



NORTH DAKOTA SPORTFISHING CONGRESS
Annual Meeting • Saturday, April 27, 2019 • 9:30 a.m.
AMVETS Club • Bismarck, ND

MINUTES

Present: President Rick Brueckner, Vice President Ken Cumber, Past President Duaine Ash, Treasurer Rick Eagleson; Board Members Mike Anderson, Cody Armstrong, Ed Dosch, Jeff Herman, Ken Cumber, Don Schick, and Keith Witt; Club Members Tom Boerger, Chad Engels, Terry Fleck, Rick Mohan, Keith Seidlinger, Tony Splonskowski and Doug Vannurden; Game & Fish Representatives Terry Steinwand, Greg Power, and Scott Gangl; Rob Holm, Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery; and Secretary Marie Hoerner.

Chairman Rich Brueckner called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.

A motion to approve the December 7, 2018 minutes was made by Keith Witt, seconded by Ed Dosch and unanimously approved.

Rick Eagleson presented the Treasurer's report, which summarized income/expenses through April 27, 2019, as well as for the past five fundraisers. A motion was made by Ed Dosch, seconded by Terry Fleck and approved.

Membership Report by Marie Hoerner – As of today, 11 of the 13 member clubs have renewed and we have one new member – Friends of Lake Sakakawea. There are approximately 775 individuals on our membership list, but only a handful of members have actually paid dues for 2019. Regarding the NSDFC Legislative Fund, Marie said that after all lobbyist fees are paid for the 2019 legislative session, there will be a balance of approximately \$3,000. The separate Legislative Fund account was funded primarily by the NDSFC and Friends of Lake Sakakawea, with additional funding from some of the NDSFC clubs and the Devils Lake Basin Joint Board. Following discussion, a motion was made by Terry Fleck, seconded by Ed Dosch and passed to keep the Legislative Fund account open in case there are other legislative expenses that come up in the interim, prior to the 2021 session.

By-Laws & Constitution (review membership fee structure) – Rick Eagleson said that membership dues are immaterial and that the money to fund the Congress mainly comes from the annual banquet and fundraiser. President Rich Brueckner said we should try to get other clubs to join, with one to consider is the Backcounty Hunters and Anglers. Rich Brueckner said he would like to have a committee of two to review the bylaws and constitution, including the fee structure. Ken Cumber and Tom Berg volunteered to sit on the committee and will report back at the next meeting.

There was discussion on getting a new/updated website for the Congress, since it last got a new look in 2004. Rich Mohan mentioned that FM Walleyes pays about \$1,000 to maintain their website through Wild Apricot, website develop company. The monthly fee is determined by the number of email addresses and he said FM Walleyes utilizes the membership management feature through Wild Apricot. Rich Mohan with FM Walleyes and Marie Hoerner will research options for a new website and report back at the next meeting.

Club Reports:

- Hall of Fame – Keith Witt said May 1 is the deadline for nominations for the Fishing Hall of Fame. They are currently on hold to relocating their facility.

- FM Walleyes – Rick Mohan said their club is doing well and growing with better participation. They will sponsor three adult and two angler tournaments this year. Activities associated with ANS in North Dakota.
- Voices for Lake Oahe – Doug Vannurden said their annual event is coming up next week and this year it is open to the public. They are in the process of applying for another ND Heritage Fund grant for a cleaning station at Cat Tail Bay (working with the Corps), along with other improvements. Their Kids Fishing Day is June 5th at Cat Tail Bay with 50-60 kids involved.
- Lake Region Anglers – Keith Seidlinger said they are getting area community business supporting their activities. They had three handicap projects last year and they hold six outings each year, with two involving youth. Their key fundraiser is a sportsmen’s raffle, which has been very positive to building funds. Ed Dosch said they just received a grant from G&F to replace some grinders at an outdoor and the indoor facility, and are looking to get it done in May.
- Bis-Man Reel & Rec – Jeff Herman said they had their ice fishing outing with 168 paid attendees and kids could fish for free. This is one of their better fundraisers. Cabin Fever was held in March and it was well-attended. Coming up is the May 18 Walleye Derby and they get 70-80 teams, with 68 signed up to date. Kids Fishing Day is the first Saturday in June and they have about 60 kids involved. They have about 600 members, with 60 life-time members. The fees are \$200 for life-time members or \$15 per year.
- Friends of Lake Sakakawea – Terry Fleck said their annual meeting is May 9th. Every year the Corps comes to Riverdale to let them know what they can and cannot do, and this year Friends sponsored a luncheon in conjunction with the Corps coming. Terry said Lake Sakakawea was created back in the late 50’s-early 60’s. They are working with the Missouri River Advisory Council on a strategic plan to improve fishing on the lake. Their membership is very solid, but is better when the Missouri River is in trouble, than when lake level and fishing is good. ANS is extremely important to Friends.
- FM Muskies – Rich Mohan said they have 160 members with some life time members, as well as members from Minnesota. Two years ago the G&F came to help with testing the boats for ANS. They help with cleaning up around the lakes and are involved with the fishing youth fishing clubs at schools and they gave them one-year fishing free membership in Muskies. Their club donates to many youth and fishing projects and gave over \$6,000 this past year.
- Dakota Angles – Ken Cumber said they had 122 paid members. They hold an annual calendar raffle, with winners are drawn weekly. They have two outings each year. For the youth the Little Britches Tournament is June 18th. There were four applications for the Luidahl scholarship and they gave a \$1,000 scholarship, which is decided by recommendations from G&F, with the final decision made by the Luidahl family.
- Great Planers – Mike Anderson said that relevancy best describes their club. It’s the old man’s club, with the majority of their members long-term, except for their Derby. Only Salmon are on the minds of fisherman, except for September. So much of their membership is driven by the Derby and they are still working on relevancy issues.

