is from Minnesota or Wisconsin. The net result in both cases is that you will not be hunting there but it makes people feel better if there is a bad guy.

I have been reviewing some of the material distributed by the North Dakota Sportsmen's Alliance; they appear to be the most aggressive group trying to limit access to nonresidents. I have read through their material and for the most part I think the statistics they use are accurate but I question their projections for the future. A case in point is their projection of the number of nonresident hunters they say will be in the state by 2010. They believe there will be approximately 50,000 nonresidents by 2005 and they believe there will be more than 88,000 by 2010. This is just not realistic. Where would these hunters stay? We do not have enough motel rooms in the waterfowl hunting areas most frequented by nonresidents to exceed the numbers we are currently attracting. I believe we are close to peaking for nonresidents. Any change in waterfowl numbers or habitat will probably reduce the current number of nonresidents.

They also compare out state with South Dakota, Montana and Colorado, as far as restrictions to nonresidents. South Dakota limits the number of nonresidents waterfowl hunters to 4,000 licenses. What they do not tell you is that this state attracts more than 70,000 nonresident pheasant hunters. An agreement has been struck to balance local/nonresident hunters between these two game species. Can you imagine the battle in South Dakota if there was an effort to severely restrict nonresident pheasant hunters? In Colorado they highlight a cap on elk tags in the first 30 years. Comparing North Dakota

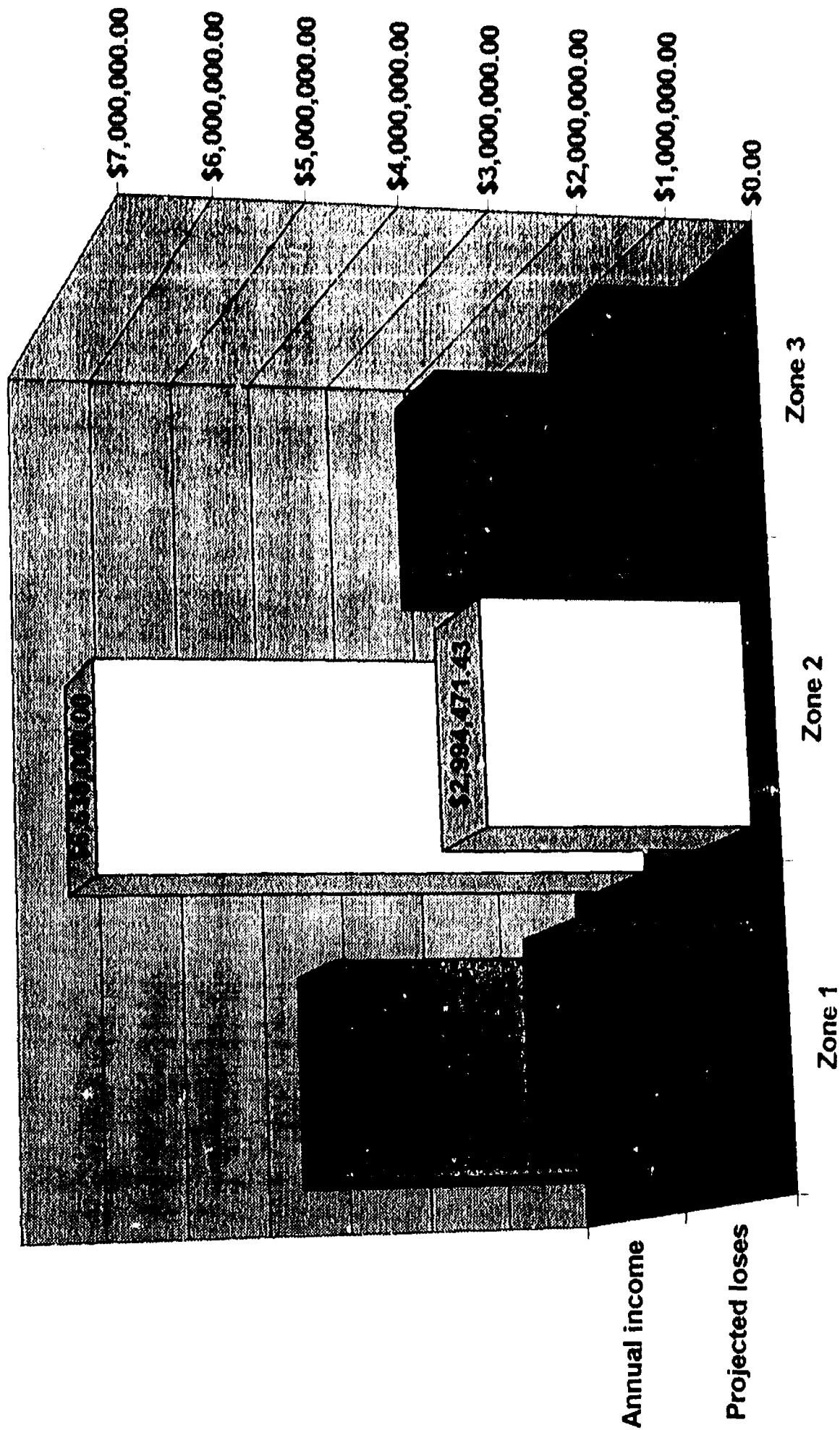
to Colorado is ridiculous. The population growth and urban expansion in that state over the last 30 years is one of the highest in the nation. If our state or our communities were growing at their pace we would not be so dependent on hunters/fisherman to help support our economy.

What is the economic impact of nonresident waterfowl hunting to our state's economy? I will use the same figures that the Sportsmen's Alliance use. They estimate there were approximately 26,000 nonresident hunters in our state. If each hunter spent \$705/hunter/season this would generate a total of \$18,330,000. This infusion of new dollars into our state (using the most conservative multiplier of 3) has a 55 million dollar impact. It is important to note that most of this 55 million is spent in rural North Dakota where our economy is in the most trouble. Small towns with a motel, gas station, hardware store or cafe see economic activity that they just would not see if not for the nonresident hunter. Hunters are also offering farmers an opportunity to diversify their operations. Hunting lodges, guide services and fee hunting, although not popular with resident hunters, is creating new economic activity on farms and in small towns.

An additional benefit to our state from these visitors is the economic impact to our Game and Fish Department. During most of the late 70's and through the mid 90's we averaged about 6,000 nonresident hunters per year. Their licenses generated about \$570,000 annually. With the current 26,000 licenses sold it generates \$2,470,000 annually. Our Game and Fish Department is one of the best in the country but for them to do their job takes revenue. I am sure that some of the money generated by out of state hunting licenses has helped with habitat restoration, education programs and maintaining high quality personnel. A significant loss in revenue by a decrease in nonresident hunters will have to be made up with increases in our licenses or a reduction in Game and Fish programs.

In conclusion, I hope our members will continue to support our efforts at maintaining reasonable access for our visiting waterfowlers. Any discussion of limiting the access to our region is going to meet with stiff opposition from our organization. Losing this battle could cost our region millions of dollars annually let's not let it happen.

Motel Revenue



Chairman Fischer, members of the Natural Resource Committee. I'm JeriLynn Hidalgo, owner of Omega Motel in LaMoure, ND. I have been asked to represent a portion of the lodging industry in North Dakota. Speaking in behalf of over 1000 business owners that would be directly affected by House Bill 1269.

After polling over 1000 hotels, motels, Bed and Breakfasts, Inns and lodges, most of which are in the rural communities, the results of the poll are as follows:

- 98% were completely opposed
- 1.9% felt it would not impact their business in either direction
- 1 individual was in favor of House Bill 1269 (Zone 1)

Of the 98% opposed to the bill, the vast majority expressed grave concern of being able to stay open after the reduction, or so-called caps put on nonresident waterfowl licensing.

For example:

My motel receives 50% of its annual income from nonresident hunters. This equates to over \$60,000 annually or \$3,000 of state tax revenue.

The *Ragged Butte* ^{Alexander} located in ^{Alexander} relies heavily on nonresident hunters consisting of 90% of his annual revenue.

The Sheyenne Valley Lodge located in Goodrich, ND generates \$250,000 annual revenue from nonresident hunters alone. This is over \$12,000 in tax revenue for the state of North Dakota.

The Dakota Inn located in Jamestown, ND will lose 20% of its annual business.

As you can see from the brief examples given, a significant amount of revenue are directly affected by House Bill 1269 will directly affect revenues.

Our poll indicates conservatively 50% of the lodging industry revenues are generated from nonresident hunters. That equates to \$315,000 of state tax revenues identified in our poll alone.

(6,000,000 in waterfowl income)

Some would have you believe that House Bill 1269 only slightly reduces the number of nonresident hunters annually. However, proposed Zone 2's cap of 2,500 of the 8,000 expected annually falls short by 5,500.

Additionally, failure of one hunter's ability to acquire a license can result in an entire group of hunters going elsewhere for their recreation.

To quote one of the many letters received:

On behalf of my 8 hunting partners, relatives and me. I wanted to thank you for the last 4 years of your hospitality. It was a pleasure staying in your communities while we went duck hunting, goose hunting, and fishing each October. It saddens me that your State Senators, State Representatives, and Game and Fish Department have determined that you are independently wealthy and as a result, will no longer welcome the majority of nonresident hunters and fall fishermen in your area.

It is with great concern for the state of North Dakota as well as rural North Dakota that we are asking for your support in defeating House Bill 1269.

Nonresident waterfowl hunting has become an economic boost for rural North Dakota. It

may not be obvious to this committee just how devastating House Bill 1269 will be to rural North Dakota communities.

The loss of revenue from license fees may not affect the Fish and Game Department that much but licensing fees are only a small part of what nonresident hunters spent in this state. The money earned from lodging, meals, gas, supplies and souvenirs is helping rural areas survive.

We believe that hunting is one of North Dakota's major exports. House Bill 1269 puts that export in serious risk and has absolutely no value added for the state of North Dakota.

Why risk the fate of rural North Dakota for little or no return.

Thank you Chairman Fischer and Senate Natural Resource Committee for your time. We urge you to give House Bill 1269 a "do not pass" recommendation.

NORTH Country Lodge

(Sept. 20 thru Nov 10, 2000)

42 PERSONS/day ($\frac{3}{4}$ cap.)

x 50 days

= 2,100 hunter days

2,100 hunter days

x 75⁰⁰ - MEALS, GAS, Ammo, groceries, drinks
= 157,500⁰⁰

2,100 x 40⁰⁰

40⁰⁰/day Lodging @ NCLodge
84,000⁰⁰

157,500⁰⁰

+ 84,000⁰⁰

= 241,500⁰⁰ in MEDINA

95⁰⁰ Licensing (NDSGF)

525

49,975⁰⁰

49,975⁰⁰

As you can see, this bill will 2
devistate our community if it passes.

The loan on North Country Lodge
was achieved by receiving a
Low interest loan given by
Bank of North Dakota for the
~~sole~~ purpose of economic development
and creating jobs.

{ PLEASE VOTE NO on HB 1269 }

* NOTE; There are 3 other
Lodging Facilities in and around
Medina that aren't figured in
Page 1.

THANK you Joe
Schmidt
Pres.

LaMoure Chamber of Commerce

LaMoure, North Dakota 58458

March 5, 2001

To Whom it May Concern,

It is with the greatest concern for the community of LaMoure and its surrounding area, as well as for the economy of all of rural North Dakota, that we are asking for your support for a "NO" Vote on HB #1269.

Non-Resident waterfowl hunting has become an economic boost for rural North Dakota. It seems rather urban-like to take what rural North Dakota has made into new economic development for rural areas and small towns, and try to restrict or put a cap on its growth. This Bill will not affect larger cities of the state, but it will have a dramatic impact on rural areas.

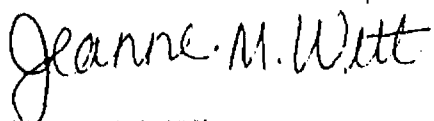
The reasons given for this Bill seem inappropriate at this time. Why reduce the number of out of state hunters when the waterfowl population is at an all time high? It is so high, in fact, that we have a non-restricted spring goose season.

The loss of revenue from license fees may not affect the State Game and Fish Department that much, but licensing fees are only a small part of what the non-resident hunter spends in this state. The money earned from lodging, meals, gas, supplies and souvenirs is helping rural areas survive. Hunters return during other times of the year to visit or vacation in these small, friendly communities.

Keep North Dakota on the map. Let's not forget that many of these "non-residents" were once our children, who have been forced to leave this fine state because of a lack of good jobs or opportunities to raise a family here. Now with HB #1269, we want to restrict their return back to their home state to hunt.

Support rural North Dakota with a "NO" vote on HB #1269.

Sincerely,



Jeanne M. Witt
LaMoure Chamber & Retailers, President



Oakes Area Chamber of Commerce

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March 2001

From: Oakes Area Chamber of Commerce

Re: HB 1269

To: Thomas Flecher
Chairman, Natural Resources Committee

The Oakes Area Chamber of Commerce would like to request that you consider carefully your vote on HB 1269 concerning the reduction of non-resident hunting licenses in the southern sector of North Dakota.

This area of our state is well known for the plentiful wildlife population and the good hunting that wildlife population brings. Hunting in our area is of economic benefit not only to the lodging, gas, and eating facilities but it also produces revenue for the retail sector. We have in the past few years seen an increase in hunting lodges to accommodate our out-of-state hunters. These lodges are good for our area and good for business in our small communities, bringing valuable out-of-state dollars to our retail establishments.

This area of our state would see a severe decline in our economy if this bill were to be made into law. A potential twenty percent (20%) hit in the pocketbook of any rural business could mean the demise of many small enterprises.

It does not seem right, in our estimation, to reduce out-of-state licenses in the southern sector of our state and increase them in the northern sector. We feel it is not necessary to reduce the number of out-of-state licenses issued in any area of North Dakota but continue as we have in the past.

Therefore the Oakes Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, acting on behalf of the membership, has voted requesting our legislature to defeat HB 1269, and let our businesses thrive and grow by enabling us to continue to serve our out-of-state hunters as we have always done.

Sincerely,

Marlene Bohannon, President
Oakes Area Chamber of Commerce



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To the Senators and Representatives of the North Dakota Legislature:

I would like to express my grave concern over the passage in the House of Representatives of HB 1269. I feel this bill is a detriment to the economic development dollars from tourism and recreation. If we limit the number of available nonresident licenses for waterfowl, this could severely impact many of the small, rural communities who depend on the income from hunters during hunting season. I believe there are more than enough ducks and geese to fulfill the current number of licenses and do not believe that cutting back on the number is an intelligent thing to do.

In this state, we are trying to promote tourism and recreation as a way of bringing in more out-of-state money for economic development and growth. To me, passage of this bill is the exact opposite goal of what we have been trying to do. If we limit the number of licenses, there will be less money and people coming into the state. It is also important to remember that there will be less money coming to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, and if we want to continue to grow tourism, they play a big part in this game. With the depletion of the license funds, they cannot be as effective in this arena than if they had the funds to work with.

I think it is important to realize that we need to consider all of the people who might be affected by this bill, not just a few local hunters or land owners who do not want to share the bounty, of which there is more than enough. I live in the South Central area of the state, and there is no lack of ducks or geese anywhere in this region, and if they are not harvested properly, there are many more problems attached to that scenario.

Please seriously consider the long-term consequences of this bill and veto it in the Senate. We need to have people who are thinking of the welfare of all the citizens, not just a few selfish ones!

Sincerely,

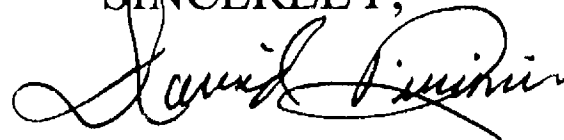
Becky Meidinger
Ashley City Coordinator

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

NON-RESIDENT WATERFOWL HUNTERS GIVE A BIG BOOST TO THE SMALL TOWN ECONOMY THROUGH THEIR SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL BUSINESSES. OUR SMALL TOWN DOESN'T HAVE ANY VACANT HOUSES BECOMING "EYE-SORES". NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS ARE THE REASON. THEY HAVE PURCHASED THESE HOMES, MADE THEM LIVABLE, KEEP UP THE YARDS, PAY TAXES, AND PAY WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE TO THE CITY.

I OWN AN RV PARK IN GACKLE, ND. I PUT IN THE FACILITY AS A SERVICE I THOUGHT THE COMMUNITY NEEDED. I NEVER INTENDED IT TO BE A "MONEY MAKER". BUT A BIG THANK YOU TO THE NON-RESIDENT WATERFOWL HUNTERS. THE PAST TWO YEARS THE RV PARK HAS DONE WELL SOLELY DUE TO THESE HUNTERS. I LOOK FORWARD EACH YEAR FOR THEIR RETURN.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David Rivinius". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping underline.

DAVID RIVINIUS

From Duane L. Wilcox
City Center Motel
Devils Lake, ND, 58301

To Whom it may concern: I was asked what I thought on the matter of the legislative bill # 1269, and my feelings are that it should be stopped and study for some time as it doesn't take in the effects that it has on the local people trying to make a living in this state and especially in our part of the state.

I feel that if this bill was given more time to be studied, it could come out with some economical value to the state and to the small towns that make a living during the months of Sep. thru Nov. , many of the small and medium motels have a great need for the hunters and this makes our year.

As the price of natural gas will not go down to the overages of last year, we now need this business more than ever, and not have it taken away by some who are just interested in their own small part of the state, also who use any and all confusion and untruths.

At this time I feel that I can speak for the motel of this community of which there are seven in Devils Lake, with a large part of the employment of this city.

Thank You.

Duane L. Wilcox
Duane L. Wilcox, Owner and Manager

5.02.01

Natural Resource Committee:

In Response to Measure # 1269, We at Danis Place-
Gackle N.D. are completely Against This Measure.

Dani and I are the owners of Danis Place- Bar and
Lounge In Gackle N.D.. We have a lot of out of state hunters that
frequent our facility. We own a bar-lounge- Restaurant business and
successfully need all their business. Gackle has a population of
approximately 300 People. Most of these People work Elsewhere such as
a town which is 40 miles away. Thus we are a Bedroom
community. The Only way our business along with the other Businesses
on mainstreet can survive is to look out side our community.
This is where out of state hunters come into play. We have talked
with Julius Country Cafe - Dand's Grocery and Gackle Coop Cell.
These are our main businesses that thrive during hunting.

