

NORTH DAKOTA SPORTFISHING CONGRESS

ND SPORTFISHING CONGRESS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SATURDAY, DEC. 3, 2005 – 12 NOON ND GAME & FISH BUILDING – JAMESTOWN, ND

MINUTES

Members Present: President Duaine Ash; Board members Mike Anderson, Rick Eagelson and Paul Haug; club delegates Dave Chaddock, Ken Cumber, Rita Greer and Lee Klapprodt; and Executive Secretary Marie Hoerner.

- The minutes from the April 23, 2005 meeting were approved as distributed. Motion by Haug, second by Mike Anderson and passed.
- President Duaine Ash mentioned that he was contacted about the Congress giving financial support to the Billings Lake project to prevent carp from moving into Devils Lake. He said that a motion was made and passed at the April 23, 2005 meeting that Congress encourages individual member clubs support in the way of funding the project, but that the NDSFC is not set up to contribute to such projects. Congress will give ideas and help; moral support, but no dollar support. A comment was made that the cat tails may have filtered out the carp from getting into the runoff water that flows into Devils Lake. It is estimated the project to build the dike up will cost \$12,000-15,000. Lee said landowners are not entirely agreeable with the project, so it has been delaying the project. The Water Commission is in favor of designing a project; it is the people at the local level that are holding up the project. The Billings Lake situation is a drainage issue and Duaine doesn't believe NDSFC should get involved with drainage issues.
- Treasurer Rick Eagelson distributed the "Treasurer's Report" showing a beginning balance of \$11,787.14 as of 4-23-05 and ending balance of \$9,639.16 on 12-3-05, which included the income and expenses from the 2005 Fund Raiser. The report revealed total income of \$13,310.50 and total expenses of \$15,458.48. An income and expense report from the April 23, 2005 Fund Raiser was also distributed, which showed a net profit of \$3,840.43. A motion to approve the financial statements was made by Mike Anderson, second by Paul Haug and passed.
- Duaine mentioned he attended an ANS meeting in Bismarck last week.
- Terry Steinwand of the ND Game & Fish provided Duaine with four topics for discussion at our meeting. They are:
 1. **Use of increased funds for Fisheries from \$500,000 to \$1 million per year, resulting from the federal boat gas tax monies that goes into the Sport Fish Restoration account.** After discussion, the Congress recommends the following three priorities for spending the dollars: #1 Priority – ANS; the public needs to be educated on the impact of ANS. There was differing opinions on whether to focus on education, #2 Priority – Save Our Lakes (SOL), and #3 Priority – Facility improvements, including handicap access.