Special Guest John Peterson (Northland Fishing Tackle) from MN-FISH Sportfishing Foundation and Coalition – Rich Brueckner said John Peterson wasn’t able to attend our meeting. However, Rich said their organization is new and is basically what the NDSFC is in ND – to restore, enhance and protect Minnesota fishing. They want more fish, but don’t have a big hatchery program and want to rebuild their resources. Rich will invite them to another meeting to discuss issues, such as ANS in Minnesota and what they are doing on activities in Minnesota.

Election of Board Members: 2019 seats up for re-lection – Rich asked for nominations from the floor, following distributing of the election ballot.

- President Rich Brueckner – A motion was made by Rich Mohan, seconded by Terry Fleck and passed to re-elect Rick Brueckner for another two-year term as President.
- Treasurer Rick Eagleson – Rick was not interested in renewing his seat as Treasurer after his 21 years of service (1989-2019). A motion was made by Mike Anderson, seconded by Ken Cumber and passed to elect Jeff Herman as Treasurer. Eagleson accepted a two-year term on the Board as a member.
- Board Members: Joe Solseng, Ed Dosch, Mike Anderson, Dave Odin, Paul Haug, At-Large Representative Aaron Abbott – A motion was made by Ed Dosch, seconded by Doug Vannurden as passed to elect and replace board members as follows:
 - Joe Solseng, Ed Dosch and Mike Anderson will continue for another two-year term
 - Replacing Dave Odin and Paul Haug for two-year terms will be Tom Boerger and Rich Mohan
 - It was unanimously agreed to replace the At-Large representative Aaron Abbott from LRAA with Keith Seidlinger

NOTE: Attached is a document containing the presentations from Greg Power and Scott Gangl with the Game & Fish Department, along with Rob Holm's National Fish Hatchery update.

General State-Wide Fishery Update – Greg Power, ND Game & Fish Fisheries Division Chief

- Greg gave an update on fishing in North Dakota (Slides attached). There is a new sign at the bait shops (had sign). Prior to this winter they lost 10 lakes but have 440 bodies of water in North Dakota. North Dakota has 73 new walleye lakes in the past 10-15 years. Regarding boat ramps, the G&F are always playing catch up – did 3 new ramps in 2018, with the big ramp at Antelope Lake. Fish Cleaning Stations have become a big deal among fisherman – there is a big demand for them but need more help. The cleaning stations and ramps comes out of the state funding source. There are 61 stations in the state. The same fish cleaning station in 1987 costed \$33,000, today it now costs over \$73,000.
- Update on Spring Activities – Pike egg take and tagging study went well. They started new Walleye tagging studies – Alkaline and Sakakawea; Winterkill investigations – will have a press release on May 6th; Paddlefish tagging study—confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers; Development crew busy with immediate boat ramp and dock work, due to the damage caused by ice.; Statewide trout stocking – fish from both GDNFH and Wyoming fish; Field staff very busy with trap and transport efforts.
- Couple audience questions – how often does the GF check water quality?
 1. Survey are done on the lakes twice a year on the better lakes. They are mainly looking at oxygen levels.
- How are other species in ND doing?
 1. Quick overview on other species—largemouth bass have struggled with them and issues raising them. Rob said that bass in general have been hard to get for the hatchery. Haven't done small mouth bass at the hatchery in a long time. Crappies have been on an all-time except for this winter but do very little stocking. Bluegills have been good.
- NDG&F website has a NDSU expenditure survey that is available on their website.