The out of state hunters have also Purchased from 10-15
homes In Gackle, they use them as cabins for hunting when they come,
we even plan to retire here. They are tired of the big city life and
enjoy our small quiet town. Without them being able to hunt here,
as these homes would not be kept up - lawns would not be mowed -
one would ever live in these homes as the employment resources
are not here. Gackle Residents Shop out of town, being it's cheaper
in their minds. This kills all business on mainstreet. Short term,
they have an idea to spend less money - long term, we will have no
businesses on mainstreet. We need these hunters to make the
difference. We Struggled to hard to let go of our dream.

Dani and I
Owners Danis Place - Gackle

Charles Drenth
215 5th Street NE Box 687
LAWRENCE ND 58458
701-883-5087

I, Charles Drenth, believe that House Bill 1269 will affect my business and the state of North Dakota in the following ways.

My business will suffer loss of sales in ammunition and weapons.

The effects on the state of North Dakota would be extreme.

There will be a large loss of sales tax revenue, cutting funding for important and essential state supported programs and institutions.

A large number of small businesses will be forced to close due to a reduction in income. These closures will cause a negative impact on rural communities.

I am opposed to HB 1269 and believe that this bill should not be allowed to pass.



March 5, 2001

Testimony to the Natural Resource Committee:

We want you to know that HB #1269 is not in our best interest as land owners. We live on a farm/ranch and have relatives and friends from out of state that enjoy coming to see us ---- attend our football games ---- spend money in our community and duck hunt on our land. The way we read HB #1269 -- it could mean that our friends/relatives could be sent to another location --- this is not right.

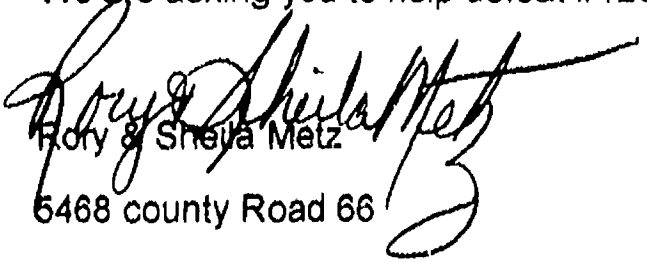
Why did this bill come about? Did someone not get their Duck? I know of lots of places to hunt - no they are not right along side a road --- you have to walk a little --- but beautiful birds are there!!!!

We should be glad people come to our state to hunt --- they leave alot of money here - shopping, eating, going to bars and staying at hotels. The hunting lodges and guides make their living off of the hunting in ND.

Don't worry, North Dakota will probably get in one of those dry cycles and all the lakes and ponds will dry up and then you in Bismarck will be crying that no one comes to our state!!! Well --we have a natural attraction called water, birds and beautiful fall sunsets --- Let's promote it!!! After our friends left this past fall there were still alot of ducks at our place!!

We always post our land and then allow the hunters (our friends and those that stop and visit with us) to hunt in the areas where we do not have cattle. This bill will change all of that and then I am not sure what our reaction will be!

We are asking you to help defeat #1269 and feed this this "bill" to the birds!!!!!!


Rory & Sheila Metz

5468 county Road 66

Alfred, ND 58454

701-485-3581

Dear Friends of McLean and Sheridan Counties,

2-20-2001

On behalf of my 8 hunting partners, relatives and me, I wanted to thank you for the last 4 years of your hospitality. It was a pleasure staying in your communities while we went duck hunting, goose hunting and fishing each October. It saddens me that your State Senators, State Representatives, and Game and Fish Department have determined that you are independently wealthy and as a result, will no longer welcome the majority of non-resident hunters to your County. I am curious as to how you will be able to sustain a 56% drop in waterfowl hunters and fall fisherman in your area this fall? You see, HB (House Bill) 1269 has passed one level of your State Government and is set to pass the second level soon, unless you act now. HB 1269 restricts, which for all practical purposes eliminates, 56% of the non-resident waterfowl licenses from Zone 3. Quite simply, this means less tourists, less money spent, and less income for your citizens. Ultimately of course, it means higher taxes for you too.

Here is how it will work: Last year and historically, your county and the surrounding counties were in Zone 3 of the waterfowl area as it applies to the ND non-resident hunting zone. The State of ND had no limit on the number of non-resident waterfowl hunters (some might even call us tourists). Overall, the Game and Fish Department sold approximately 27,000 non-resident licenses at a cost of \$95 each. The current proposed legislation would reduce the total allowable number of non-resident hunters to 22,000, per a conversation with your game and fish representative this morning. The real eye opener is this: Last year approximately 9,000 non-resident waterfowlers received game licenses in Zone 3. Presently, that is scheduled to drop to 4,000 licenses, or a 56% reduction in visitors for you, effective this fall. Zone 2 will have a very small drop in licenses and Zone 1 will remain the same, per your game and fish department's best estimate of the final regulations. So here are a few things to think about the impact of this bill.

#1. Why does the Garrison motel and similar establishments pay 2% of their tax to promote tourism in North Dakota? If a person cannot secure a license they will not come to visit. The gross and net dollars spent in North Dakota are zero. This is similar to the Federal Government paying North Carolina tobacco farmers a subsidy, and then the Federal Government suing the tobacco companies. Seems inconsistent to me and not the best use of your tax payer's paid tourism dollars.

#2. Who suffers the most? Certainly the rural communities. They need the economic development the most and will suffer the most net losses of dollars and jobs. Why do those young people move to bigger cities? Well, what would you do if you could not get a job?

#3. Who is affected? Obviously the hotel owner, the rental car company and airport in Bismarck. Oh, did you forget about that air ticket tax and car rental tax I paid? How about the 3 meals a day we ate at the 1 seasons restaurant? How about the gas purchases across the State from Fargo to the Cenex and Amoco stations in town? How about the fishing guides we booked or the groceries we bought at the Supervalu stores in Washburn and Garrison? Those are fairly obvious, but what about the not so apparent? How about the \$20 in cash that I paid the hotel maid to clean the inside of my rental vehicle for 1 1/4 hours worth of work? How about the farmer and his wife who have arthritis, can not hunt anymore, but love the ducks and geese I share with them every year from their own pond? How about the farmers that we buy small gifts of food and clothing for as a sign of our appreciation? And what about my friend Larry? He grew up in Fargo and lived there 38 years. He moved across the Red River last year and will now be a non-resident hunter, if he can get a license. You see Larry and a bunch of guys bought a house in Oakes for hunting only a few years back. They pay property taxes and yet do not consume the amount of services like a party who lives there year round. And what about those sons of yours that moved to Minnesota or Illinois for a job after college? They used to come home for a visit in the fall and hunt too. Maybe they won't visit as often? How does this all help your economy and tourism?

#4. What does the math tell us? \$100 per non-hunter license times 5,000 less licenses.

\$100 X 5,000 = \$500,000.00 LESS TAX DOLLARS FOR NORTH DAKOTA. Why don't you let me pay your taxes for you? An increase in your non-resident license fee is the way to go. Raise the prices 10 to 15% and we will still visit your great state. Let's look at this from another point of view. North Dakota would have to sell another 25,000 small game licenses X \$20 each to make up this shortfall. That will never happen. When I mentioned this to the Game and Fish Department the individual said, "and who said the State is short money"? Guess my assumption was wrong. However, if I was a public official, I would rather tax the out of State guys like me who don't vote, keep the extra 1/2 million dollars and keep my resident licenses at the same prices.

#5. Don't those birds fly south for the winter? Yes they do, so why restrict the non-resident waterfowl hunter? Limits for animals like deer and pheasant make sense as they don't migrate. In addition, I need some help understanding the whole waterfowl thing. I sure thought that the new, extended September season for Canadian geese was because you had too many of them? How about that extra spring snow goose season? Well, I must have shot that gun too many times too close to my head. I guess that is the beauty of bureaucrats and politicians: We have too many geese. Therefore let us expand the seasons, but reduce the number of hunters and that will fix the problem! Must be the new math. There are over 90 million ducks in North America and your State has the most. If 50,000 more ducks a year are killed by 5,000 more hunters, how does that harm the resource or the State? They are only there a few weeks of the year. If they are not harvested in your State, then they will be harvested in Arkansas or Texas.

#6 Why did we choose to hunt in your county to begin with? Well, some of us used to go to Ontario every year. The Canadian Government got more restrictive on their firearms laws and also limited us to 1 walleye per day. So, we said, let's go to North Dakota. For those of us that drive, it will be a shorter drive and a friendlier place. **AND IT WAS!** I guess we will have to look at South Dakota or Iowa, shorter drives from Wisconsin and Illinois. If not, then I am sure those Texas and Arkansas folks will be glad to have our tax dollars. I sure will miss North Dakota.

#7. What is the effect of the drought years on out of State hunting numbers? The answer is quite a bit and available from your own Game and Fish Department statistics. You see, as the water dries up so do the opportunities to hunt waterfowl. Hence a drop in your States revenue and a drop in your out of State hunting/fishing/tourists. Left alone, this is part of the ebb and flow of North Dakota's history. Simply stated, those groups of tourists, like me, will not be there anymore in those farm and financial drought years, when you need that supplemental income the most.

Let me know how your early retirement goes. No doubt, the Game and Fish Department will be picking up the tab for your health insurance costs and loss of business income. By the way, as a father of 4 children I would like to offer some advice to you parents.

When your teenagers ask for money don't say, why don't you get a part time job like I did when I was your age? You see, that is the way it *used to be when the hunters came.*

With Gratitude

Ron

P.S. Probably one in a thousand non-residents will write or call you about this change. In a democracy, people vote with their feet and with their wallets. Thanks for listening.

OMEGA HOTEL300 3rd Avenue SW
Lamoure, ND 58458Phone 701-883-5373
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March 07, 2001

ND Representative Dave Weller and
ND Representative Lyle Hanson
600 E Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Sir's,

I am writing in reference to Bill 1269 regarding hunting licenses. If Bill 1269 is passed the negative economic impact will devastate many small business in the rural communities.

Each year when the *out of state hunters* come to our property they spend an average of 2 to 5 days hunting. My small town benefits with the sale of fuel, supplies, food, and entertainment money being spent on an average of \$1000 to \$5000 per hunter. If you multiply that by the average of 30 rooms in a small rural hotels/motels you can quickly reach six figures or more money spent by the *out of state hunters*. Most small rural hotels/motels make 75% of there yearly income from the hunting seasons. The other small business in these rural communities also depend on the *out of state hunters* to make over 1/2 of there income for the year.

I understand that many farmers have experienced problems with hunters and would like the number limited. I do not believe they should have a problem because the farmers decide who is allowed on their private property. Many people and groups advocate that nature should be allowed to take it's own course to keep the populations down. This is also an uninformed opinion because when nature takes it's course the method is normally via a disease which can spread to farm animals and sometimes people. The dead and decaying bodies contaminate our water causing disease in people, and the over abundance of animals waiting to be weeded out by nature take a heavy toll on crops. The only real solution is to allow hunters too cut down the populations in a safer and cleaner method and regulate the amount of game taken. This does not mean we should cut the number of out of state hunters!

Between the problems with high animal populations of all types, and the economic impact to our rural communities this bill 1269 should not be allowed to pass. Utilizing zones to limit the number of hunters is not the way to protect our small communities or our farms. The current system is not broken! Why fix a system that has worked great and benefited so many people? We do not need more regulations and we do not need zoned hunting licenses. I request that you remove this bill from consideration by defeating it on all counts because the passing of this bill will cause to much economic hardship for families of the businesses that will be forced to close.

Sincerely,

Jeri Lynn Hidalgo
Owner and Manager

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OAKES TRAVEL INN MOTEL

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Phone 701-742-3403

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Between the problems with high animal populations of all types, and the economic impact to our rural communities this bill 1269 should not be allowed to pass. Utilizing zones to limit the number of hunters is not the way to protect our small communities, our farms or our state. The current system is not broken! Why fix a system that has worked great and benefited so many people? We do not need more regulations and we do not need zoned hunting licenses. Please remove this bill from consideration by defeating it on all counts because the passing of this bill will cause to much economic hardship for families of the businesses that will be forced to close.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Ernie Klinkhammer
Owner

cmr

RODEWAY INN1001 GATEWAY DRIVE
GRAND FORKS, ND 58203Phone 701-795-9960
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March 07, 2001

ND Representative Dave Weiler and ND Representative Lyle Hanson
600 E Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505

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If this bill passes the economic repercussions will be numerous and mostly detrimental to the state of North Dakota. They will include a large percentage of rural motels/hotels to close, a loss of jobs and higher unemployment rates because of the closing, more families will be forced to move to larger towns and cities depleting the population base needed to keep small towns functional and self sufficient. Farmers will lose their farms because the larger animal populations will impinge on the profitability of crops which could create a shortage of agricultural products in the state. Because so many small businesses and rural hotels/motels would be forced to close the states income via taxes will be lowered while cost of government run assistance programs will be raised.

Between the impact on North Dakota listed above, high animal populations of all types, and the economic impact to our rural communities this bill 1269 should not be allowed to pass. Utilizing zones to limit the number of hunters is not the way to protect our small communities, our farms or our state. The current system is not broken! Why fix a system that has worked great and benefited so many people? We do not need more regulations and we do not need zoned hunting licenses. Please remove this bill from consideration by defeating it on all counts because the passing of this bill will cause to much economic hardship for families of the businesses that will be forced to close as well as the employees that will lose their jobs.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,
Charles Rieck
Charles Rieck
General Manager

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FROM : Omega Motel

FAX NO. : 17018835612

Mar. 07 2001 11:57AM P2

FROM : FEY INC

PHONE NO. : 7012883572

Mar. 07 2001 08:21AM P1

March 7th, 2001

To Whom it may concern:

It is our understanding that bill HB1269, which is to decrease the number of out of state hunting licenses given has passed the legislature. By decreasing the number of out of state hunting licenses you are taking away the small rural communities main revenue for the year. We are strongly opposed the passing of this bill. The out of state hunters support the motels, gas stations, restaurants, grocery store, and the bars. In small town America we need these people to survive, and if you take this away you take away our livelihood. Please reconsider this bill and possible INCREASE the number of out of state hunting license given.

Sincerely

Kirk & LaVonne Walker
Kirk's Delour
Ashley, ND 58413



SHARRON MEIDINGER
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March 6, 2001

Dear Mr. Dave Hays,

In talking with some of the local business owners and community leaders and researching Bill 1269 I am concerned about the impact this will have on our economy.

We are at risk of losing valuable traffic needed to sustain our livelihood. Our state, county, and city need to promote tourism and take every possible means of showing people what we have to offer in this lovely state, and encouraging hunters to come here is one positive way of doing that. The Lord has provided us with much water and wildlife in the past few years, it is up to us to utilize it every way possible. As a small town we need this traffic to keep our main street alive.

PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT PASS BILL 1269

Regards,

SHARRON MEIDINGER

ASHLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PRESIDENT

ASHLEY, N.DAK. 58413

Sharron Meidinger

Fax # 1-701-375-744

March 7, 2001

Limiting non-resident hunters to 2 - 7 day hunting periods is harmful to the economics of our state. Those of us that serve on the Economic Development boards are trying very hard to promote our state and by allowing the non-resident hunter the benefits of the full season hunt and not restricting them to zones would greatly help all of our communities. These hunters come to our fair state and spend a lot of money here for ammunition, gas, food, and lodging. I urge you to keep this in mind when you are voting on HB 1269.

Robert A. Fush
Mayor Lidgerwood N.D.

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3/6/01

Dear ND Legislators:

I as a loan officer am concerned for our small community with the passage of bill #HB1269. I do have small business loans that may be effected if the number of out-of-state hunters is reduced to area. They are a part of our tourist traders.

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I do, also, see that it discriminates against the southern part of the state. This should be considered before you vote on this bill.

Please read and consider this before you vote and do not just be influenced by the large city sportsmen.

Sincerely,

Karen M Tripp
Br. Mgr. / Asst Vp

Rod L. Larson
7975 94 Ave SE
Fullerton, ND 58441

March 6, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

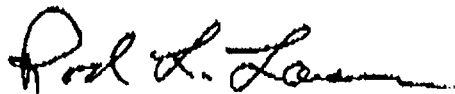
I support out-of-state hunting in North Dakota.

I've been farming since 1964. I used to hunt every fall in the Fullerton area, but since I started raising row-crops I no longer have time. But I still remember the fun of hunting, and also the frustration of not being able to hunt on the land where the game happens to be. Because of that, I do not "post" my land.

I enjoy watching hunters hunt on my land, both the locals and the out-of-staters. I don't expect hunters to ask permission before hunting on my land, but many of the out-of-staters do anyway. Some just want to visit. I've met some nice people.

I've had very few problems with hunters. Occasionally a few wheel tracks, or even a little litter. Only minor problems. Problems created by either locals or out-of-staters, I don't know. But the out-of-staters bring new money into our community, new business to our stores, shops, and motels. Because of that, I support out-of-state hunters in North Dakota.

Respectfully,



Rod L. Larson

Ellendale Civic Association

Ellendale, North Dakota 58436

March 5, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

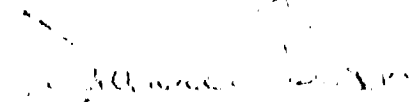
The Ellendale Civic Association would like to request that you consider carefully your vote on HB #1269 concerning the reduction of non-resident hunting licenses in the southern sector of North Dakota.

This area of our state is well known for the abundant wildlife population and the good hunting that this population brings. Non-resident waterfowl hunting has become an economic boost for rural North Dakota. This economic boost not only benefits the lodging, gas, and eating facilities but also produces revenue for the retail businesses. In the past few years we have seen an increase in hunting lodges in our area. These lodges benefit all areas of our rural communities.

We feel that it is not right to reduce out-of-state licences in the southern area of the state and increase them in the northern sector. The number of out-of-state licences should remain the same in any area of the state as we have had in the past.

Support rural North Dakota with a "NO" vote on HB #1269.

Sincerely,



Deanne Olson
Ellendale Civic Association, President

Chairman Fischer, Members of the Natural Resources Committee, I am Oren Krapp, rancher, farmer, and owner of Coteau Ridge Hunting. I have lived all of my life near Pingree, North Dakota and am here speaking in opposition to House Bill 1269.

There's lots of enthusiasm these days for a New Economy initiative--a fresh new look at revitalizing North Dakota's economy. As you all know, one of the New Economy's six focus areas is in tourism. I think all of us agree that North Dakota could do a better job in attracting tourism dollars. Nationwide, we rank at the bottom when it comes to numbers of dollars generated from tourism--a lousy 4.5 percent of our state's revenue is from the tourist. The New Economy initiative is telling us we can do better.