2. **What kind of legislation would the Congress like the G&F to pursue for the next session?** Duaine suggested more people to do more studies and research (i.e. what happened to the perch in Devils Lake, more money to fund universities to do the research). It was suggested that residential fishing and hunting licenses are too cheap and they should possibly be increased. Duaine said that based on the last legislative session, you will need to have a reason to increase the fees and know where the additional revenue will be spent. He said it's a hard sell to increase fees in order to add staff. Mike Anderson suggested studies on fisheries. After discussion, it was recommended that the Congress members think about possible legislation for the 2007 and it will be put on the agenda for our next meeting in April.
3. **Large fishing tournaments – there seems to be a move to hold a large number of fishing tournaments on Devils Lake in 2006 and G&F would like our feedback.** There was discussion, but it was felt that there are not that many big tournaments, but there are quite a few smaller ones. There was not a biological reason to ask, but a social reason. Maybe some of the big tournaments could be run during the week so it doesn't affect the public fishing. Only have the tournaments fall on one of the weekend days (i.e. Sunday-Monday, Friday-Saturday).
4. **Proclamation Proposed changes/issues for 2006-08.** (A list of changes was distributed.)
 - a. Winter closures – remove Nygren Dam, Velva Sportsman's Pond and possibly Kettle Lake from the list. *Congress has no comment.*
 - b. Darkhouse spearing – a) Add Lake Irving, Sibley Lake, Stump Lake, Island Lake (Rolette Co.) and South Eckelson Lake. *Congress has no comment; however, Duaine said the only complaint was chunks of ice left on ice.* b) Remove Spiritwood Lake from list. *Congress agrees.* c) Provide language to more adequately define those areas on Lakes Sakakawea and Oahe, i.e., "up to the first vehicular bridge or crossing". *Congress agrees.*
 - c. Catch and Release lakes. a) Remove Moon Lake, McDowell Dam and Nygren Dam from the list of catch and release only lakes (from April 1 to June 30); and b) Add OWLS Pond and State Fair Pond to year round catch and release list. *Congress has no comment.*
 - d. New definition of "foul hooked" – Defined as "any fish hooked or caught in any area behind the gill cover". *Congress says it's good, but may be hard to enforce.*
 - e. Panfish limits – a) Recommend a reduction to 20 daily/60 in possession. *Congress supports by consensus.* b) Recommend experimental lakes with either a 10 daily/20 possession limit. The lakes would include Kraft Slough (yellow perch), Odland Dam (yellow perch and bluegill), and Pipestem Reservoir (crappie). *Congress strongly agrees.*
 - f. Use of downriggers in Garrison Dam tailrace. *Congress does not want to get involved; shouldn't be discussed since downrigging is a type of fishing.*
 - g. Size limit – Not a proposed change but offered for discussion purposes – a) Implement a "one over 25 inch" maximum size limit for walleye. *Congress recommends no change.* b) Allow no channel catfish over 24 inches from the Red River. *Congress doesn't agree.*
 - h. Manner of taking fish – a) The use of any mechanical device to automatically retrieve the fish shall be illegal except by permission from the director. *Congress feels it should be for handicap only.*
 - i. Other – a) Channel Catfish limit—east of Highway 1 is 5; no limit west of Highway. *Congress agrees.* b) Illegal to remove more than gills and entrails from channel catfish east of ND Highway 1 while on the water, actively engaged in fishing, or until the fish are at the license permanent residence. *Congress had no discussion.* c) Add zander back on to the game fish list and include it with the limit of walleye, sauger and saugeye. *Congress opposes.* d) Add rock bass to the game fish with daily/possession limit the same as panfish. *Congress agrees.* e) A number of non-criminal violation additions for paddlefish lessened its importance. A minor issue. *Congress has no comment and believes Game & Fish should handle.* f) Remove Buffalo Gap, Brewer Lake and Clausen Springs from "no live baitfish allowed" lakes. *Congress agrees.*

- President Duaine Ash announced he will not serve or seek re-election as President effective April 2007 and it will be necessary to form a Search Committee to come up with a list of candidates that are willing to serve. It was suggested that the members start thinking about prospective candidates. Lee said we should get the word out to member clubs and they should start talking about prospective candidates.
- Website – Duaine said that we will no longer be charged a monthly fee and the annual hosting fee is only \$25 a year. He said Tony Burgan is no longer our webmaster. A motion was made to give Congress' Secretary Marie Hoerner the authority to what will be necessary to bring the website up-to-date. Motion by Paul Haug, second by Mike Anderson and passed.
- Fund raiser – Mike Anderson reported on Congress' annual fund raiser which is set for Saturday, April 8, 2006 at the Elks Lodge in Bismarck. Since there has been some discussion about the meal and having something else instead of prime rib, Mike visited with the Elks Lodge and they are looking at having a buffet with two meats (ham, chicken or roast beef). The cost would be approximately \$12 per plate. Mike is inclined to look at the buffet unless there are any objections. There was some concern about the space requirement with a buffet setup, but the Elks believes there will be adequate space and Mike will work with the Elks. The Elks will also increase the barmaids/staff for the fund raiser. Mike will look at hotel facilities for holding the 2007 event, but the fund raiser will stay at the Elks in 2006.

Mike said the Fund Raising Committee was approached by Scheels to ask why they aren't given the chance to purchase our merchandise from them. Treasurer Rick Eagleson gave Mike a list of the prizes purchased in 2005 and he will visit with Scheels to see if they can compete. The basic structure of the event will stay the same. Mike said the tickets will be ready by February 1.

