

I am writing in opposition to House Bill 1151. Removing hunting ethics and hunting styles from this conversation leaves only one thing, the science. This legislation would remove the ability for wildlife professionals to use science and data to manage wildlife resources on behalf of the public. The system of wildlife management balances the needs of people and wildlife using the best available science. This is what our North Dakota Game and Fish Department is charged with and it is in the best interest of citizens of North Dakota to let them manage fish and wildlife populations. I do not support the current language regarding 50 gallon capacities and distance from adjacent property, there is simply no data to support this. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is the agency with the data and the trained biologists to make informed wildlife management decisions. My family trusts the North Dakota Game and Fish Department staff, their data and their decisions on this matter, and we urge you to oppose HB1151.

Thank you for your consideration.

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