As a landowner and bison rancher, I know we can do better. After farming for a quarter century on the farm I was born on near Pingree, I gave up production agriculture three years ago. However, I didn't give up on North Dakota and I didn't give up the land I've worked so hard all these years to own.

Instead, I looked for a way to add value to it. I began inviting out-of-state hunters to the farm where I grew up. For the past three years, clients have come to me from all over southeastern United States. They fly into airports in Jamestown, Bismarck and Fargo. They rent cars and stop at local stores to fill up on ammunition, snacks, souvenirs and everything they forgot--gloves, socks, guns, even dogfood for the dogs that often accompany them.

I put them up in a house that I fixed up just for them. I have a local caterer fix them breakfast. I take them to the Pingree Café and our local grill and bar for all their noon and evening meals. I never let them go home until they've visited the National Buffalo Museum in Jamestown, the North American Bison plant at New Rockford, and by the time they head for the plane, they have heard a lesson on North Dakota agriculture and history.

My clients are wonderful, respectful people who tell me often how much they feel connected when they come to North Dakota. "It's like coming to a family reunion," is how one of my clients put it. These clients go home and tell their friends in Atlanta and Philadelphia and New York City and Houston and Carrollton, Georgia about North Dakota. I've even had hunters return with their families during the off-season---now what better effect can we hope for?

But if House Bill 1269 is passed by the North Dakota Senate, my little tourism venture will be over. Senate Bill 1269 was already passed by the House, and is the beginning of the end of hunting tourism in this state. Contrary to what its sponsors will tell you, it will reduce the number of non-resident waterfowl licenses issued in the state from an unlimited number in Zone 3, to a cap of 8,000, with only 25%, or 2,000, available to outfitters.

HB 1269 will have drastic implications on those of us who own land in two different zones. Personally, my property includes land in Zones 2 and 3. The latest version of HB 1269 makes it impossible for a non-resident to be licensed to hunt in both zones during one hunt. This bill would indeed regulate me to the point I couldn't even manage *hunts on my own property*! HB 1269 also raises the combination non-resident waterfowl/upland game license from \$95 to \$140, which, in my mind, is very steep.

What is the problem being fixed in HB 1269? You have heard it all already today. *Proponents* of SB 1269 say there is no opportunity for local residents to hunt in North Dakota. They say that non-resident hunting is ruining the duck and goose populations. They say that every North Dakotan has a right to hunt the wide open spaces, just like they did in yesteryear.

I think they are right on one count: North Dakotans should have the right to hunt if they choose. But the facts suggest that North Dakotans have more hunting opportunities than anybody anywhere in the country. Here are the myths and facts of this issue:

Myth #1:

Residents of North Dakota have nowhere to hunt waterfowl. They can't share their love of duck and goose hunting with their children and families, because there are too many hunters and too much hunting pressure.

Fact:

According to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, of the 638,900 people that live in North Dakota, 40,000 are licensed waterfowl hunters. There are 3.2 million acres of North Dakota land in public ownership. That means that for every waterfowl hunter in the state, there are 80 acres of public land!

Of those 3.2 million acres of publicly owned land, North Dakota dedicates 734,000 acres intensively to waterfowl. The state has 290,000 acres of national wildlife refuges, 254,000 acres of waterfowl production areas, and 190,000 acres of state wildlife management areas. North Dakota has double the number of acres dedicated to waterfowl production areas as South Dakota.

How much is enough? If 80 acres doesn't do it, how much public land will it take to placate resident hunters?

Myth #2:

Hunting pressure is causing us to lose our population of ducks and geese. Minnesota shot off their breeding stock and that's why there is no more waterfowl hunting there.

Fact:

*I checked with biologists at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, who told me that this is simply not the case. Hunting pressure will not change the Central Flyway! And a 2000 Breeding Duck Survey conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicates a **RECORD 7.4 MILLION** breeding ducks surveyed in North Dakota. Numbers of native ducks are going UP, not down! The population now is an astounding 185 breeding ducks per hunter in North Dakota. But these are just the local birds—and does not include the migratory population. Last year, the migratory population was projected at 104 million birds...that's an additional 2600 ducks per hunter...for a total of 2785 ducks per hunter!*

Note: Now I am not going to take the credit for all those ducks and geese, but I would like to mention that I have worked hard all my life to nurture wildlife habitat on my property. My work benefits not only my own clients, but also the general public and every one of those 40,000 resident hunters. Don't tell me, as one legislator did, that I don't own the ducks and geese. I never have, and never will. But I do a lot to improve hunting opportunities for everyone.

Myth:

Landowners have all the rights, and are greedy about allowing hunters on their land.

Fact:

*In Montana and South Dakota, hunters must **first** get permission from landowners before they can hunt on land. In North Dakota, you may **trespass to hunt**, so long as the property is not posted. Here is an outside perspective on waterfowl hunting in North Dakota--taken from "Prairie Ducks On Your Own", an article by Ron Spomer in the September/October 2000 issue of Ducks Unlimited that speaks directly about the abundance of waterfowling opportunities here:*

"Waterfowl do not engender the same proprietary feelings as resident pheasants, sharptails, or whitetails. Here today, gone tomorrow. And when they flock up before the big freeze, they sometimes ravage grains. The local attitude seems to be, 'There's more than enough ducks and geese for everyone, so help yourself.'"

Last fall, I was honored when the host of a hunting show that airs on ESPN2, Ron Shara from "Backroads with Ron and Raven," came and filmed two of our hunts. A few days ago, I e-mailed Ron, who has hunted all over the world and probably had dedicated more of his life to hunting waterfowl than anyone in the world, and asked him what he thought of the hunting pressure here in North Dakota--and how it compares to other parts of the world. Here is his response:

Hi Oren/ Yes, you can share these thoughts with the legislature. I travel all over the world and I can tell you that North Dakota doesn't even know what hunting pressure is.

I ask your lawmakers, where is the proof? And I ask, what resource are we talking about? Waterfowl belong to the people of the United States; they are not for North Dakotans above everybody else.

There is much bitterness about the game of gouging the nonresident. North Dakota is dependent on federal aid, duck stamp money. If the state gets too tough with nonresidents, there could be a backlash and North Dakota could jeopardize its federal aid.

But again, I ask why? Where is the evidence that resident hunters are being squeezed out? The leasing of duck and goose hunting will not stop. It represents market forces and demand. Should not the landowners be allowed to lease? If residents lease, does it make it any better for the hunter who does not lease?

I happen to be from Minnesota. What if we passed a law that North Dakotans could only use Minnesota's lakes for a week or two? Unfair? Of course.

Instead of shutting down nonresidents and the economy it provides, let's figure out ways to increase hunting opportunity for everybody regardless of residency. In that way, we ensure the future of hunting instead of hurting the future of hunting."

I have included Ron's testimony in your packet.

Another Myth:

In-state hunters bring more wealth to the state than out-of-state hunters.

Fact:

From conferring with my clients, I have determined that each time a waterfowl hunter comes on a plane into North Dakota to hunt, he spends an average of \$1,500 in the community. This money represents the dollars he spends at local restaurants, sporting goods stores, taxidermy

and meat processing, gift and souvenir shops, taverns and discount stores. This figure does NOT include his transportation costs: the gas he spends in his rental car, the cost of his airline ticket, and the cost of his hunt—which, when collected by local outfitters, goes right back into the local economy.

A local representative at a legislative forum in Jamestown last weekend stated that the average in-state hunter spends some \$750 per year to hunt here. Personally, I wonder if I've spent \$750 hunting locally during the past five years! At any rate, the argument that in-state hunting dollars are more desirable than out-of-state dollars is just not valid

If Senate Bill 1269 is passed, this state will have said "NO" to outside dollars coming into North Dakota. It will have said "NO" to new wealth. It will have said "NO" to the \$1500 that each and every one of my clients bring to our local community when they come here for a hunt. I ask you: *Do we want tourism and economic opportunity in this state, or don't we?*

If you are for the New Economy Initiative, if you truly are a legislative body that wants to make a difference to the economy of this state, I urge you to give Senate Bill 1269 a "Do Not Pass" recommendation. Then, actively promote to your fellow Senators a NO vote when 1269 goes to the Senate floor. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

RE; House Bill #1269

To whom it may concern

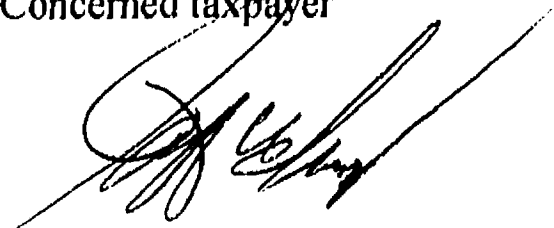
As a tax paying and owner of a retail business in this state, I'm appalled that there are people trying to hinder new business and opportunities from forming and bringing into our state economic growth. We as a state have a duty to ourselves to promote all our resources, and offer as many new business opportunities to settle here.

I have lived and hunted in this state for more than thirty-seven years. I'm a member of Ducks Unlimited, and donate yearly to Pheasants Forever Habitat. I for one have not had any problems with out of state hunters over populating our areas to hunt in. We have plenty of waterfowl production areas for all, and far as posted land being a problem; many landowners are more than willing to let you hunt on these areas if you just take the time and effort to ask!

As a business owner I find a bill of this nature absurd, and if passed would greatly reduce my economic growth along with many others. If we limit or prohibit out of state hunting more than we do now, we might as well add fishing, snowmobiling, skiing, hiking, etc. etc. etc. When will it stop? We owe it to ourselves, and to the state to decline this bill.

Thank you.

Concerned taxpayer



Jeff Glodrey
Operator, owner of
DJ's Bar and Lounge
Streeter, North Dakota 58483

Dear Senate Committee Members

H.B. 1269 Non-Resident Waterfowl License Limits

With regards to the various bills before the house concerning non-resident hunting and fishing licenses.

Please be advised that the Washburn Civic Club, while neither endorsing or approving any one particular bill, does support the right of a non-resident to apply for a hunting or fishing license in this state.

North Dakota has so much to offer with its abundant wildlife, scenic beauty and hospitable people why not share some of this with our out of state neighbors.

Besides a boost to our economy, it also demonstrates our willingness to get along with our out-of-state hunters and fisherman.

We have more than enough for all to share!

Members of the
Washburn Civic Club

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

SHELDON'S WATERFOWL & UPLAND BIRD HUNTS, located in the Streeter area, provides Hunting opportunity for avid hunters from various states. He does mailings to advertise his service. The mailings include a Video, plus hunting information. This is good Revenue for our local Post Office. As a result, we also sell more Migratory Bird Habitat Stamps. This is an asset to our Community.

Respectfully,

Esther Graf

Esther Graf
Postmaster
Streeter, ND 58483

CITY OF UNDERWOOD

P.O. BOX 168
UNDERWOOD, NORTH DAKOTA 58576

March 6, 2001

RE: Opposition of House Bill 1269

Members of the Natural Resources Committee:

I am writing to you in opposition of House Bill 1269. This bill sets a maximum number on the out-of-state licenses issued by the ND State Game & Fish Department for water fowl hunting.

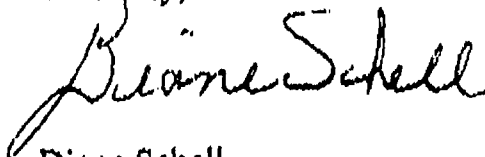
As a small rural town, Underwood relies on any and all economic development produced by local hunters, hunters from around North Dakota, and out of state hunters.

These hunters stay at our motel, eat at our restaurants, and shop at our grocery store, convenience store and hardware stores. Most of the out-of-state hunters also purchase a fishing license which adds to the items that they purchase in Underwood.

I feel by limiting the number of out-of-state licenses sold for water fowl you will also put a limit on the economic development of our community and surrounding communities since McLean County is know for excellent hunting and fishing.

I urge a "Do Not Pass" on House Bill 1269.

Sincerely,



Diane Schell
Underwood City Auditor

Gerald Gust
1325 55th Ave. SE.
Woodworth, ND. 58496

March 6, 2001

Mr. Chairman & Members of this Committee,

This letter is concerning bill 1269 and how I feel it would affect land owner's and the small town's in the rural community. In the past 10 years I have had out of state hunter's hunting on my property. We have established a good relationship where I enjoy them coming and they enjoy being here in our wonderful state. I feel it is beneficial having out of state hunters coming to North Dakota. They help play a big part in helping our small rural towns survive. I feel bill 1269 would restrict the land owner's right from choosing who may hunt on their land. In closing, I urge you not to pass bill 1269. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Gerald Gust
Gerald Gust

STREETER CO-OP OIL CO.

PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

424-3377 OR 424-3467

STREETER, N. DAK. 58483



Dear Senate Natural Resources Committee:

My name is Wayne Buck. I am the Manager of Streeter of Coop Oil Company. I am opposing House Bill 1269 due to the fact that our business relies greatly on the fall waterfowl and hunting seasons for a major part of our business's annual income. We are already struggling as a rural area to stay ahead and make ends meet. Please vote: DO NOT PASS ON HOUSE BILL 1269.

Sincerely

WAYNE BUCK

Manager, Streeter Coop Oil Company
Streeter ND 58483

HOUSE BILL 1269
LETTER OF OPPOSITION

DATE: Feb. 28, 2001

RE: HB 1269 - Restricting Out-Of-State Hunters

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

ND is always looking for alternative income for our state. Zone 4 communities have become prime waterfowl areas due to excess rains and snows. Each small town enjoys the extra income from Out-Of-State hunters for lodging, gas, groceries, café and bar sales. This is a form of Economical Development that has greatly benefited your rural communities. This bill will be limiting a lot of individuals opportunity to make a living. This will be a drastic Economic loss for the small communities in the central fly way. And this is a fact.

In Zone 4, Out-Of-State hunters own many homes and the city earns extra income versus leaving these homes vacant. These individuals have renovated and updated these vacant homes. Also, the state of ND benefits from an increase in taxes such as sales, gas, lodging, etc.

The state has spent millions on the tourist industry. Out-Of-State hunters are tourists and they have expressed interest in bringing their families back in the summer to show them the unique area in which they hunt. Some have expressed interest in coming back in the winter to fish also. It's a free country, our land is open for ANY hunters, including resident hunters, as long as ALL hunters make arrangements in advance.

IF there is an over abundance of Out-Of-State hunters, how come THEY DO NOT have any problems finding land to hunt on, verses your resident hunters. The bottom line is, all you have to do is ask, and you shall receive. Thank You.

Rick Koenig
Amy Koenig

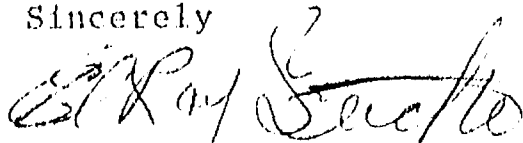
Zone 4 is now a part of Zone 3.

Dear MR. FISCHER and Members of the Senate Natural Resources
Committee:

I own and operate Streeter Grocery in Streeter ND which has a population of about 160. One-third (1/3) of my total annual income comes from the waterfowl season during the month of October. A large majority of this is generated from local hunting guides who purchase their groceries here to operate their hunting lodges. We currently have 2 guided hunting services within Streeter. I also get non-residents who are simply traveling through who stop and buy a few snacks and fill gas at the local gas station.

Our Game and Fish Department has the power to regulate seasons and put a cap on numbers of licenses sold. We currently have record number of waterfowl nesting and traveling through the state. We also have different nuisance waterfowl seasons due to farmers losing crops and waterfowl having destroying their nesting grounds. We already restrict the non-resident waterfowl hunter since he is only allowed to hunt here for 14 days. Our resident season covers over 205 days. Isn't this enough time for our residents to hunt waterfowl. I agree.
Hovee 12/11/1969.

Sincerely



Elray Fercho
Owner of Streeter Grocery

**TO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE
HB 1269 NON-RESIDENT WATERFOWL LICENSE LIMITS**

Violet and Bill Peda
5365 16th St. SW
Woodworth, ND 58496

Retired farmers 800 acres land-- 200 acres wetlands-- Thousands of Ducks--
47 miles NW of Jamestown-- Stutsman County

This bill will put 13,000 Non-Resident Hunters in the North 50 miles of the State and 8,000 in the SW 2/3 of the state. We live about 100 miles S of Hwy 2. in Zone 3 with the 8000 licenses. 2000 of these licenses will go to guides. **We will very likely not be able to hunt our own land, with our Non-Resident friends and children** Our hunting group will have to drive more than 100 miles to hunt in our home state or go to Canada. We have no place to hunt either place. We will have to hire a guide and it will cost a very lot of money. . .

We always allowed Resident Hunters to hunt ducks on our sloughs if they asked and even if they did not. We posted our land for deer hunting, because 25 cars an hour pass our driveway and guns would be pointed at us all of the time for 3 weeks, if we did not. We count that, Resident Hunters, have not hunted ducks on our sloughs more than 10 days in 40 years.

We certainly will not allow any **guide**-(One of the sponsors of this bill Rep. Lyle Hanson is one) to bring any clients on our land and make money from them, when our party will have to hunt elsewhere.. **No Residents will be hunting if this bill is passed.**

All Landowners Resident or Not should decide who will hunt their land. If Non-Residents have a place to hunt on private land there is no reason the state should not sell them a license.

KILL THIS BILL AT THIS MEETING.

*Violet Peda
Bill Peda*

Members of the Senate Committee
H.B. 1269 Non-Resident Waterfowl License Limits

LaVonne Clark and daughter Denise (college student)

We are landowners of Prime Hunting Land in Stutsman County. The land we own was leased to Wildlife by previous owners, as there was no draining, burning, or filling. I attended Marketplace Seminar in Bismarck, sponsored by senators Conrad and Dorgan on different ways to supplement our farm income. After attending we advertised and found great response. Non-Residents who were looking for duck hunting places. This opportunity has come in which we can get some revenue from our sloughs and potholes. For the depredation which has occurred in the past and is still going on

Our out of state hunters basically hunt on our land and rent several vacant houses, that we have turned into hunting lodges. This is now a sideline business for our family.

The state has spent millions on the tourist industry. We feel the out of state hunters are tourist, they have expressed to us it is a great place to bring their families for the summer. Some come for ice fishing and fishing in the summer. If this bill is passed, they indicated that Canada is their next place to go. Don't forget our land is open for in state hunters as well as out of state hunters, but why should it be for free.

This form of Economic Development has helped our café, gas stations, bars and small grocery stores. This bill will be limiting our opportunity to make a living from our land.