- Newsletter – It will be announced in early February that newsletter articles are due by February 15 with the newsletter to be mailed around March 1. The fund raiser details will be published in the newsletter.
- Duaine said he attended an ANS meeting last week and he asked what the clubs' feeling are so he knows when he goes to ANS meetings. Should he support high fines, loose fishing privileges or boat and trailer? Instead of a misdemeanor, it would be more like a criminal offense. Lee Klapprodt said he believes we are far better off putting money into educating the public on ANS, rather than trying to assess large fines. There were mixed feelings amongst club members with regard to educating the public and/or implementing higher fines for ANS offenders.
- Duaine handed out a PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) ad that Lee Klapprodt had sent him. A copy of the ad is attached.
- Duaine also mentioned that on January 20, 2006 there will be a roast for Dean at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. Hal Lee from New Rockford is heading up the roast.
- Mike Anderson asked if we want to take a position on the new Fisheries Chief to replace Terry Steinwand. No action was taken.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Date submitted: Dec. 11, 2005

Submitted by: Marie Hoerner, Secretary

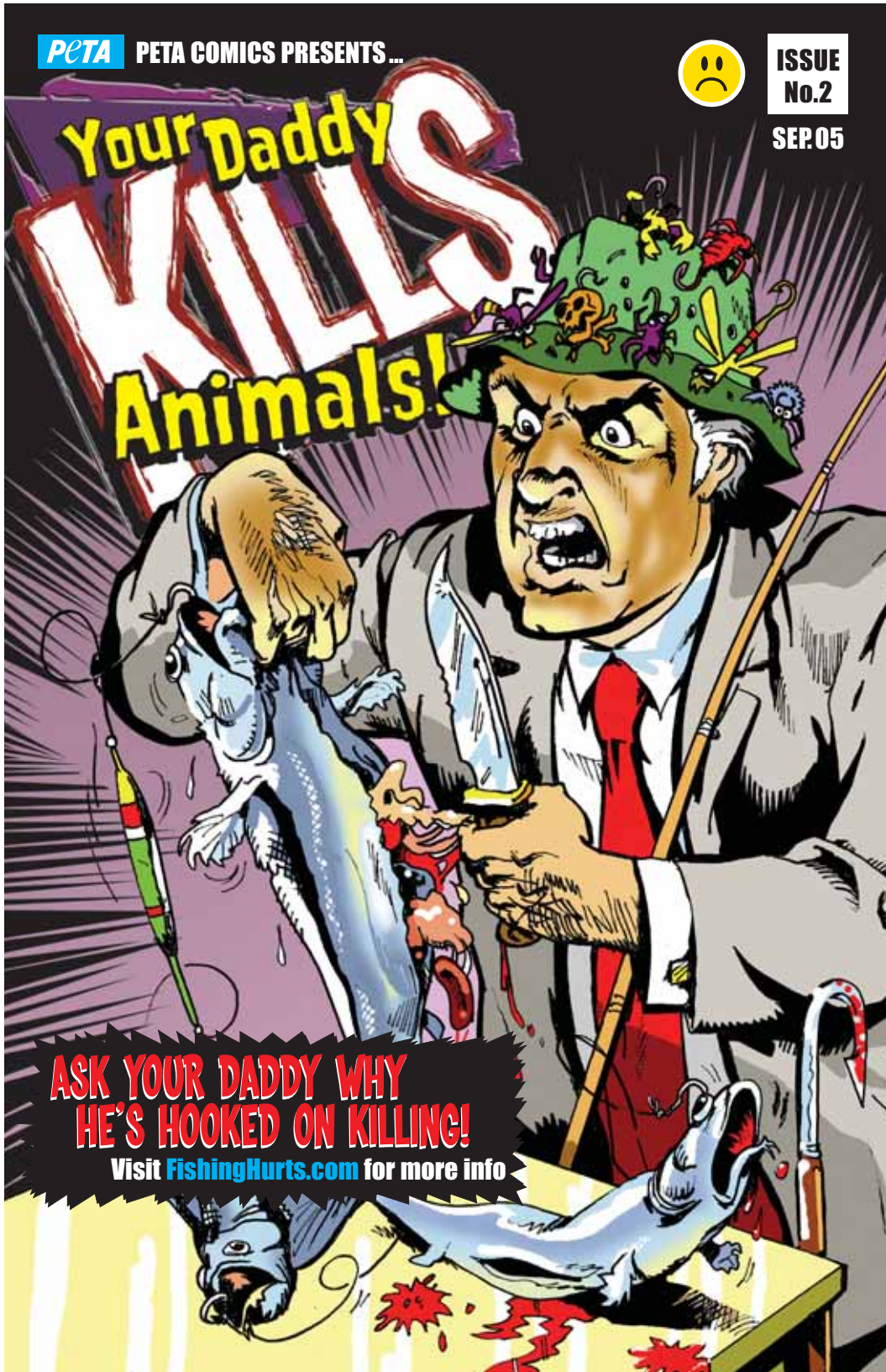
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Your Daddy KILLS Animals!



