

Testimony in support of: North Dakota House Bill 1538 – A Bill for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 20 of section 20.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code

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To: Representative Porter and Members of the North Dakota House Energy and Natural Resource Committee

As an avid angler and lifetime resident of North Dakota, I am writing to voice my support for your House Bill 1538.

North Dakota has seen a decrease in a few national level tournaments since the changes to the conservation fees have taken place. The effects of this have impacted several communities that benefit from events such as these. These events attract upwards to 200 out of state anglers who spend up to a week in these communities. The communities also benefit from seminars and fishing clinics for the local youth that are put on by anglers themselves to promote fishing and the awareness of ANS. These benefits have been shifted to neighboring states and are giving them exposure on a national level and sending tourism dollars there instead of our great state.

I would like to respectfully ask that you pass HB 1538 to support and promote one of our great resources.

Sincerely,

Justin Fettig