Why should our local hunters have a problem hunting when our out of state hunters don't and have a great time.

If this bill is passed our land will still stay posted and no residents will hunt on our land, because landowners should decide who will hunt on their land.

Please kill HB 1269 at this meeting.

LaVonne Clark

HB 1269
OBJECTION

MR CHAIRMAN
MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE

Dennis Clark, Farmer- Land-owner 2000 A
Woodworth, ND.

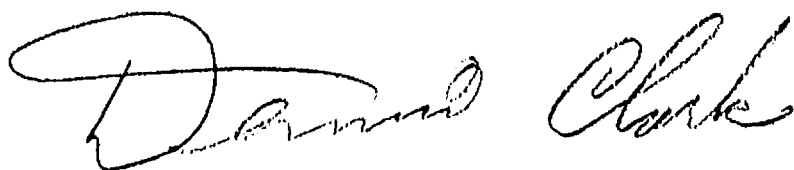
I own some of the **Prime Hunting Land in Stutsman County**. My land was leased to the Wildlife by previous owners, for no draining, burning or filling. I attended a **Marketplace Seminar in Bismarck**, sponsored by Senators Conrad and Dorgan on ways to supplement farm income. We have advertised and found, Non-Residents, who are looking for places to hunt ducks. The opportunity has come in which we can get some revenue from our sloughs and potholes from the depredation which has occurred in the past and is still occurring. Our **Out-of-State Hunters** **basicaly hunt on OUR land**. They rent several vacant houses, that we have turned into hunting lodges. This is now a sideline business.

The state has spent millions on the tourist industry. I feel the **out of state hunters** are tourists and they have expressed **interest in bringing their families back in the summer** to show them the unique area in which they hunt. Some have expressed interest in coming back in the winter to fish. They have indicated that if they cannot hunt here they will go to Canada as they have in the past. Our land is open for in state hunters as well as out of state hunters, but why should it be free?

This a form of Economic Development that has greatly benefited area Cafes, Gas Stations, bars and grocery stores. The businesses in cities and towns are not limited to the number of customers they can have. **Why limit our customers. This bill will be limiting our opportunity to make a living from our land.**

The Out-of- Staters do not have any problem finding land to hunt. I do not know why Local Hunters do. A Jamestown man has purchased a section of land in our area. It is gated and posted to all other local hunters.

Please do not pass HB 1269



City of Edgeley

March 6, 2001

Mayor Steven M. Powers

To All North Dakota Senators & Representatives

Regards,

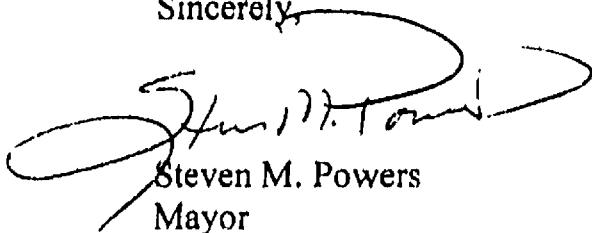
House Bill 1269 Duck License Zones

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in regards to House Bill 1269, which has passed the North Dakota House. I have attached a resolution, which was introduced and passed at the Edgeley City Council monthly meeting on Monday, March 5th, 2001. As you will note from the resolution our community leaders are very concerned that this legislation may pass and take away much needed out of state business from our local merchants. This would be a huge mistake for our North Dakota Legislature to pass this legislation. Our small communities throughout North Dakota continue to struggle with a loss of population and fewer business operations able to stay in business. For the State of North Dakota to pass legislation that is harmful to small communities that have many business establishments that depend on hunters to make up a significant part of their income is shameful. I am hopeful that this legislation will be stopped on Thursday, March 8th, 2001 in committee.

Please remind yourself first that you are working for the betterment of the State of North Dakota and the fine people that you serve. Trying to change something that is not broken would be a huge mistake. This is not Wisconsin or Minnesota.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Powers
Mayor



EDGELEY CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 5, 2001

Resolution concerning North Dakota House Bill 1269 concerning reducing the number of Duck Hunting Licenses available for this part of the State of North Dakota.

Council Member Madeke introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

The City Council of Edgeley has been made aware of legislation that has passed the North Dakota House and is now being introduced in the North Dakota Senate that pertains to the redistribution of Duck Hunting Licenses in the State of North Dakota. The area that the Community of Edgeley is in will be faced with a reduction of licenses.

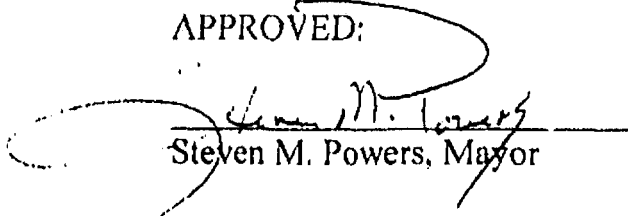
Therefore the Council does hereby resolve to oppose this proposed legislation as being detrimental to the South Central area of the state and more significantly to the community of Edgeley. The financial impact of the hunters is significant to many area business owners and would have a significant impact on the community of Edgeley.

Also community leaders do not believe the number of out of state hunters entering and hunting in the State is having an adverse impact with regards to the population of ducks in the South Central area of the State of North Dakota.

It is further resolved that the North Dakota Legislature be urged to kill this legislation.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth. On a roll call vote Members Kiecker, Johnson, Hollingsworth, and Madeke voted in favor. No one voted against. Member's Klundt and Wegenast were absent.

APPROVED:


Steven M. Powers, Mayor

ATTEST:


Joseph C. Neis, City Auditor

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March 7, 2001

Kenneth Jolin, President

To All North Dakota Senators & Representatives

Regards,

House Bill 1269 (Concerns Duck License Zones)

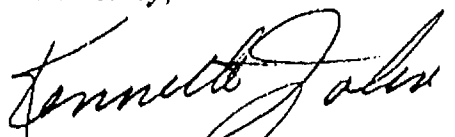
Dear Sir or Madam:

It has come to the attention of the Edgeley Community Economic Development Corporation Board that there is a House Bill (1269) that could adversely affect the community of Edgeley and many of our surrounding communities from an economic development standpoint.

At Marketplace in Bismarck we saw many enterprises that are beginning in North Dakota and the hunting (guide, lodge, etc.) angle is being promoted as one of our most promising ventures. Too limit the out of state licenses would be negative for our rural community. Too arbitrarily move the licenses to different parts of the state without judging the impact it will have on a community is irresponsible for a legislator. A number of local businesses depend on the out of state hunters for a significant portion of their income that it could possibly bankrupt them.

I hope that you will keep this in mind when you vote on this bill. The Edgeley Community Economic Development Corporation Board urges a **NO VOTE! On House Bill # 1269.**

Sincerely,


Kenneth Jolin, President

JONATHAN ANDERSON

March 7, 2001

Natural Resource Committee:

I am a landowner in Logan County, 10 miles SW of Gackle, ND. I also own a rental house in Gackle. For the past 20 years we have had friends from out of state come to our area to hunt. In recent years, we have rented our "Gackle house" out to hunters during the hunting season. These out of state hunters have a tremendo-us economic impact on our small community. They have a lot of discretionary income to spend, and do spend it in our community. They purchase gas, groceries, and dine at our local eating establishments.

There is enough land for resident and non-resident people to hunt. I feel that if House Bill 1269 is passed it will have tremendous economic impact on our already struggling businesses in our community. I urge you not to support this bill.

Sincerely,



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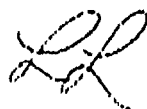
Fax 701 231 7400

econ-econ@ndsu.ndsu.edu

March 7, 2001

To: Sheldon & Brenda Schlecht

Fr: Larry Leistritz



RE: Impact of Nonresident Hunters

Attached is a table I've just prepared summarizing the economic impact of nonresident hunters in North Dakota in the year 2000. I've used the figures you gave me regarding the number of guided and unguided nonresident hunters in year 2000, together with your estimates of expenditures by guided hunters. For the unguided hunters, I used the expenditure figure for nonresident small game hunters from Lewis et al. (Tina D. Lewis, J. Leitch, and A. Meyer, 1998, *Characteristics, Expenditures, and Economic Impact of Resident and Nonresident Hunters and Anglers in North Dakota, 1996-97, Season and Trends*, Ag. Econ. Rpt. No. 389, NDSU) and indexed it for inflation to 2000.

To calculate the total impacts as the initial hunter expenditures work their way through the state economy, I used the North Dakota Input-Output model, which my colleagues and I have used in many similar studies over the past few years. The **Total Impact** section of the table reflects the total effects of nonresident hunting (initial expenditures plus multiplier effects). This section indicates that the 23,209 nonresident hunters resulted in a total economic contribution of more than \$62 million to North Dakota's economy in 2000. Guided hunters accounted for almost \$30 million of this total.

The increased level of economic activity resulted in about 890 new jobs being generated in the state economy, in addition to the persons directly employed in guided hunting activities. Guided hunting alone accounted for about 375 new secondary jobs.

The increased economic activity also resulted in added state tax revenues totaling more than \$1.5 million.

I hope these estimates help you illustrate the economic significance of nonresident hunting in North Dakota. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Estimated Economic Impact of Nonresident Hunters in North Dakota, 2000

	<u>Hunt Type</u>		Total
	Guided	Unguided	
Number of hunters (2000):	3,963	19,246	23,209
Direct Economic Impact by sector (\$000):			
Utilities	178		178
Retail	4,339	10,874	15,213
Bus. & personal services	1,446	3,618	5,064
<u>Households</u>	<u>5,251</u>		<u>5,251</u>
Total	11,214	14,492	25,706
Total Impact (\$000):			
Retail trade	10,167	15,484	25,651
Services	11,079	4,493	7,138
Households	11,079	6,977	18,056
<u>Other</u>	<u>5,749</u>	<u>5,558</u>	<u>11,307</u>
Total	29,640	32,512	62,152
Secondary Employment (FTE):	375	515	890
Revenue from selected state taxes (\$000):			
Personal income	144	91	235
Sales & use	471	717	1,188
<u>Corporate income</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>123</u>
Total	666	880	1,546

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Hunting legislation under fire

BY PATTY WOOD BARTLE

House Bill 1269 has drawn lots of attention from hunting enthusiasts, landowners, restaurant and lodging businesses, hunting guides, farmers and ranchers across the state of North Dakota.

The bill has passed the house (73-23) and has been sent to the North Dakota Senate. The Natural Resources Committee has scheduled a hearing on the bill for Thursday, March 8 at 9:00 a.m.

North Dakota issues between 23,000 and 24,000 out-of-state hunting licenses. Under this legislation the number of licenses would remain the same, but three zones would be established in the state with restrictions on the number of licenses in each zone. The proposed legislation would provide more licenses to Zone 1, which has Hwy. 2 and Hwy. 200 for boundaries. Zone 2 is defined as south of Hwy. 200 and east of Hwy. 281. Last year 3190 licenses were issued in that area. It would be reduced to 2500 licenses. Zone 3 is the area west of Hwy. 281 to the Montana border. That area would have 1100 fewer licenses available.

The bill also has a provision to increase nonresident hunting license fees.

Territorial rights

According to Rep. Mike Brandenburg, R-Edgeley, the issue came to the legislature because the North Dakota Sportsman's Alliance group wants to protect their hunting grounds. They have concerns that North Dakota is attracting out-of-state hunters because hunters in their home states have destroyed the breeding stock.

Supporters of the legislation believe the measure will protect hunting in North Dakota for North Dakota hunters. They also cite simi-

lar laws in South Dakota that limit the number of nonresident licenses to 4,000.

Opposition among various groups

Opposition to the bill seems to have garnered strength. A group of 15 people met in Edgeley on Monday night. Among the group were the mayors of Edgeley and Kulm,

representatives from area hotel/motels, hunting guides and others.

Steve Powers, mayor of Edgeley, also an avid hunter, said this legislation is not a hunting issue. It is strictly an economic issue and it is shifting economic impact. It is shifting where birds may be shot, not how many may be shot.

(See Hunting, pg. 2)



Hunter enjoys North Dakota hunting

An out-of-state waterfowl hunter shows off his American Widgeon duck. He came from the Alexandria, Minnesota area to hunt ducks and geese last fall. He called back to Edgeley twice to make arrangements to return.

Photo by Jay Powers

'Babe Ruth Happening' planned for Edgeley

BY JOY POWERS

Edgeley has been selected to hold the Midwest Plains Regional Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament hosted by Edgeley's Henry Parthie Post 146 of the ND American Legion. This tournament involves bringing teams from six other states as well as two teams from North Dakota. One North Dakota team will consist of 16-year-old boys selected

bilities of the Tournament Committee is to find homes for 92 125 16-year old boys. The players, with the exception of the Dickey/LaMoure team, need to be housed in people's homes throughout the tournament. This is a big responsibility and requirement of hosting this tournament. The committee is asking for residents to open their homes and volunteer to take in 2-3 of these players through the tourna-

"The excitement when we get all these people into town, the moving around. We're going to see some great baseball. When you put seven State Champions together, odds are you see some of the best baseball in the country."

— Rod Rodningen, ND State Babe Ruth B Commissioner

other teams will be from Minnesota, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and Colorado.

The teams will arrive in Edgeley on Friday, July 27, 2001. After check-in, a picnic will be held that evening for the players, coaches, and managers, hosted by the Edgeley Lions. Saturday morning will consist of a coaches/managers breakfast and the games will begin that afternoon at the Clarence O. Hazzard Memorial Field here in Edgeley.

The tournament dates are July 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and August 1. The winner of this tournament advances to the World Series Babe Ruth Tournament in Tennessee. These tournaments have been very well attended in the past by family and friends of the teams.

Rod Rodningen, ND State Babe Ruth B Commissioner, of Oakes, said, "The excitement when we get all these people into town, the moving around. We're going to see some great baseball. When you put seven State Champions together, odds are you see some of the best baseball in the country."

One of the main responsi-

host families will be to transport the players to and from their games, feed them three meals a day, launder their uniforms before each game, and basically just provide them with a warm atmosphere to make their tournament stay in Edgeley a pleasant experience.

The reason we can have tournaments of this caliber in towns like Edgeley is because of the host families. This tournament has come as often as it has to North Dakota because of the willingness of the host families here. Rodningen said, "Larger states and cities don't seem to be able to get the support needed from host families. They're just too large." He continued on by saying that the Host Family Program has been responsible for turning a Babe Ruth Tournament into a "Babe Ruth Happening" involving the entire community.

The committee is asking people to come forward, open their homes, and share several days with these players. We can't just assume there will be enough homes for the players, it's a must that the host homes be arranged well in advance. If you are interested in hosting

(See Baseball, pg. 2)

Council increases fees associated with water bills

BY PATTY WOOD BARTLE

Last month the Edgeley City Council removed a \$2.00 late fee on water, garbage and sewer bills not paid by the 10th of the month. The Water Billing Committee was assigned to develop a plan to address delinquent accounts.

They proposed a plan, which would disconnect water users if the bill were not paid by the 20th of the month. Before a line could be re-

connected the individual residence or business would need to pay all past due amounts plus a \$50.00 reconnect fee.

The proposal also suggested in the event a water meter needs to be replaced due to property negligence the city would charge the cost of labor and materials.

One further provision of the plan addressed those individuals who fail to provide an accurate water meter reading. If an accurate

reading is not provided by the 10th of the month, a city employee will be sent to get a reading. The property owner will be assessed a \$25.00 meter reading fee.

Liz Kiecker asked if the water bill, late fee, etc. follow the property or the person. Currently property owners are held responsible for unpaid water bills.

Mark Scallon, city attorney,

(See Council, pg. 10)

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Hunting: Nonresident hunters provide economic impact (cont. from pg. 1)

He explained the economic impact to Edgeley would be significant because the city derives a portion of its revenue from one-percent City sales tax and one-percent liquor and lodging tax.

Representatives from Kulm noted that about 40 percent of the fall revenue in Kulm are from non-resident hunters.

Others present questioned if the hunters present had ever had trouble getting ducks? They wanted to know if they see many hunters in the field. Powers noted he no longer hunts over decoys because there are not enough birds moving to make decoy hunting practical.

Mark Berg, an o-filter and guide from Nortonville said, "We don't see the hunters. Mid-week nobody is out there... We just don't see or hear [other] hunters while we are guiding."

Gene Hanson said he does a lot of flying in the fall of the year and he rarely sees vehicles parked near sloughs.

The group at the Monday night meeting concluded there are not too many hunters. They argued more hunters would improve the ability of all hunters to bag their limit.

Economic Impact

The economic impact out-of-state hunters bring to rural North Dakota is significant. A look at the sales tax revenues from the year 2000 for the City of Edgeley indicates the biggest share of revenue

comes in during the months of March, September, November and December, with December showing the largest revenue for both the city one-percent sales tax and the one-percent liquor and lodging tax. According to Edgeley City Auditor Joe Nels, December is the month the city receives tax revenue collected by businesses in October.

The Edgeley City Council passed a resolution in opposition to House Bill 1269. They urged the North Dakota Legislature to kill this legislation.

Baseball

(cont. fr. pg. 1)

some of these players, please contact Joy Powers at 493-2555 or Jerry Lagodinski at 493-2359. This tournament is coming to Edgeley this summer, and finding the housing for these players is a definite must. Please give us a call if you can help!

This tournament also brings many other opportunities to our community. It's a great opportunity for organizations to make plans, to organize an event, hold a fund-raiser. It's an opportunity to show these states how great our small community is, working together to host a fantastic tournament for them. If your organization is interested in hosting an event, making some plans, or holding a fund-raiser of some sort, please contact one of us so we can put you on the list.

"We're proud to have been selected to host this tournament. It will be bringing many people to our area. It's a fantastic opportunity for everyone. Your attendance and support in making this tournament a success for the players and fans, as well as the community would be greatly appreciated," said Jerry Lagodinski.

Edgeley Public School District School Board Meeting March 8, 2001 Agenda

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes
- Financial reports
- Group or Quets
- New Business:
 - A. Hot Water Heater Audit
 - B. Gymnasium Lights Audit
 - C. Review Bids for Hot Water Heater/Gymnasium Lights
 - D. Test Exemption Policy
 - E. Administration Negotiations (Executive Session)
 - F. Close Up
 - G. Mark Scallon Payment
 - H. 2000-2001 Calendar Change
 - I. Proposed 2001-2002 School Calendar
 - J. Business/Computer Position Update
 - K. Negotiations Seminar
 - L. Coaches Driving Liability

ND highways will soon have spring load restrictions

Truckers and Shippers: The North Dakota Department of Transportation will put load restrictions on some state highways starting in early March and continuing at least through May.