**ASK YOUR DADDY WHY
HE'S HOOKED ON KILLING!**

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Your Daddy KILLS Animals!

IMAGINE THAT A MAN DANGLES A PIECE OF CANDY IN FRONT OF YOU. YOU LOVE CANDY SO YOU REACH FOR IT. BUT, AS YOU GRAB THE CANDY, A HUGE METAL HOOK STABS THROUGH YOUR HAND AND YOU'RE RIPPED OFF THE GROUND. YOU FIGHT TO GET AWAY, BUT IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD. YOU ARE CAUGHT, AND THERE IS NOTHING THAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT.

YOU'D FEEL REALLY SCARED, WOULDN'T YOU?
THAT WOULD BE AN AWFUL TRICK TO PLAY ON SOMEONE, WOULDN'T IT?

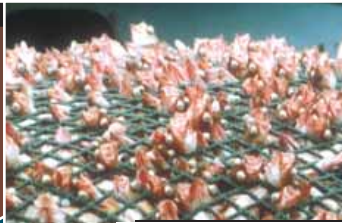
BUT GUESS WHAT?

**YOUR DADDY PLAYS THAT SAME WICKED TRICK ON FISH
AND FISH GET SCARED TOO!**

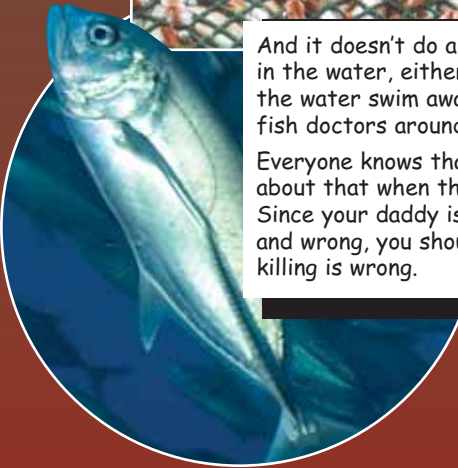


Fish may not be cuddly or cute like kitties and puppies, but fish are really smart. They learn from each other and can remember things for a long time. Just like people, fish eavesdrop to get info and can even use tools!

Fish suffer and feel pain just as we do. And being hooked, thrown, squished, and cut open while still alive really hurts! Your daddy waits until hungry little fish are tricked by what looks like a tasty lunch. Once they bite down and the sharp hook rips through their lips, your big, strong daddy yanks them out of the water and takes them away from their friends forever!



And just as you can't breathe underwater, fish can't breathe when they're out of the water. So after your daddy yanks them out of the water, the poor little fish flop around gasping for air. They are scared and in pain as they slowly die of suffocation.



And it doesn't do any good for your daddy to throw them back in the water, either. Fish who are impaled and thrown back in the water swim away with a horrible bloody wound, and with no fish doctors around to take care of them, many slowly die!

Everyone knows that killing is wrong—but some people forget about that when the victims look a little bit different from us. Since your daddy is teaching you the wrong lessons about right and wrong, you should teach him that fishing is killing and killing is wrong.

**UNTIL YOUR DADDY LEARNS THAT IT'S NOT "FUN" TO KILL,
KEEP YOUR DOGGIES AND KITTIES AWAY FROM HIM.
HE'S SO HOOKED ON KILLING DEFENSELESS ANIMALS
THAT THEY COULD BE NEXT!**

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