Game & Fish Department's Trap and Transport Activities—Scott Gangl, G&F Fisheries Mgt. Section Leader

- Scott Gangl oversees the G&F field crews, where trap and transport takes up a good share of their time this time of the year. Adult fish are trapped in the spring usually before the spawn and then transported to other lakes. The main reason is to move fish to other lakes and to get catchable fish in other lakes or to get a year class from gravid fish. It's more time effective to trap and transport pre-spawning, than to spawn them at the hatchery.
- The G&F have been stocking Yellow Perch in new bodies of water, which has been successful. Over the last 10 years, they have been very aggressive at trap and transport. Some of the perch lakes are starting to taper off and are not as good fishing lakes.

- Bluegill and Crappie stocking has been successful with the trap and transport approach. More Bluegills are in the western part of the state and are in youth fishing lakes, found in reservoirs and canal sources. Crappies are stocked more in the central and southeast part of the state. If fish are already in a lake, the G&F rarely will stock those lakes.
- Catfish stocking is something new that G&F has been doing and putting in community ponds so they can catch something more than a 5" perch. Sometimes they can't get anything other than catfish to grow and they use the Missouri River as a source for Catfish.
- Northern Pike stocking – don't do a lot of trap and transport with Pike. Last year the G&F stocked Cottonwood Park Pond in Bismarck and some in the eastern part of the state. Bismarck Parks & Rec maintain the docks in Cottonwood Park, but G&F stocks the lake.
- Other fish they trap and transport – Gizzard shad, paddlefish, white bass, large and smallmouth bass, fathead minnows and brook stickleback. Trap and transport is labor intense, but if done right, well worth the effort.
- Trap and transport is illegal for the public to do, so let the G&F do their job.

Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery – Rob Holm, Project Leader

- 2019 Hatchery requests for Walleye are consistently high. The request for Chinook Salmon at 550,000 smolts is the highest they have done in 20 years.
- Valley City Hatchery has a big request for Pike and Walleye also.
- Trump Administration – Supportive of recreational fishing and impacts economic development. Have provided Legacy funding to the National Fish Hatchery System to address maintenance. Garrison Dam will be replacing their Sturgeon Building with an Intensive Culture Facility. Valley City NFH will be renovating their Intensive culture building and pond lines as well.
- Federal FWS budget for Fisheries has decreased the last couple of years.
- Garrison Dam NFH Budget – In 2011 the Corps began to contribute dollars to the hatchery to mitigate for impacts from the dams – the bump in funding has provided adequate operating funds for the hatchery. Salaries are under 50% of the total budget, with five full-time employees year round.
- Valley City NFH Budget is a different story. There are three full-time employees and salaries take up 90% of the budget. It's a 1940 model hatchery with a lot of maintenance needs. Some of the money coming into Garrison is being passed on to the Valley City NFH to keep it operational as they don't have a lot of Corps funding.
- Economic Impacts: Fishing in ND brought in \$787.8M in the 2017-2018 fishing season.
- An update on the Red River Watershed Dam modifications for fish passage in ND and MN was given. Renovation of lowhead dams with rock ramps that allow fish passage is a win-win situation for all. The loss of life, liability of the dam owner and lack of fish passage are all very real reasons for modifying the dams. The benefits to the recreational fishery that result are significant to sportfishing.
- Valley City NFH is stocking 5,000 lake sturgeon annually to restore this fish in the Red River.

SB 2293 Results – Lance Gaebe (final bill attached) – President Rich Brueckner thanked Lance Gaebe on his efforts with the ANS bill and said the NDSFC representatives couldn't have accomplished what we did without his efforts. The bill is still sitting on the Governor's desk, but since the legislature has adjourned, the Governor has 15 days to sign the bill (during session the governor only has 3 days to sign a bill). Lance encouraged the members to go to the Governor's website and ask him to support and sign the ANS bill. Terry Fleck said we need to do some work with the Tourism Department. ANS Sticker on boats will begin in 2020 – in ND every 3 years and for out-of-state every year. There is a separate \$15 fee for 3 years (will be pro-rated for those boats that their registration fee is not due in 2020), in addition to your boat registration fee. We are the second lowest fees in the country.

Other bills tracked (bill language can be found at <https://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/66-2019>):

- HB 1012 (passed) – Relating to exemptions from motor vehicle excise tax. DOT gas tax bill
- HB 1331 (defeated) – relating to lifetime fishing licenses.

- HB 1428 (defeated)
- SB 2017 (passed) – Relating to the G& F Fund
- SB 2183 (defeated) – relating to the sale, transportation and use of live white sucker bait on the Red River of the North
- SB 2288 (defeated) – Relating to the tax imposed on motor vehicle fuels and special fuels
- SB 2293 (passed) – Relating to the creation of the ANS program fund and surcharges
- SB 2315 (passed) – Relating to criminal trespass and hunting on private land
- SB 2342 (passed) – Relating to regulation of boats to prevent excessive noise and to provide a penalty.
- HRC 3045 (passed)

Lance Gaebe said the Water Resource District meeting is in Bismarck in July.