Load restrictions are NDDOT's effort to reduce damage caused by heavy truck traffic on highways that do not have firm, dry support beneath them. The department sets load restrictions as weather and roadbed conditions require, and lifts them when roadbeds are dry enough to carry traffic without damage.

When load limit signs are in place, load limits are in force. The limits shown on load limit signs take precedence over any published information.

Load limit information is available on the Internet. This may be the quickest way for the public to keep track of restrictions, removal dates, and road posting changes. The address for the web site is www.discoverND.com/dot/load_restrict.html.

Load restriction information is also available from NDDOT or the North Dakota Highway Patrol:

Department of Transportation Highway Patrol

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Bismarck area328-9555
Devils Lake District665-5100
Devils Lake area662-2527
Dickinson District227-6500
Dickinson area227-6565



March in like a lamb...

Moderate temperatures have brought March in like a lamb. But with that has come the transition from snow-covered roads to mud and water.

Photo by Joy Powers



Online With Betty

Junk

You can even ask for a quick dusting every time you turn on the computer.

You can uninstall any application you no longer need too. Just open CleanSweep, make sure the Program display is active (click the Program tab if it's not), then click on the Uninstall Wizard button. Choose the program you want uninstalled from the Explorer-like list (if you can't find it choose the Search button).

CleanSweep analyzes the application and creates a backup copy of the deleted files. It will tell you how much room you'll save. You have a choice of letting CleanSweep uninstall unsupervised or review each deletion decision before it proceeds.

It has a Safety Sweep that blocks the deletion of any files that may be crucial to running Windows... a very smart choice.

You can also ask CleanSweep to work on certain files on your hard drive. For instance you can choose to clean up all unnecessary DLLs (Dynamically Linked Library) files. Each time you downloaded an application, Windows looks through the application for new DLL files. When Windows finds a DLL file, it compares the file with DLL files

already on your computer. If it's a duplicate, the operating system doesn't install the new file. Instead it makes a file association to the existing DLL file so it can be shared with the new application. This way you save disk space.

Sometimes problems occur when uninstalling a program. The shared DLL file can also be lost in the recycle bin causing problems with the remaining programs. A good uninstall utility will recognize which DLL files are still needed and leave them in place... or at least advise you of what is still needed.

Other chores include cleaning up duplicate files, long-unused files and orphans (files left behind after an incomplete uninstall).

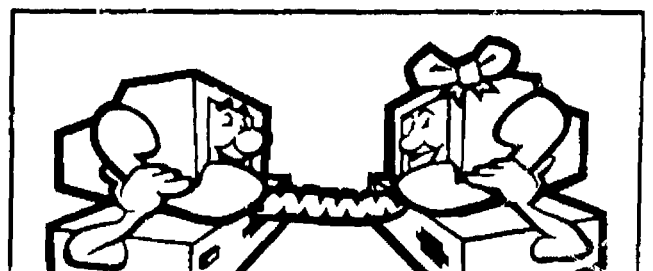
And after all is tidied up, you can still change your mind and re-install a program that you miss thanks to the compressed copies it has made.

No? bad.

Now if only technology could help me clean out the basement and condense all those "treasures" I may need someday.

Or maybe the answer is to surf for whatever I need when that day comes.

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Characteristics, Expenditures, and Economic Impact of Resident and Nonresident Hunters and Anglers in North Dakota, 1996-97, Season and Trends

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Highlights

Fish and wildlife-related recreational opportunities in North Dakota are provided by a variety of private businesses, state and federal agencies, and private landowners. Managers and policy-makers face the challenge of balancing the demand for hunting and angling activities with the supply of wildlife-related resources. The policies they are making regarding hunting and angling have an impact on the state's economy and rural communities. Therefore, the impacts from management policies on resident and nonresident hunters and anglers and on wildlife-related resources must be assessed and compared.

Mail questionnaires were distributed to a random sample of licensed hunters and anglers provided by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDGFD). Three license types were sampled which included: resident, nonresident, and gratis. Gratis license holders are landowners who are eligible for free licenses provided they own or lease a minimum of a quarter section of land (160 acres) and agree to hunt only on their own land. The land must also be owned or leased for agricultural purposes and actively farmed or ranched. The sample groups included 1996-97 season resident license holders for pronghorn antelope archery, pronghorn antelope firearms, special big game, deer archery, deer firearms, deer muzzleloader, furbearer, waterfowl, upland game, wild turkey (includes spring and early and late fall seasons), and open water and ice fishing. Sample groups also included 1996-97 season nonresident license holders for pronghorn archery, deer archery, deer firearms, small game, and fishing.

Resident open water anglers had the highest average season expenditures (\$2,779) of all resident hunting/angling activities. Resident archery antelope hunters had the highest average daily expenditure (\$450), while gratis fall wild turkey hunters had the lowest average daily (\$17) and season expenditures (\$50). The four activity groups of gratis hunters spent the least, both for the season and on a daily basis. Excluding them leaves fall turkey hunters spending the least for the season (\$418) and archery deer hunters spending the least on average per day (\$99).

Nonresident anglers had the highest season (\$1,122) expenditures and archery deer hunters the highest daily (\$150) expenditures of all nonresident hunters/anglers. Firearms deer hunters spent the least, on average over the nonresident season (\$466), and archery antelope hunters spent the least average per day (\$118).

Total direct resident and nonresident hunter/angler expenditures, excluding the cost of licenses and additional nonresident expenditures, came to \$578 million. Fifty-nine percent of the total direct expenditures came from the angling activities. Resident hunters/anglers spent 94 percent (\$543 million) of the total direct expenditures.

Total direct resident expenditures (excluding the cost of licenses) have increased from \$151 million in 1982 to \$543 million in 1996. Nonresident expenditures have increased from \$6 million in 1976 to \$35 million in 1996.

Resident and nonresident hunters and anglers generated \$1,668 million in total business activity in North Dakota in 1996. Their expenditures accounted for \$250 million in retail trade sales, and \$393 million in personal income and supported over 21,000 jobs.

Total resident and nonresident expenditures (excluding cost of licenses and additional nonresident expenditures) were \$578 million in 1996. Over \$117 million (22 percent) of total resident expenditures were ruralized. Over \$26 million (76 percent) of total nonresident expenditures were spent in rural areas. Twenty-five percent of total resident and nonresident expenditures were spent in rural areas by nonresidents and urban residents.

Table 27. Urban Resident Hunter and Angler Expenditures in Rural Areas in North Dakota, by Activity, 1996-97

Activity	Ruralized Spending%.....	Urban Participants	Seasonal Amount per Hunter/Angler dollars	Amount all Hunters/Anglers
Pronghorn Antelope				
Archery	43	627	1,167	731,000
Firearms	54	880	330	290,000
Gratis	32	54	67	4,000
Special Big Game	61	98	596	58,000
Deer				
Archery	31	5,639	520	2,931,000
Firearms	40	40,387	342	13,818,000
Gratis	50	1,148	145	167,000
Muzzleloader	31	288	187	54,000
Furbearer	59	12,873	864	11,125,000
Small Game				
Waterfowl	45	21,898	494	10,827,000
Upland	42	28,254	637	17,995,000
Wild Turkey				
Fall Turkey	42	1,503	181	272,000
Fall (Gratis)	37	12	16	
Spring Turkey ^a	47	718	331	237,000
Spring (Gratis) ^a	19	13	38	
Fishing				
Open Water	35	50,490	1,047	52,862,000
Ice	44	17,360	348	<u>6,040,000</u>
Total in Rural Areas				117,411,000

^aEstimated from fall survey.

Table 28. Nonresident Hunter and Angler Expenditures in Rural Areas in North Dakota, by Activity, 1996-97

Activity	Rural Spending -----%-----	Seasonal Amount per Hunter/Angler -----dollars-----	Amount All Hunters/Anglers
Pronghorn Antelope Archery	72	473	39,000
Deer Archery	75	638	430,000
Deer Firearms	66	306	278,000
Small Game	78	536	10,566,000
Fishing	74	849	<u>15,074,000</u>
Total in Rural Areas			26,387,000

Summary

Resident open water anglers had the highest average season expenditure (\$2,779) of all resident hunting/angling activities. Resident archery antelope hunters had the highest average daily expenditure (\$450), while gratis fall wild turkey hunters had the lowest average daily (\$17) and season (\$50) expenditures. The four activity groups of gratis hunters spent the least, both for the season and on a daily basis. Excluding them leaves fall turkey hunters the least for the season (\$418) and archery deer hunters spending the least for average daily expenditures (\$99).

Nonresident anglers had the highest season (\$1,122) expenditures and archery deer hunters the highest daily (\$150) expenditures of all nonresident hunters/anglers. Firearms deer hunters spent the least, on average over the nonresident season (\$466), and archery antelope hunters spent the least average per day (\$118).

Total direct resident and nonresident hunter/angler expenditures, excluding the cost of licenses and additional nonresident expenditures, came to \$578 million. Fifty-nine percent of the total direct expenditures came from angling activities. Resident hunters/anglers spent 94 percent (\$543 million) of the total direct expenditures.

Total direct resident expenditures (excluding the cost of licenses) have increased from \$151 million in 1982 to \$543 million in 1996. Nonresident expenditures have increased from \$6 million in 1976 to \$35 million in 1996.

Resident and nonresident hunters and anglers generated \$1,668 million in total business activity in North Dakota in 1996. Their expenditures accounted for \$250 million in retail trade sales, and \$393 million in personal income and supported over 21,000 jobs.

Total resident and nonresident expenditures (excluding cost of licenses and additional nonresident expenditures) were \$578 million in 1996. Over \$117 million (22 percent) of total resident expenditures were ruralized. Over \$26 million (76 percent) of total nonresident expenditures were spent in rural areas. Twenty-five percent of total resident and nonresident expenditures were spent in rural areas by nonresidents and urban residents.

Conclusions

North Dakota's resident and nonresident hunters and anglers are a vital part of the state's economy. Their expenditures represented 8 percent of the state's economic base and supported 8 percent of the state's employment in 1996. This is an increase from 1990, where resident and nonresident expenditures represented 5 percent of the state's economic base and supported 6 percent of the state's employment.

North Dakota's population experienced an 8 percent decline from 1984 to 1991. Since 1991, however, the population has increased slightly but steadily, by about 1 percent per year (Figure 10). The percentage of the population who are hunters and anglers has also increased since 1991, along with license sales (Figures 11, 12, and 13). These increases in population, percentages of hunters/anglers, and license sales may account for the increase in overall expenditures of hunters and anglers between 1991 and 1996.

Nonresident hunting and fishing license sales are on the increase as well. Fishing license sales experienced a 29 percent increase from 1991-1996, and hunting license sales experienced an 88 percent increase. The rise in both resident and nonresident license sales suggest that hunting and angling in North Dakota are regaining their popularity.

Fishing license sales have not reached the level that was achieved in 1982, when both resident and nonresident sales peaked. Although licensed hunters (residents and nonresidents) are at their highest during this period there may still be some hunting/fishing capacity available for further increases in activity for some sportsmen groups. Continued increases in hunting and angling and thus hunting/angling expenditures can further help to increase economic activity in North Dakota. The major benefactors of this increase in activity would be rural residents, especially since nonresidents make most of their expenditures related to hunting/angling in rural areas.

The responsibility of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department is to manage the state's fish and wildlife resources. This involves meeting the growing demands of resident hunters and anglers. Previous research has found that a considerable number of resident hunters and anglers would hunt elsewhere if North Dakota could not provide adequate hunting and fishing opportunities (Leitch and Bultezore 1993). NDGF should focus on keeping resident hunting and angling in the state to maintain and diversify the state's economic base. A secondary consideration should be to identify any excess capacity which could provide hunting and angling opportunities for nonresident hunters and anglers. Nonresident hunters and anglers are important participants in expanding the state's economic base and are responsible for bringing new wealth to the state and its rural areas.

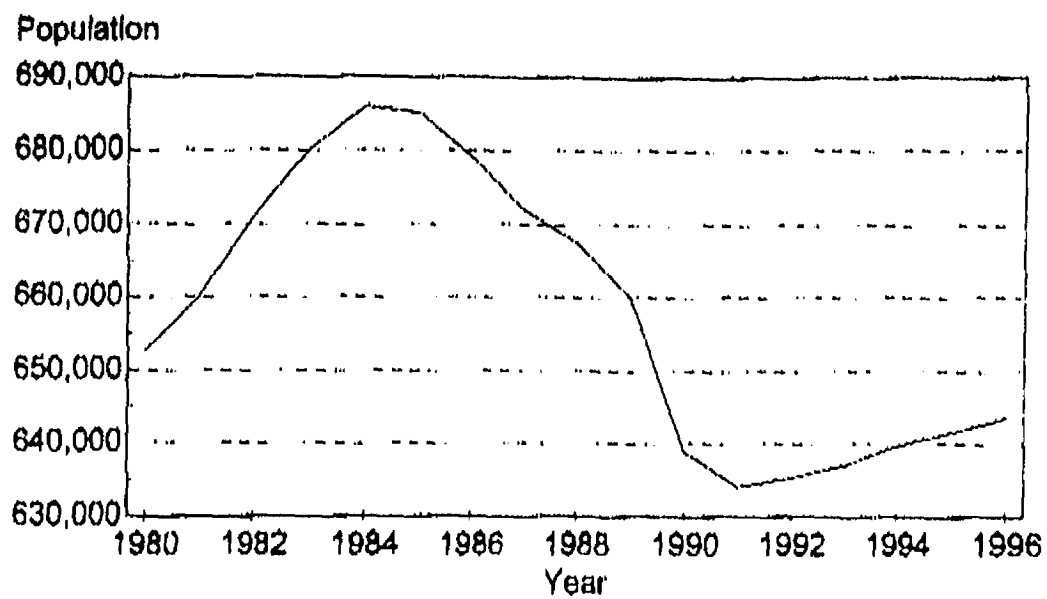


Figure 10. North Dakota Population, 1980-1996.
Source: North Dakota State Data Center

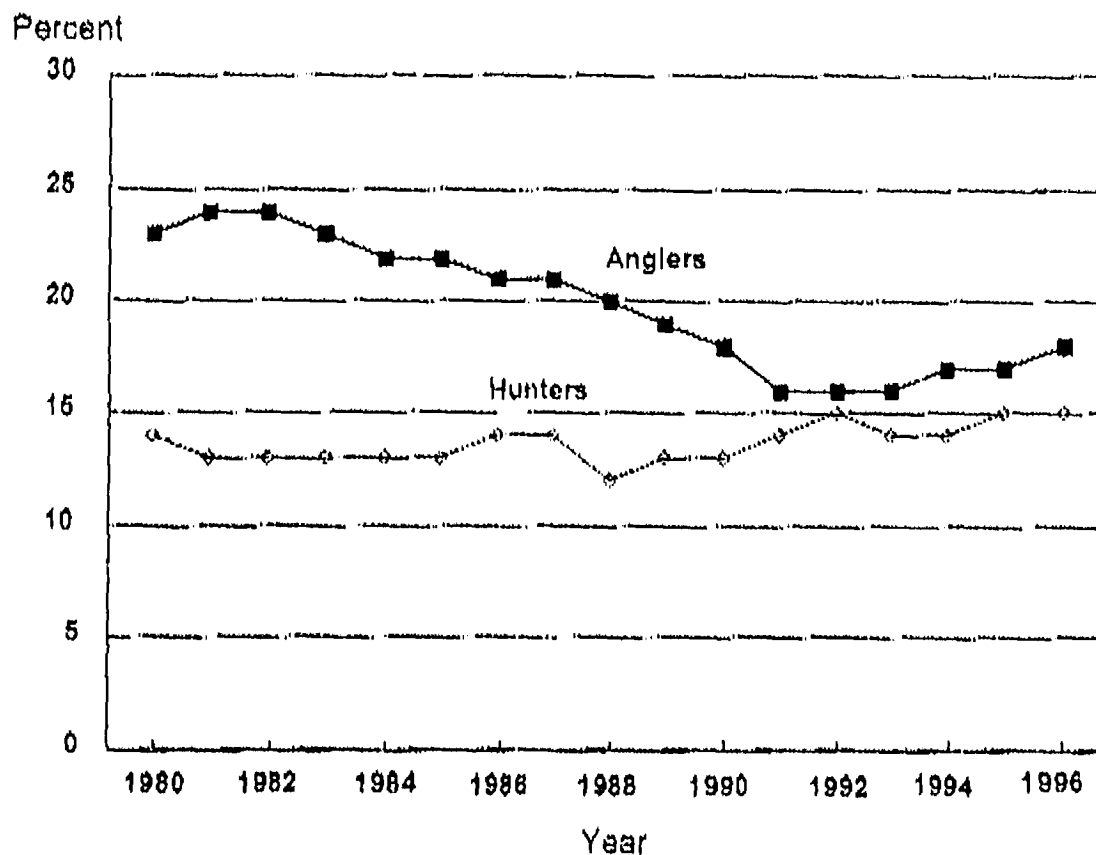


Figure 11. Percentage of North Dakota population who are hunters/anglers, 1980-1996.

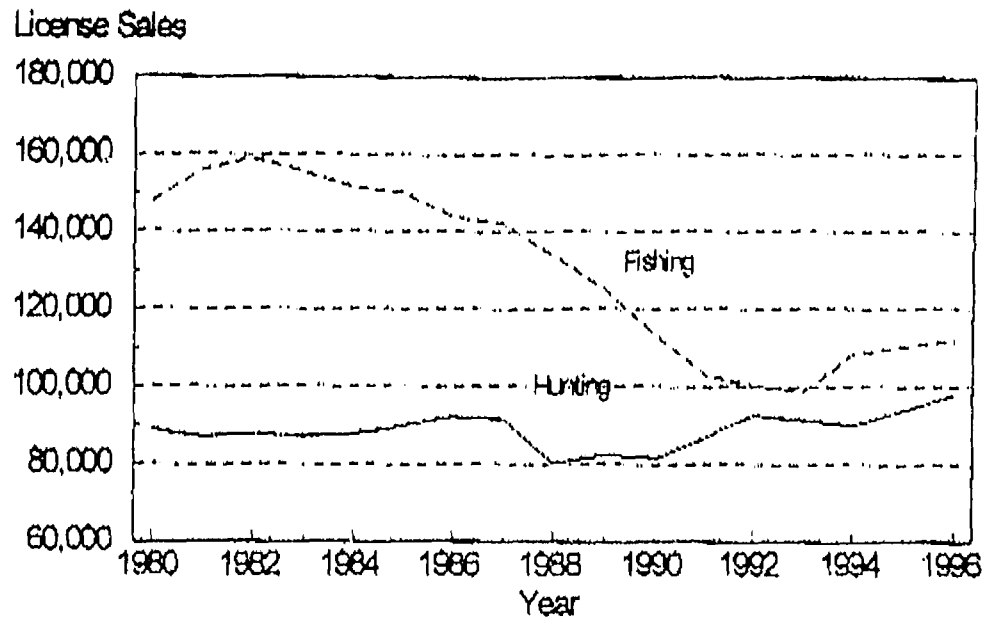


Figure 12. North Dakota resident hunting/fishing license sales, 1980-1996.

