

Hi my name is Kris Walcker and part of the reason I love to live in North Dakota is the outstanding fisheries we have. With The over reach of the Game and fish increasing the fee on larger tournaments and making it harder for local people to compete on a National level in front of a home crowd is gonna go away if we don't make changes to where we all get along. I've been told by the fisheries department that if a lake was gonna be affected by the tourney he wouldn't issue a permit and also has said that it's not about the money, so if it's not about the money why is it that a tournament that would be at boat ramp (A) for example with same amount of participants but different entry fees be charged a different fee? Everything is the same 5 fish 8 hours of fishing, only thing different is the \$\$\$\$\$\$ so make all the tourney fees the same price across the board for all and work to find conservation money elsewhere like price increase to license a boat, out of state fishing license fee, boat dock fee would help spruce up some of these that are in bad shape and lacking toilets and such. Right now to fish in North Dakota for a out of stater say from South Dakota is substantially cheaper than it is for us to go there which is absurd. Last year South Dakota was fortunate enough to host a Bassmaster elite series tournament on lake Oahe and the crowd at weigh in was huge, that alone tells me the amount of money that was brought in to South Dakota a in tourism and gas, food ,lodging, license fees was a lot of money which is what is needed for a lot of small towns in North Dakota for them to also flourish and survive on. Weather it's in Devils lake or Sakakawea or from eastern North Dakota when there traveling through it's a huge amount of money that North Dakota deserves and needs.