

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1018**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

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

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. BASE LEVEL FUNDING INFORMATION.** The amounts identified in this  
5 section represent the base level funding component appropriated to the game and fish  
6 department in section 3 of this Act as follows:

7	Salaries and wages	\$15,373,582
8	Operating expenses	9,491,219
9	Capital assets	2,259,944
10	Grants	3,602,050
11	Land habitat and deer depredation	10,181,415
12	Noxious weed control	300,000
13	Grants, gifts, and donations	150,000
14	Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000
15	Lonetree reservoir	1,337,553
16	Wildlife services	<u>550,000</u>
17	Total special funds - Base level	\$43,365,763

18 **SECTION 2. FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS INFORMATION.** The  
19 amounts identified in this section represent the funding adjustments or enhancements to the  
20 base funding level for the game and fish department which are included in the appropriation in  
21 section 3 of this Act as follows:

22	Salaries and wages	\$1,496,565
23	Operating expenses	245,216
24	Capital assets	701,172

1	Grants	1,812,072
2	Land habitat and deer depredation	50,871
3	Noxious weed control	50,000
4	Grants, gifts, and donations	550,000
5	Lonetree reservoir	<u>193,507</u>
6	Total special funds - Adjustments/enhancements	\$5,099,403

7           **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the  
8 funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish fund in  
9 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal  
10 funds and other income, to the game and fish department for the purpose of defraying the  
11 expenses of that agency, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007,  
12 as follows:

13	Salaries and wages	\$16,870,147
14	Operating expenses	9,736,435
15	Capital assets	2,961,116
16	Grants	5,414,122
17	Land habitat and deer depredation	10,232,286
18	Noxious weed control	350,000
19	Grants, gifts, and donations	700,000
20	Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000
21	Lonetree reservoir	1,531,060
22	Wildlife services	<u>550,000</u>
23	Total special funds appropriation	\$48,465,166

24           **SECTION 4. PRIVATE LAND HABITAT AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENT.** The sum of  
25 \$3,500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the land habitat and deer  
26 depredation line item in section 3 of this Act, is from the private land habitat and access  
27 improvement fund and must be used by the game and fish department for the private land  
28 habitat and access improvement program, as provided in section 20.1-02-05, for the biennium  
29 beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.

30           **SECTION 5. NONGAME WILDLIFE.** The sum of \$35,000, or so much of the sum as  
31 may be necessary, included in the nongame wildlife conservation line item in section 3 of this

1 Act, is from the nongame wildlife fund and must be used by the game and fish department for  
2 the purposes provided in section 20.1-02-16.2, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and  
3 ending June 30, 2007.

4 **SECTION 6. WILDLIFE SERVICES - AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER.** The sum of  
5 \$550,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the wildlife services line  
6 item in section 3 of this Act, is from the game and fish department operating fund and must be  
7 provided to the agriculture commissioner to pay for services provided by the United States  
8 department of agriculture wildlife services agency to alleviate wildlife depredation and damage  
9 in North Dakota. The director of the game and fish department must approve projects,  
10 contracts, and agreements relating to the expenditure of these moneys.

11 **SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS LINE**  
12 **ITEM - UNDERDAHL GIFT.** The grants, gifts, and donations line item in section 3 of this Act  
13 includes up to \$500,000 provided as a gift to the game and fish department from the estate of  
14 Rodney Underdahl. It is the intent of the fifty-ninth legislative assembly to approve the  
15 unrestricted receipt of this gift by the game and fish department.