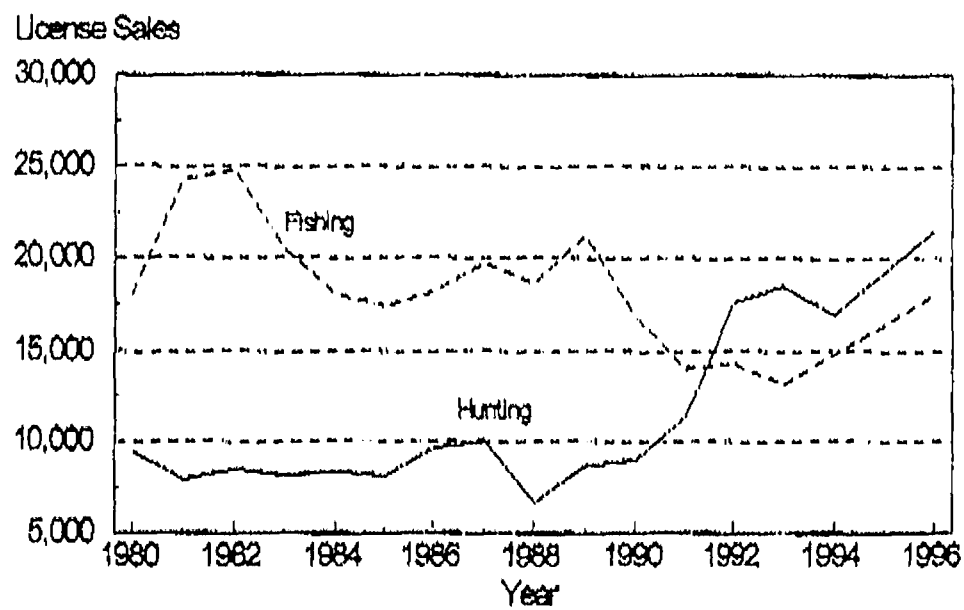


Figure 13. North Dakota nonresident hunting/fishing license sales, 1980-1996.

Hello my name is John Salinger I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 1667

Your annual revenue? 156,000 15-20% + from hunters

Your average room rate? 32.95 - 40.95

What is your opinion of HB 1269?

Because many hunters from out of state people are not
like this.
This will have a big effect on my business.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB 1269?

Against 7/1/70 Wayne and Carolyn King
534 4th St. SE
Albany, GA 31706
(706) 443-1858

Hello my name is John Miller I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? _____

Your annual revenue? 160,000.00 per hunter

Your average room rate? 120.00 - 140.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

The hunters that are able to hunt waterfowl are the only ones that are able to hunt waterfowl. They are the only ones that are able to hunt waterfowl. They are the only ones that are able to hunt waterfowl.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

B. B. Miller C. Miller
930. 222. 1111
1111. 222. 1111
1111. 222. 1111

Hello my name is James H. Hays I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 400-500

Your annual revenue? \$10,000

Your average room rate? \$25.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

I am not a hunter and I do not know anyone who is. I am not for it.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

El Rancho Motel
115 1st St. S.
Corpus Christi 78401
(601) 622-3444

Hello my name is John J. Gaud I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30?

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? _____

What is your opinion of HB1269?

The interest of your business for the ~~month~~ of

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

68-1116-101
 Box 48
 Cassin, A. J. 10/29
 (761) 632-3744

Hello my name is Robert Anderson I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? _____

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? _____

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Completely against the bill

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Completely against the bill
602-207-4111
67016-32-5461

Hello my name is John J. Williams I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 2000

Your annual revenue? \$100,000

Your average room rate? \$20.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Not a very good one for the industry

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Chapman's Lodge
604 E. 1st St.
Chapman, Mo. 64601
(201) 552-3131

Hello my name is John A. Miller I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? _____

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? 55.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Yes and No. I support the bill but I
don't want to see it.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Yes No
Yes No
Yes No
Yes No

Hello my name is James Santorini I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 1000

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? _____

What is your opinion of HB1269?

It is a bad bill that will hurt the industry
and the state's revenue. It is a bad bill
that will hurt the industry and the state's
revenue. It is a bad bill that will hurt
the industry and the state's revenue.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

I oppose it
801 462 1111
Bellevue, W.D. 98003
(206) 535-1111

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? 50% 50%

Your annual revenue? 50,000 - 100,000

Your average room rate? 50.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Leaves things the way they are.
With out yr hunters where would
our rural communities be. Why do
we limit when there are so many
birds. People visit again after hunting.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Barbara Jean Bracken - Turner
663 Eastman Ave
Hasleton, ND 58237
701 352 0856

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? 80%

Your annual revenue? 600,000 approx

Your average room rate? 40.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Opposed -

Loss 60% of business

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Barb Smith
Trails West Motel
Highway 2 West
Deer Lake ND 58301
701 642 5011

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? 85% 80%

Your annual revenue? 150,000 - 250,000

Your average room rate? 30⁰⁰

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Stupid - with all the water - we
shouldn't be hasseling about. There are
more than enough

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Linda Hunt
Tosper Motel
Highway 2 E
Devils Lake ND 58301
701 662 4089

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? 50-60%

Your annual revenue? 400,000 - or higher

Your average room rate? 47⁰⁰

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Keep even more hunters out
and would do serious income devastation

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Derwood, Schultz
Comfort Inn
2154 Highway 2 E.
Devils Lake ND 58301
701 662 6760

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 75%

Your annual revenue? 100,000, - 200,000

Your average room rate? 40⁰⁰

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Seen unequitable and impossible
Let Fish & game do their and State do their
More than enough foul for everyone.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Debbie Bucholz - Owner
Northwinds Lodge
503 Highway 88 S.
Bowman, ND 58623
701 523 5641

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? _____ ^{100%} ^{40%}

Your annual revenue? 50,000 - 100,000

Your average room rate? _____

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Opposed emphatically
Would hurt his business by
over 40%

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Hillman Inn
Ken Hill
Highway 2 W
Rugby, ND 58368
701 776 5272

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? 25%

Your annual revenue? 40,000

Your average room rate? _____

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Opposed - Hurt business - businesses
around town - Gas / Food / Souvenirs /

Medium size town that would be torn
apart by income destruction.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Kathryn Larson
Downtown Motel
101 N. Main St.
Bowman, ND ~~701~~ 58423
701-523-5621

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? 90%

Your annual revenue? 100 - 300

Your average room rate? _____

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Opposed - will send a letter

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Lyndell George
Ashley Motel
Ashley, ND

Fax 701 288 3007

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick question:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 1%

Your annual revenue? 100,000 - 200,000

Your average room rate? 40⁰⁰

What is your opinion of HB1269?

By limiting the numbers we have to
choose who this is discrimination not
regulation. We have more than enough
fowl to cater to everyone's needs.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Howard Klug - 8177
Ed Rancho Motor Hotel
1623 2nd Ave W
Williston ND 58801
1-800-433-8529

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? _____

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? _____

What is your opinion of HB1269?

*Banning hunters would be a gross
mistake*

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

*Shelly
Hub Motel
215 Hwy 2 SW
Rugby ND 58368
701 776 5833*

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? ~~40%~~ 70%

Your annual revenue? 600,000 - 700,000

Your average room rate? 55⁰⁰

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Upset about bill when 70% business
archunters how do you function with only
30% when does this stop. Where does NO
start caring for NO. This will destroy
for entire retail/sales areas.
Gas - Food - Lodging - Ammunition

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Rita Wentz - GM
Econo Lodge Highway 2 E
Rugby ND 58368
701-776-5776

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? 5%

Your annual revenue? 200,000 - 250,000

Your average room rate? _____

What is your opinion of HB1269?

The bill would affect income as far as
the amount of hunters. What would the
next limit be. Leave things as they are. If
it aint broke don't fix it".

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Keith Broadwell - Manager
Slickertail Inn
Winter Show Rd
Valley City ND 58072
701 845 5278

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? 10-20

Your annual revenue? unknown

Your average room rate? 45⁰⁰

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Against the bill will hurt smaller
communities.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Super 8 Motel
995 21st Avenue N.
Wahpeton ND 58075
(701) 642-8731

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? 15%

Your annual revenue? 1st year business

Your average room rate? 30⁰⁰ - 50⁰⁰

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Not a good was hoping to increase
volume of sales - if bill is passed will
drop the number which could employment
status

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Carmy Schulz - General Manager
American Motel
280 Wintershow Rd SE
Valley City ND 58072
701 845-5551

Hello my name is Jenny Huchalgo I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 20

Your annual revenue? 150,000 - 200,000

Your average room rate? 40.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

"I believe that the economic devastation would destroy the rural communities and hurt small business everywhere."

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

YES - Randy Knutsen - Owner
Starlite Motel
1005 4th Avenue South
Wahpeton, ND 58075
701-642-6627

Hello my name is _____
your general manager or owner if I may.

I would like to speak with

Fill in

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

Fill out
↓

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 400

Your annual revenue? \$1,000,000

Your average room rate? \$38.50

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Not good for rural Mo. Dab.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Super 8 Motel, Edgeley Mo.

Hello my name is Emery Lindgren I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 120,000

Your annual revenue? 30 - 50 thousand dollars.

Your average room rate? 25⁰⁰ per room

What is your opinion of HB1269?

As written, it is a devastating bill. The hunting season is about 60% of my revenue, I own a small hotel and need these hunters for survival. Every local business not only hopes for this revenue, but needs it. It's all new money which is good for the whole state. We need to increase the number of people that come to our state, and we need to do that with our strengths, ~~hunting~~ hunting, fishing, outdoor recreation etc.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Yes - The MainStay Hotel, Kulm ND
604 647-2295

Emery Lindgren
Kulm, ND 58454

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? 75%

Your annual revenue? 200,000 - 300,000

Your average room rate? 36⁰⁰

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Dwasting / Ridiculous

80% Loss for those 2 months
Would cause a major decrease in income
for all areas and communities as far as
food, drink, ammunition, etc

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Mike Feyereisen
Edmark Motel
Highway 5W
Ralla ND 58367
701-477-3157

agged Butte Inn (761)
828 3164

(17018035612)

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? 100% 90%

Your annual revenue? 20,000 - 30,000

Your average room rate? 25⁰⁰

What is your opinion of HB1269?

3 basic season
Pheasant open
Deer Season
We'll hunt all facilities in our area
I depend on hunting to hold me through
for the following year.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Lorence Ross
Ragged Butte Inn
High 25
Albany, ND 58851
701 828-3164

Hello my name is, John J. Smith I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 475-480

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate?

What is your opinion of HB1269?

[The page contains several lines of extremely faint, illegible handwriting.]

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

1. 1940-1941
 2. 1942-1943
 3. 1944-1945
 4. 1946-1947
 5. 1948-1949
 6. 1950-1951
 7. 1952-1953
 8. 1954-1955
 9. 1956-1957
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 55. 2048-2049
 56. 2050-2051
 57. 2052-2053
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I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30?

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? _____

What is your opinion of HB1269?

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May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

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Hello my name is John P. Hickey I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? _____

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? _____

What is your opinion of HB 1269?

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB 1269?

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

60% 60%

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? _____

Your annual revenue? 100,000 - 200,000

Your average room rate? 40%

What is your opinion of HB1269?

We need to keep allowing new money
in. If we keep circulating out our state
money around we don't grow. We don't
encourage people to stay just keep on
leaving. People enjoy. Being how truly
beautiful it really is.

Raise Cuse - How beautiful

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Cary Bobbel - Owner

Cottage Inn

212 Main St #69

New Town, ND 58763

701-627-4317

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? ^{5%}

Your annual revenue? ⁵⁰

Your average room rate? ^{35.00}

What is your opinion of HB1269?

*We may not get alot of hunters
but my concern is what it will do
to the state as a whole. Where from.
Please vote no pass.*

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

*Ben Johnson - Owner
West Wind Inn
Highway 236
New Town, ND 58763
701 627-3701*

Hello my name is James Wilson I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 1000

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? _____

What is your opinion of HB1269?

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

[illegible]

Hello my name is James Williams I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30?

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? _____

What is your opinion of HB1269?

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

[illegible]

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? 90% 45%

Your annual revenue? 100,000 - 120,000

Your average room rate? 40.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Without non-residents we are classed
lower. What is the state thinking when
they take away non-residents hunters
we lose not just one but several.
When one of a group can't come the
rest of the group will cancel.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Sharon Ferris
Northern Heights Motel
608 Main Ave. E.
Rolla ND 58367
701 - 477-6164

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

10%

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? _____

Your annual revenue? ~~50,000 100,000~~ 50,000 100,000

Your average room rate? 40⁰⁰

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Need all the opportunities we can
get for income for N.D. why would
you want take one of our best away.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Ray Charleston - Owner
Leonard Motel
466 W 12th St
Hrafton, ND 58237
701 352 1730

Hello my name is James H. Smith I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 1000

Your annual revenue? \$100,000

Your average room rate? \$100

What is your opinion of HB1269?

I am against it because it will reduce the number of licenses and the revenue will be less. It will also reduce the number of hunters and the revenue will be less. It will also reduce the number of hunters and the revenue will be less.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

I am against it and I will not use my business name in reference.

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

40-50%

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? _____

Your annual revenue? 50,000 - 100,000

Your average room rate? 30.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Would take business away from our
community. Jobs away from our (owners)
people.
Vote No

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Sheila Rasmussen
Budget Lodge
1009 13th Ave SE
James town, ND 58401
701 252 2363

Hello my name is John Smith I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 6000

Your annual revenue?

Your average room rate? 90.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

I am not a hunter so I don't know

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

John Smith
1300 46th Ave
Bozeman, MT 59717
(406) 553-2342
John

Hello my name is John J. Smith I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? _____

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? _____

What is your opinion of HB1269?

I am in favor of it. I think it is a good idea to have
more licenses. It will help the state and the hunters.
I think it is a good idea to have more licenses.
and it will help the state and the hunters.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Against Yes

Hello my name is John Smith I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? approximately 1000

Your annual revenue? \$5000

Your average room rate? \$25.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

It is a good bill but it is a bit early to pass it.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

I am for it.
John Smith
Chickadee Lodge
Chickadee Lodge

Hello my name is John L. Lister I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? _____

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? _____

What is your opinion of HB1269?

I am not a hunter, but I am a business owner and I
think that this bill is a good idea.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

John L. Lister
1411 N. 1st St.
Chickasha, OK 73021
(405)

Refuge Rest Stop

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879-6267

Alexander 58831 701-828-3164

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701-477-3340

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701-477-3551

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1993 54th St SE
332-6373 332-6630

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Box 121 626-7608

Beulah 58523

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Pioneer Lodge 202 N Main St 597-3802

~~Fort Ransom~~ 58033
~~Victory View Resort~~ 210 2nd St. 973-2101

Fort Yates 58538
Prairie Knights Casino and Lodge 7932 HWY 24 854-7777

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~~Kokomo Motel~~ 401 4th Ave SE 463-3404

~~Goedrich~~ 58444
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City Motel Tel

~~Gunnar~~ 58040
~~Crossroads Motel~~ 45 HWY 32 N 678-2444

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~~Americana Motel~~ 575 Broadway St E 324-2293
~~Arlos Motel~~ 2289 HWY 3 NE 324-4602 ~~Disconnected~~
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761-567-4813
Jun

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Mayville 58257

~~Mayville Motel~~ 543 3rd St SE 786-2861

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McClusky 58463

~~McClusky Motor Motel~~ 344 HWY 200 NE 363-2507

~~B & H Motel~~ 404 Ave A East 363-2275

Prairie Vista 101 Rural Ave SW Regent 58000

563-4542

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Ray Bern Motel 358 N Ave E 58652
974-3863

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246-3733

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Sibley Motel + Apart. RRI Box 26 58429
733-2369

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Spirit Lake Casino + Resort 7889 Hwy 57 58370
766-4747

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Prairie Host Motel HWY 2 West 58784
628-3500

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Westby

Steele
Lone Steer Motel IH 94 + HWY 3 58482
475-2221
Susie W.

OK Motel 301 3 Ave NE 58482
475-2440

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~~1993 54th St SE~~

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~~332-6373~~

~~332-6630~~

Dakotah Rose B+B

510 4th Ave NW

Minnetonka

838-3548

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~~Dakota Hunting Lodge~~

~~Box 121~~

~~Butte~~

~~686-7608~~

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Regent

563-4516

Dancing Dakota B+B

HCR 01 Box 81

Regent

563-4631

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HWY 2

Ross

755-3407

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101 Main Street

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701-327-4275

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Elkhorn Lodge

~~HCR~~ Box 70

Fortuna

~~834-2374~~

Evas Bed and Breakfast

~~250~~ 331st Ave NE

Wing

943-2461

Farm Comfort Bed + Breakfast

58200 394th Ave NW

~~Kenn~~ Kenmare

848-2433

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RR1 Box 145

Finley

524-1212

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Lake Melagoshu

~~Bottinson~~

~~263-4373~~

~~Fredonia~~ Lodge

~~647-2831~~

Gackle RV Park

485-3531

Garrison Motel

~~463-2858~~

Golden Lake Resort

Hatton

543-4136

Gramz B+B

Colgate, Page

668-2738

Greene Acres Lodge

Kenmare

258-1574

386-2872

Halliday Motel

680 7th St. S

Halliday

938 4777

Lisbon

Island Park Motel 6838 HWY 32 58054
683-4114

Super 8 724 Main St 58054
683-9075

Mayville Motel 543 3rd St SE 58257
786-2861

Super 8 34 Center Ave S
786-9081

McClusky Motor Motel 394 HWY 200 NE 58463
363-2507

R+H Motel 404 Ave A East
363-2275

~~Marion~~ Milnor

Hillside Motel HWY 13 58060
427-5276

Minnewaukan

Elm At Spirit Water 411 Main St E
58351 473-2587

Wyndmere

Siesta Motel 702 7th St 58081

439-2202

Maddock

Legion Steakhouse lounge and motel

~~370~~ 901-438-2209

4 Bears Casino/Lodge

New Town

800-294-5454

627-4018

Whitiston

Whitiston Inn

airport international inn
HWY 2 + 85 N

761-774-0241

Americana Motel

HWY 52 + Canadian border

Portal

926-4991

Nipahau Motel HWY 5 E 58761
756-6377

Carol E. Sawyer

Mott

Hide-A-Way HC 2 Box 43 58646
824-2821

~~Mott Motel Junction 8+21~~
824-2297

Mountain

221 Melsted Place B+B Tea PO Box 221 58262
993-8257

Fetting Motel 800 Broadway Napoleon 58561
754-2520 754-2473

Bison Lodge 222 1st St. S. New Rockford 58356
947-5947

Fetting Motel
754-2473

New Salem

Sunset Motel 1301 N 8th St 58563
843-7100

~~Nash Dale Hay Lodge~~
~~1744 20th St SW~~
~~Dickinson~~

~~6169~~

~~wrpnrs@pop.ctel.com~~

~~Mohall Motel~~

Midstate Bed + Breakfast
980 Highway 200 NE
McClusky, ND 58463

363-2520

888-434-2520

fax 701-363-2520

~~statebb@wcbtv.net~~

Minnewaukan Bed and Breakfast
230 2nd St E
Minnewaukan
473-5731

Missouri River Lodge
146 42nd Avenue NW
Stanton, ND

748-2023

1-877-480-3498

~~moriverlodge@westriv.com~~

Mohall Motel
HWY 5E
Mohall
756-6377

Harry + Maureen Olson

HC 01 Box 32

Killdeer, ND

863-6911

800-511-0434

lolson@pop.ctel.com

North Fork Lodge
Box 481

Tioga

664-2011

Parshall Motor Inn
N Main Street
Parshall
862-3127

~~Prairie Hotel~~
~~HW~~

~~Pied Willow Lake Resort~~

~~Bear~~ Binford

~~822-4640~~ 676-2061

KAB Motel + Cafe

315A Main St S

Norman

724-6221

Little Knife Outfitters

RAI Box 116

Stanley, ND 58784

800-438-6905

Kalens Bed + Breakfast

9650 HWY 18

538-4848 Lidgerwood

~~hog~~ Eat in the Woods

~~Butterman~~

~~263-4242~~

~~228-3236~~

Knife River Ranch Vacations

1700 County 5

Golden Valley ND

58541

983-4290

fax 983-4295

~~Lake wood Motel~~

~~Garrison~~

~~463-8464~~

Lansford Motel

Main Street

784-5920

Lil OI ~~Hotel~~

Pettibone

273-9394

~~hogging~~

Lowman Wannagun

~~hannon~~ Creek Lodge

15280 Westerheim Rd

Sentinel Butte

872-4746

hunds handling Resort

Williston

568-3474

11350 HWY 1804

~~Ray~~ Jim / Analene Torgerson

Ray, ND 58849-9236

568-3474

M+M Motel

206 S G St

Glen Ullin

348-3526

MAs ~~elms~~ 404 1st Ave NE

~~dahly~~

~~288-6650~~

~~Fax 288-0040~~

Refuge Best Stop

HWY 85

~~Cassellton~~

~~879-6267~~

Robins Nest B+B
1st St. and Central Ave
Garrison

463-2465

Sage Hill B+B
2091 33rd St NE
Anamoose

806-680-0436

465-0225

Sakakawea Motel
Pick City

487-3356

San Way Ve Motel
819 N Central
Kenmare

385-4238

Shamrock Motel

HWY 18 + I-94

Casselton

347-5217

Sheldon's B+B
221 S Helen St.

Sheets

424-3625

424-3637

birds@daktel.com

Siesta Motel

702 7th St

Wyndmere

439-2202

~~Small Town Motel~~

~~Brashee~~

~~656-3569~~

The 49'er

HCR 63 Box 305

New Leipzig

376-3280

MainStay Hotel

102 S Main

Kulm

647-2295

lindgren@daktel.com

The Other House
13355 92nd St NW

Fortuna
982-3533

Wiskel Inn
1216 Beaver die
Wishew
452-4223

Hannifin House
403 Minnie Avenue
Wilton
734-6949

Hatton Motel
HWY 18
Hatton
543-4165

Heritage House B+B
440 34th St
Northwood
587-5251

Historic Jacobsen Mansion B+B
Box 15A
Scranton
275-8291

228-3515
1-888-595-8984

Homestead Lodge
789 98th St NE
Bottineau

House of 29 B+B
215 S 7th
akes
42-2227

Huffda Hotel
9410 171st Ave SE
Hankinson
242-9898

~~Krago~~ Krago@rrt.net

Indian Hills Resort
Harrison
743-4122

Inland Motel
Main St
Center
794-3392

~~Shirley~~ Shirley
Gingwood House
663 Eastman Ave
Grafton
352-6856

J and A Motel
Towner
537-5121

Park River

Alexander House Inc. HWY 17 W 58270

284-7141

Parshall Motel 205 Main St. N. 58770
862-3127

Red Roast Motel 203 W. Stutsman St 58271

825-6254

✓ Americana Motel 18 W Railway Ave 58772
926-4991

Powers Lake

Bunk House Motel Powers Lake, Powers Lake 464-5200

Ray Blue Mill Motel 11419 HWY 2 58849

closed
for winter 568-3388

hunting season
keeps business
running and pays
the bills

Andrus Resort

Dunn Center

548-8080

225-6339

Dentist
from clean
Dentist
let them
hand shake
they
they

Baldy Butte Hideaway

New England

258-1512

Bar V Ranch

PO Box 103

Medora, ND

701-623-4300

~~Beisenkuse Mansion Bed and Breakfast~~

~~1001 NE 2nd St.~~

~~Fax 547-3411~~

~~Blue Swan B+B~~

~~629 2nd St N~~

~~Carrington~~

~~652-3978~~

Should not happen
don't make money off people

manipulate

day up and y away

should make money

Boschs Bayside
8049 HWY 1804

ton
254-0151

Cambridge House
4th and Iowa
Riverside
654-7543

Carroll House Hotel
Fullerton
375-6671

Country Club
310 Railroad Ave E
Glen Allen
584-2752

Cross Roads Range
HCR 2 Box 36A
St John
244-5225

Hankinson Campground
242-7885

Havana Campground
724-6373

Kenmare Campground
385-4232

Kensal
435-2851

Ludgerwood
538-4521

Reeder
853-2316

Makuti
726-5623

Centennial Campground
Flasher
597-3127
597-3916

City Camper Park
Flower St + 6th Ave
Max
679-2762

Gaerding
488-2220

Napoleon
754-2266

New Leipzig
584-2278
584-2920

Sterling

✓ ~~Tops~~ Motel 28 Harck St 58572
387-44848

✓ ~~Tioga~~ Motel 210 2 St NE 58852
664-3395 Gail Harrison

✓ ~~Tower~~ Motel/Camping 304 Maiden Ln Tower City 58671
749-2694

✓ ~~Lexwood~~ Lincoln Park Motel 94 Lincoln Ave 58576
442-5251 Embers Estate
442-5327

✓ ~~Velva~~ Ko-Z Motel 601 HWY 52 W 58790
338-2624 Betty Hindseth

Walhalla
✓ ~~Eastwood~~ Inn 504 Sunset Ave 58282
549-2651 Kelly Galton

✓ ~~Hill View~~ Motel 120 HWY 32 S
549-3300

Washburn

Scotwood Motel Inc. HWY 83 N
1323 Frontage Rd 58577
462-8191

Watford City

Four Eyes Motel 125 Main Street 58854
842-4126

McKenzie Inn ~~10300~~ HWY 85 W
842-3980

Roosevelt Inn + Suites HWY 85 W
842-3686

Westhope

Gateway Inn 103 1st Ave E 58793
245-6441

Wing Motel 205 Main St 58494
943-2444

Wishuk Inn HWY 13 E 58495
452-4223

Bel-Vu Motel.

406 HWY 10 East

Belfield, ND 58622

(701) 575-4245

Republicans put in should put up with their consequences.

Trappers Inn

801 HWY 85

Bellevue, ND 58622

760 575-4261

~~Shady~~

of hunters full first weekend 36 ems
(none from waterfowl) - pheasant.

Annual revenue

average room rate

Opinion:

Left the way it was. Should not reduce
Need out of state Revenue

Yes

American Motel and Suites

2100 2nd Ave NW

Bemidji, ND

58523

(701) 873-2220

Opinion of HB 12.69

No.

Dakota Farms Inn

1200 HWY 49 N

Bentley, ND 58523

(701) 873-2242

Debbie.

hunters 60 Rms

~~annual revenue~~

average r r \$35

Yes

Opinion HB 1269

Don't think it should be passed.

El-Vu motel

~~1~~ 409 HWY 855

Bowman, ND 58623

(702) 1-800-521-0379

~~hunters~~

averager room rate 35.00 + tax 1 bed, 1 person

~~Common~~ Opinion
Against this bill

F+G has done a good job
Gov. should stay out of it.

Yes

Cheiftain Conference

60 4th Ave S

Carrington, ND 58421

(701) 652-3131

hunters quite a few

Annual revenue \$1 million

average room rate 41.95

Opinion

Not very good for this area.

Yes.

Cafe 622-3744
622-3461

~~Chamber of Commerce~~

El Rancho Motel

115 1st Ave E

Carson, ND 58529

(701) 622-3495

hunters (3/4 of business)

30⁰⁰ 35⁰⁰ double.

Opinion

Game and fish

wasn't for hunters, have to close.

Yes.

Cafe Tumbleweed

Box 49

Carson

58529

hunters do good business

Yes

County Seed lounge

Against the bill

Yes

~~Cedar Inn~~

502 Division Ave S

Cavalier, ND 58220

Totten Trail Lodge

1412^A HWY 83 #A

Coleharbor, ND 58531

Lets not be hurting our #2 industry, since ND
Doesn't have much industry

Yes

Golden Hub Motel

Hwy 5 East

Crosby 58730

(701) 965-6368

hunters ~~going~~ increasing # of
duck + goose
every year.
46 Rms

1/5 from hunters an. rev.
\$35 -40 arr.

nearly all waterfowl hunters are out state

~~No~~ Yes

Chandler of Commerce
City of Hall
701-486-3162

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Medina's Cozy Corners Motel, 413 Water St E, Medina, ND 58467, (701-486-3393) *No Answer*

North Country Lodge, 106 6th Ave NE, Medina, ND 58467, (701-486-3568) *No Answer*

North Country Lodge, 3225 55th Ave SE, Medina, ND 58467, (701-486-3155) *3194 left message*

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American Motel, 1423 35th St SW, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-237-9940) <dc> Call
 Best Western Inn, 3333 17th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-235-3333)
 Best Western Inn, 3800 Main Ave, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-282-2143)
 C-Mon Inn, 4338 28th Ave SW, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-277-9944)
 Comfort Inn, 1407 35th St SW, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-280-9666)
 Comfort Inn, 3825 9th Ave SW, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-282-9596)
 Comfort Suites, 1415 35th St SW, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-237-5911)
 Country Inn & Suites Carlson, 3316 13th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-234-0565)
 Days Inn, 1507 19th Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102, (701-232-0000)
 Donaldson Hotel, 516 1st St N # 2, Fargo, ND 58102, (701-235-3193)
 Doublewood Inn, 3333 13th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-235-3333)
 Econo Lodge, 1401 35th St SW, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-232-3412)
 Expressway Inn, 1340 21st Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-235-3141)
 Fairfield Inn, 3902 9th Ave SW, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-281-0494)
 Flying J Motel, 3150 39th St S, Fargo, ND 58105, (701-282-8473)
 Haberson's Efficiency Apts, 717 4th Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102, (701-232-0800)
 Hampton Inn, 3431 14th Ave SW, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-235-5566)
 Holiday Inn, 1040 40th St SW, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-282-2000)
 Holiday Inn, 3803 13th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-282-2700)
 Kelly Inn, 4207 13th Ave SW, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-277-8921)
 Macromtel Inns & Suites, 1101 18th St NW, Fargo, ND 58107, (701-281-2109)
 Motel 6, 1202 36th St SW, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-232-9251)
 Motel 75 Fargo, 1402 14th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-232-1321)
 Quality Inn, 301 3rd Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102, (701-232-8850)
 Radisson Hotel, 201 5th St N, Fargo, ND 58102, (701-232-7363)
 Ramada Inn, 1635 42nd St S, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-277-9000)
 Red Roof Inn, 901 18th St S, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-282-9100)
 Rodeway Inn, 2202 S University Dr, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-239-8022)

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Scandia Hotel, 717 4th St N, Fargo, ND 58102, (701-232-2661)
Select Inn Of Fargo-West Acres, 1025 18th St S, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-282-6300)
Select Inns Of America Corp, 1025 20th St SW, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-281-0140)
Sleep Inn, 1921 44th St SW, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-281-8240)
Super 8 Motel, 3518 Interstate Blvd, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-232-9202)
Thurskison Learning Ctr, 1401 35th St SW, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-235-4648)
Wingate Inn, 4429 19th Ave SW, Fargo, ND 58103, (701-281-9133)

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Days Inn, 525 Main Ave E, West Fargo, ND 58078, (701-281-0000)
Hi 10 Motel, IH 94 & US Highway 10, West Fargo, ND 58078, (701-282-6600)
Sunset Motel, 731 Main Ave W, West Fargo, ND 58078, (701-282-3266)
Super 8 Motel, 825 Main Ave E, West Fargo, ND 58078, (701-282-7121)

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Mike Smith 1-800-634-3444
American Motel & Suites, 1015 W 12th St, Grafton, ND 58237, (701-352-2788)
Leonard Motel, 666 W 12th St, Grafton, ND 58237, (701-352-1730)
Midtown Motel, 728 Main St, Grafton, ND 58237, (701-352-0237)
Super 8 Motel, 948 W 12th St, Grafton, ND 58237, (701-352-0888)

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*Jerlene Shuckys Fingerboard House
653 Eastman Ave
Grafton, ND 58237
352-0356*

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4 Bears Casino & Lodge, Highway 23 W, New Town, ND 58763, (701-627-4018) *No Answer*
Cottage Inn, 219 Main St # 69, New Town, ND 58763, (701-627-4217)
Sunset Motel, Highway 23 E, New Town, ND 58763, (701-627-3316) *Frank Lindberg*
West Dakota Inn, Highway 23 E, New Town, ND 58763, (701-627-3721)

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Best Western Inn, 1505 N Broadway, Minot, ND 58703, (701-852-3161)
 Casa Motel & Campground, 1900 Highway 2 And 52 W, Minot, ND 58701, (701-852-2352)
 Choice Hotels Inn, 1675 20th Ave SE, Minot, ND 58701, (701-838-7777)
 Comfort Inn, 1515 22nd Ave SW, Minot, ND 58701, (701-852-2201)
 Dakota Inn, 2401 Highway 2 And 52 W, Minot, ND 58701, (701-838-2700)
 Days Inn, 2100 4th St SW, Minot, ND 58701, (701-852-3646)
 Empire Motel, 2008 Burdick Expy E, Minot, ND 58701, (701-852-3178)
 Fairfield Inn, 900 24th Ave SW, Minot, ND 58701, (701-838-2424)
 Fairview Lodge, 1900 Burdick Expy E, Minot, ND 58701, (701-852-4488)
 Guest Lodge, 1937 N Broadway, Minot, ND 58703, (701-852-5600)
 Hillcrest Motel, 1416 S Broadway, Minot, ND 58701, (701-852-1214)
 Ho-Hum Motel, 2805 Highway 2 And 52 W, Minot, ND 58701, (701-852-2191)
 Holiday Inn, 2200 Burdick Expy E, Minot, ND 58701, (701-852-2504)
 Holiday Spot Hotel, 1901 S Broadway, Minot, ND 58701, (701-838-4840)
 Kelly Inn, 1510 26th Ave SW, Minot, ND 58701, (701-852-4300)
 Kenway Motel, 1808 Burdick Expy E, Minot, ND 58701, (701-839-4228)
 Pat's Motel & Campground, 2025 7th St SE, Minot, ND 58701, (701-838-5800)
 Ramada Inn, 2315 N Broadway, Minot, ND 58703, (701-839-3000)
 Riverside Motel & Campground, 2200 Burdick Expy E, Minot, ND 58701, (701-852-2580)
 San Way Ve Motel, 1605 6th St NW, Minot, ND 58703, (701-385-4238)
 Sandman Motel, 2601 Burdick Expy W, Minot, ND 58701, (701-852-4088)
 Select Inn Of Minot, 225 22nd Ave NW, Minot, ND 58703, (701-852-3411)
 Stockmen's Bar, 4120 Burdick Expy E, Minot, ND 58701, (701-838-4031)
 Super 8 Motel, 1315 N Broadway, Minot, ND 58703, (701-852-1817)

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American-Bismarck, 3235 State St, Bismarck, ND 58503, (701-250-1000)
Best Western Inn, 1400 Interchange Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501, (701-258-7000)
Bismarck Motor Hotel, 2301 E Main Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501, (701-223-2474)
Comfort Inn, 1010 E Interstate Ave, Bismarck, ND 58503, (701-223-1911)
Comfort Suites, 929 Gateway Ave, Bismarck, ND 58503, (701-223-4009)
Country Suites, 3205 N 14th St, Bismarck, ND 58503, (701-258-4200)
Days Inn, 1300 E Capitol Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501, (701-223-9151)
Expressway Inn & Suites, 200 E Bismarck Expy, Bismarck, ND 58504, (701-222-2900)
Expressway Suites, 180 E Bismarck Expy, Bismarck, ND 58504, (701-222-3311)
Fairfield Inn, 1120 E Century Ave, Bismarck, ND 58503, (701-223-9077)
Fairfield Inn, 135 Ivy Ave, Bismarck, ND 58504, (701-223-9293)
Flock-House, 122 E Thayer Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501, (701-255-1450)
Hi-Way Studio Apartments, 6319 E Main Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501, (701-223-0506)
Hillside Motel, 1601 N 12th St, Bismarck, ND 58501, (701-223-7986)
Holiday Inn, 605 E Broadway Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501, (701-255-6000)
Hotel Bismarck & Convention, 1215 W Main Ave, Bismarck, ND 58504, (701-223-9600)
Kelly Inn, 1800 N 12th St, Bismarck, ND 58501, (701-223-8001)
Mark V Studio Apartments, 2316 E Broadway Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501, (701-223-8586)
Motel 6, 2433 State St, Bismarck, ND 58503, (701-255-6878)
Nodak Motel, 210 N 20th St, Bismarck, ND 58501, (701-223-1960)
Radisson Inn Bismarck, 800 S 3rd St, Bismarck, ND 58504, (701-258-7700)
Ramada Inn, 3808 E Divide Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501, (701-221-3030)
Select Inn, 1505 Interchange Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501, (701-223-8060)
Super 8 Motel, 1124 E Capitol Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501, (701-255-1314)

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511 Reeves Bed & Breakfast, 511 Reeves Dr, Grand Forks, ND 58201, (701-775-3585)
Ambassador Motel, 2021 S Washington St, Grand Forks, ND 58201, (701-772-1433)
Americinn Motel & Suites, 1820 S Columbia Rd, Grand Forks, ND 58201, (701-780-9925)
Best Western Inn, 710 1st Ave N, Grand Forks, ND 58203, (701-746-5411)
C-Mon Inn, 3051 32nd Ave S, Grand Forks, ND 58201, (701-775-3328)
Comfort Inn, 3251 30th Ave S, Grand Forks, ND 58201, (701-775-7503)
Country Inn, 3350 32nd Ave S, Grand Forks, ND 58201, (701-775-5000)
Days Inn, 3101 S 34th St, Grand Forks, ND 58201, (701-775-0060)
Econo Lodge, 900 N 43rd St, Grand Forks, ND 58203, (701-746-6666)
Fairfield Inn, 3051 S 34th St, Grand Forks, ND 58201, (701-775-7910)
Happy Host Inn, 3101 S 17th St, Grand Forks, ND 58201, (701-746-4411)
Holiday Inn, 1210 N 43rd St, Grand Forks, ND 58203, (701-772-7131)
Lucky Inn Motel, 1403 S Washington St, Grand Forks, ND 58201, (701-772-5459)
Plainsman Motel, 2201 Gateway Dr, Grand Forks, ND 58203, (701-775-8134)
Prairie Inn, 1211 N 47th St, Grand Forks, ND 58203, (701-775-9904)
Ramada Inn, 1205 N 43rd St, Grand Forks, ND 58203, (701-775-3951)
Roadking Inn, 1015 N 43rd St, Grand Forks, ND 58203, (701-775-0691)
Roadking Inn-Columbia Mall, 3360 30th Ave S, Grand Forks, ND 58201, (701-746-1391)
Roadway Inn, 4901 Gateway Dr, Grand Forks, ND 58203, (701-795-9960)
Select Inn Of Grand Forks, 1000 N 42nd St, Grand Forks, ND 58203, (701-775-0535)
Super 8 Motel, 1122 N 43rd St, Grand Forks, ND 58203, (701-775-8138)
Travelodge, 2100 S Washington St, Grand Forks, ND 58201, (701-772-8151)
Westward Ho Motel, 3400 Gateway Dr, Grand Forks, ND 58203, (701-775-5341)

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- Budget Host 4-U Motel, 704 Highway 12 W, Bowman, ND 58623, (701-523-3243) 800-800-Host No Amenity
- Downtown Motel, 101 N Main St, Bowman, ND 58623, (701-523-5621)
- El-Vu Motel, 409 Highway 85 S, Bowman, ND 58623, (701-523-5224)
- Logging Camp Ranch Resort, HC 3 Box 27, Bowman, ND 58623, (701-279-5501) No Amenity Left Message
- North Winds Lodge, 503 Highway 85 S, Bowman, ND 58623, (701-523-5641)
- Super 8 Motel, 614 3rd St SW, Bowman, ND 58623, (701-523-5613)
- Trial Motel, 208 Highway 12 W, Bowman, ND 58623, (701-523-3291) ~~3:00~~ Call back at 4:00

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Motels and Hotels in Rugby, ND

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Econo Lodge, Highway 2 E, Rugby, ND 58368, (701-776-5776) Rita
Hillman Inn & Campground, Highway 2 W, Rugby, ND 58368, (701-776-5277) Left message
Rub Motel, 215 Highway 2 SW, Rugby, ND 58368, (701-776-5833) Shelly Call back after 4

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Motels and Hotels in Williston, ND

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Airport International Inn, Highway 2 & 85 N, Williston, ND 58801, (701-774-0241) *Left Message*
 El Rancho Motor Hotel, 1623 2nd Ave W, Williston, ND 58801, (701-572-6321) 800-433-8529
 Grand View Motel, 5527 Highway 85, Williston, ND 58801, (701-572-9811)
 Select Inn Of Williston, 213 35th St W, Williston, ND 58801, (701-572-4242) *Mike Falcon call back at 4:00*
 Super 8 Motel, 2324 2nd Ave W, Williston, ND 58801, (701-572-8371) *No Answer*
 Travel Host Motel, 3801 2nd Ave W, Williston, ND 58801, (701-774-0041) *No Answer*

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Buffalo Plains Campground
 572/3206
Country Garden Br B
 805 1st Avenue W
 774-9413 *Left Message*

Kunde's Landing Resort
 11350 Hwy 1804
 May, ND 58849-9236
 568-3474
 Jim and Annette Tongerson

Left Message

Motels and Hotels in Valley City, ND

You may be able to find more info about Valley City lodging by going to the reservations page.

- X American Motel & Suites, 290 Wintershow Rd SE, Valley City, ND 58072, (701-845-5551)
- Bel-Air Motel, 2315 W Main St, Valley City, ND 58072, (701-845-3620) *No Answer*
- X Fleckertail Inn, Winter Snow Rd, Valley City, ND 58072, (701-845-5278)
- Parade Inn, 140 3rd Ave SE, Valley City, ND 58072, (701-845-1560) *Mary Simonson - Left message*
- Super 8 Motel, 822 11th St SW, Valley City, ND 58072, (701-845-1140) *Sandy*
- Super 8 Motel, 8th Av & 194, Valley City, ND 58072, (701-845-1140)
- Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd, 455 Winter Show Rd, Valley City, ND 58072, (701-845-5333) *No Opinion*

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845-5551
No effect*

Motels and Hotels in Wahpeton, ND

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Americinn, 2029 Two Ten Dr, Wahpeton, ND 58075, (701-642-8365) No Answer
Comfort Inn, 209 13th St S, Wahpeton, ND 58075, (701-642-1115) Matt Holloway
Holiday Inn, 1800 Two Ten Dr, Wahpeton, ND 58075, (701-642-5000) Lynny Sunamori - Fargo (Den Wald)
Starlite Motel, 1005 4th Ave S, Wahpeton, ND 58075, (701-642-6627) Randy
Super 8 Motel, 995 21st Ave N, Wahpeton, ND 58075, (701-642-8731)

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Motels and Hotels in Mandan, ND

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Best Western Inn, 2611 Old Red Trl, Mandan, ND 58554, (701-663-7401)
Colonial Motel, 4631 Memorial Hwy, Mandan, ND 58554, (701-663-9824)
North Country Inn & Suites, 1200 E Main St, Mandan, ND 58554, (701-663-6497)
Ridge Motel, 2630 Old Red Trl, Mandan, ND 58554, (701-663-8686)
Riverbreeze Inn, 4524 Memorial Hwy, Mandan, ND 58554, (701-663-9856)
Seven Seas Inn & Conference, IH 94 & Exit 152, Mandan, ND 58554, (701-663-7401)
T P Motel, 1008 W Main St, Mandan, ND 58554, (701-663-6426)

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Motels and Hotels in Medora, ND

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American Motel & Suites, 75 E River Rd S, Medora, ND 58645, (701-623-4800)
Bedlands Motel, 501 Pacific Ave, Medora, ND 58645, (701-623-4444)
Medora Motel, 301 5th St, Medora, ND 58645, (701-623-4422)
Medora Motel, East River Rd, Medora, ND 58645, (701-623-4444)
Rough Riders Hotel, 1 Main St, Medora, ND 58645, (701-623-4433)
Roughriders Hotel, 1 Main St, Medora, ND 58645, (701-623-4444)
Sully Inn, 425 4th St, Medora, ND 58645, (701-623-4455)

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Bar X Ranch
PO Box 163
Medora, ND 58645
623-4360

Eagle Ridge Lodge
Medora
623-3216
866-863-3453

Motels and Hotels in Dickinson, ND

You may be able to find more info about Dickinson lodging by going to the [reservations](#) page.

[Americinn](#), 229 15th St W, Dickinson, ND 58601, (701-225-1400) & de Call
[Best Western Inn](#), 71 W Museum Dr, Dickinson, ND 58601, (701-227-4310)
[Budget Inn](#), 529 12th St W, Dickinson, ND 58601, (701-225-9123)
[Budget Inn](#), 1-94, Dickinson, ND 58601, (701-225-9123)
[City Motel](#), 1520 W Villard St, Dickinson, ND 58601, (701-264-1132)
[Comfort Inn](#), 493 Elks Dr, Dickinson, ND 58601, (701-264-7360)
[Hartnell Inn](#), 509 3rd Ave W, Dickinson, ND 58601, (701-225-6710)
[Motel Motel](#), 600 E Villard St, Dickinson, ND 58601, (701-225-5119)
[Oasis Motel](#), 1000 W Villard St, Dickinson, ND 58601, (701-225-6703)
[Queen City Motel](#), 1108 W Villard St, Dickinson, ND 58601, (701-225-5121)
[Select Inn Of Dickinson](#), 1114 15th Ave W, Dickinson, ND 58601, (701-227-1891)
[Super 8 Motel](#), 637 12th St W, Dickinson, ND 58601, (701-227-1215)
[Travelodge](#), 532 15th St W, Dickinson, ND 58601, (701-227-1853)

[Motel Death Hwy Lodge](#)
 1744 20th St SW
 Dickinson, ND 58601
 225-6108
[www.moteldeathhighway.com](#)

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Motels and Hotels in Rolla, ND



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Bilmar Motel, Highway 5 W, Rolla, ND 58367, (701-477-3157) ✓

Edmond Inn, 223 Main Ave E, Rolla, ND 58367, (701-477-3101) ✓

Northern Lights Motel, 608 Main Ave E, Rolla, ND 58367, (701-477-6166) ✓

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John Michaelson

Bridge

Barb CVB

662-4903

Devils Lake

Motels and Hotels in Devils Lake, ND

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- ✓ City Center Motel, 518 5th St, Devils Lake, ND 58301, (701-662-4918)
- ✓ Comfort Inn, 215 Highway 2 E, Devils Lake, ND 58301, (701-662-6760)
- ✓ Dakota Motor Inn, Highway 2 E, Devils Lake, ND 58301, (701-662-4001) *call back at 4:00*
- ✓ Davis Motel, Highway 2 W, Devils Lake, ND 58301, (701-662-4927) *Left message*
- ✓ Days Inn, 1109 Highway 20 S, Devils Lake, ND 58301, (701-662-5381) *Shelly Mackel*
- ✓ S&P Motel, 1001 Highway 2 E, Devils Lake, ND 58301, (701-662-4656)
- ✓ Topper Motel, Highway 2 E, Devils Lake, ND 58301, (701-662-4089)
- ✓ Trails West Motel, Highway 2 W, Devils Lake, ND 58301, (701-662-5011)

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Motels and Hotels in Jamestown, ND

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West Western Inn, 824 20th St SW, Jamestown, ND 58401, (701-252-3611)
 Budget Lodge, 1009 12th Ave SE, Jamestown, ND 58401, (701-252-2363)
 Buffalo Motel, 1530 6th Ave SW, Jamestown, ND 58401, (701-252-0180)
 Comfort Inn, 311 20th St SW, Jamestown, ND 58401, (701-252-7125)
 Dakota Inn, Highway 281 S & IH 94, Jamestown, ND 58401, (701-252-3611)
 Days Inn, 824 20th St SW, Jamestown, ND 58401, (701-251-9085)
 Glendene Select Hotel, 111 2nd St NE, Jamestown, ND 58401, (701-252-0700)
 Holiday Inn, 803 20th St SW, Jamestown, ND 58401, (701-251-2131)
 Jamestown Motel, 1018 4th Ave SW, Jamestown, ND 58401, (701-252-0471)
 Ranch House Motel, 408 Business Loop W, Jamestown, ND 58401, (701-252-0722)
 Star Lite Motel & Video Store, 1610 Business Loop E, Jamestown, ND 58401, (701-252-5111)
 Super 8 Motel, Highway 281 S & I 94, Jamestown, ND 58401, (701-252-4715)

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Ma's Inn.

1st year

Receiving large # for this fall.

Hello my name is _____ I would like to speak with
your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The
reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of
licenses by uneven zones.

Jate Sheila Heim

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November
30? _____

Your annual revenue? _____ 5 Rooms Kitchenettes

Your average room rate? \$75 / day \$350.00 week 8% tax

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Ashley, Mac. County well known for hunting.
Most community businesses dependent on nonresident.
Bottom line, does not affect just hotels, but communities.
business.

Bediculous.

Well-to-do people, willing to spend money.

Done

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for
HB1269?

Against.

Ma's Inn. 404 1st Ave NE, Ashley, ND 58413

701-288-0060

Hello my name is Andrew Schlotter I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 95%

Your annual revenue? 80-90,000

Your average room rate? 39.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

I want no pass'vote.
Already full this year for full season.
The hunting season keeps this business (Bolette Motel) open.
The hunters pay the bills and provides money for
improvement.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Bolette Motel
562 3rd Avenue
Bolette, ND 58366
(701) 246-3733
Mary Knox

Hello my name is Andrea Schlosser I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 100%

Your annual revenue? October - November \$7500 - \$8000

Your average room rate? 43.²⁰ - 39.⁴²

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Won't back this bill. The hunters money is the bread and butter of my business.

Bring their family during the summer.

If it wasn't for hunting, disease would become widespread.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

OK 47 Motel Bodney Kuss
301 3rd Avenue NE
Steele, ND 58482
(701) 475-2440

Hello my name is John S. Smith I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 50%

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? 36.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Don't like it. Don't stop people from coming to the state to hunt.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

John S. Smith John Smith
18 W. Railway St.
Dexter, MO 65722
(711) 426-4991

Hello my name is Andrea Schmitt I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 10-15%

Your annual revenue? \$720,000

Your average room rate? 51.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

That would really hurt businesses, obviously
it will hurt not only motels, but restaurants
and gas stations.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Holiday Inn
803 20th St SW
Jamestown, ND 58401
(701) 251-2131

Jeff Schutt - General Manager

Hello my name is Navin Patel I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 60-70%

Your annual revenue? ~~100,000~~ 50,000

Your average room rate? 50⁰⁰

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Will affect my business very badly.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Days Inn Navin Patel - manager
824 20th Street SW
Jamestown, ND 58401
(701) 251-9085

Hello my name is Andrea Schlosser I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 50-60%

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? 35.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Get a lot of revenue from hunters. The more
that come is always a positive thing.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Jamestown Motel
1018 4th Avenue SW
Jamestown, ND 58401
(701) 252-0471

Hello my name is Andrea Schlosser I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? _____

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? _____

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Will hurt very badly.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Super 8 Motel
Highway 281 S and I 94
Jamestown, ND 58401
(701) 252-4715

Information from Jeff Schutt

Hello my name is Andrea Schlosser I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 20%

Your annual revenue? \$1 million

Your average room rate? 50.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Should increase instead of decrease the number of licenses available to nonresidents.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

~~Dale~~ Dale Johnson

Dakota Inn

HWY 281 S. and TH 94

Jamestown, ND 58401

(701) 252-2611

Hello my name is Andrea Schlusser I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 60-75 %

Your annual revenue? 100,000⁰⁰

Your average room rate? 32⁰⁰

What is your opinion of HB1269?

ND Game & fish needs to allowed to do their job and legislators do theirs.

ND needs is non-resident hunters to flourish and grow with out them what do we have left.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Sunset 58763
Highway 23 E. New Town ND
Frank Lindberg - Owner
701 627 3316

Hello my name is John Smith I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 25%

Your annual revenue? \$75,000

Your average room rate? 36.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Don't cut the number of licenses. It would hurt the business. There should be a way to cut the number of licenses.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

John Smith

Highway 5 East

Carol Elinger

Maple Hill AD 58761

(761) 750-6377

Hello my name is John Miller I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 75%

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? 29⁷⁵ - 35⁰⁰

What is your opinion of HB1269?

We want the hunters.
Non-resident hunters spend \$100.00 + everyday
in New Rockford. Will affect all businesses
in New Rockford.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Bison Lodge Boger Westly-owned
222 1st Street South
New Rockford ND 58356
(701) 947-5947

Business has been hit by the reduction in hunters
since many have left the area.

Hello my name is Andrea Schlosser I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? not much waterfowl.

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? 36⁵⁰ - 45²⁰

What is your opinion of HB1269?

Better to let Game and Fish to make the decisions.
Fish and Game knows what is going, where the birds are.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Tingo Motel Gail Jackson
210 2nd St NE
Tingo, ND 58852
(701) 664-3395

Hello my name is Andrea Schlusser I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 60%

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? 38.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

We like to have a lot of people coming in.
Pretty hard to run a motel if there are no nonresident
hunters to stay considering most North Dakota residents
stay at motels.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Forestwood Inn.
504 Sunset Ave. Kelly and Sue Gratton
Winthalla, ND 58282
(701) 549-2651

Hello my name is Anders Schlemmer I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 25%

Your annual revenue? _____

Your average room rate? 26.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

if there was a problem with the numbers of birds,
it may have been a good idea. But there are plenty
of birds.

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Ko-Z - Motel
601 HWY 52 West Betty Kindseth
Velva, ND 58790
(701) 338-2624

Hello my name is Andrea Schlatter I would like to speak with your general manager or owner if I may.

Introduce yourself again and ask if they have heard of House Bill 1269. The reducing of waterfowl licensing and breaking up the reduced number of licenses by uneven zones.

I would like to ask you a few quick questions:

How many hunters approximately do you get from October 1 to November 30? 60-75%

Your annual revenue? 100,000.00

Your average room rate? 32.00

What is your opinion of HB1269?

ND Game & fish needs to allowed to do their job and legislators do theirs.

ND needs is non-resident hunters to flourish and grow without them what do we have left

May I use your business name in reference if you are against or for HB1269?

Sunset

Highway 23 E. New Town ND

Frank Lindberg - Owner

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