Greg Power – SB 2293 ANS Program – the sum of \$1,500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the G&F for use in ANS education, inspection and monitoring programs. There are not mandatory boat inspections in ND at this time. Right now they are running their inspections through VC University. Greg presented a draft of the enhanced ANS Program Implementation Plan for the 2019-2021 Biennium – i.e. RFP for outreach evaluation, hire/training for new ANS FTE, ANS watercraft inspection training, purchase additional fish cleaning grinder kits, host boater workshops at marinas around the state. In January 2020, the new ANS boat licensing goes into effect and new fishing license surcharge in April 2020. G&F will be able to increase ANS monitoring with this legislation.

HB 1202 – Originally the Outdoor Heritage Fund – Legislation that the state engineer (managing the sovereign lands). The NDSFC may want to be involved in the public comment process. These efforts could be funded with the funds remaining in the NDSFC Legislative Fund.

National Fishing Tournaments – Etiquette/Conduct affecting ND local tournaments – Jeff Herman discussed fishing tournament and how they affect entry in area tournaments. Greg Power said that tournament permits are increasing and this takes the time of the G&F staff to monitor them.

Old business

- Boat Gas Tax (placing a measure on the November ballot) – Rich Brueckner would still like to pursue dollars out of the state boat tax. He doesn't think he will get this gas tax legislation through, but could possibly get it through on as a ballot measure. Currently \$2.50 a boat per year. He will keep everyone informed on his progress.
- Fishing Outfitters license / fees – Cody Armstrong reported his findings noting that 95% of guides are on board with raising fees. Cody distributed a sheet on the data he obtained on outfitters/guide license fees and with proposed increased fees. He said that a lot of fishing guides in the Devils Lake area that are very young, without first aid certification. Terry Steinwand said the G&F needs to find a committee to make recommendations for guide license fees. Chad Engels made a recommendation that we start now developing issues/legislation that we would like to have for the 2021 legislative session, including outfitter/guide license fees.

New business – discussion item

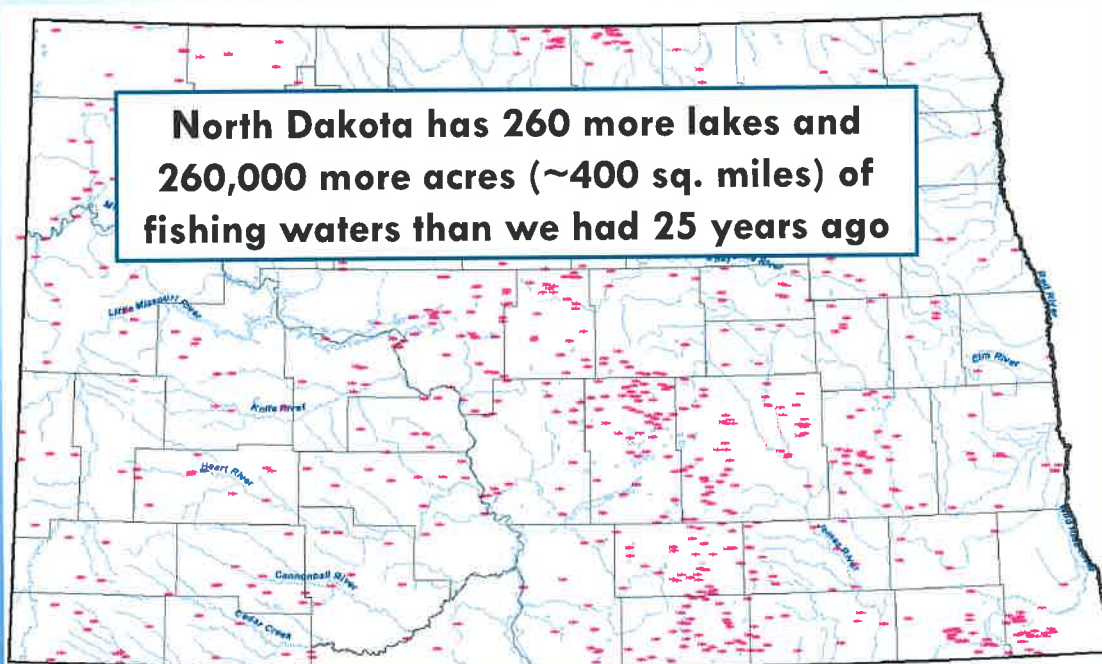
- Banquet – Fundraiser (Social 5:30; Dinner 7:00) – Details are in place and setup is schedule after the meeting is adjourned.
- The next NDSFC board meeting date is tentatively set for Jamestown on Saturday, October 26, 2019
- The 2020 NDSFC Annual Fundraiser/Banquet has been scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the Bismarck AMVETS.

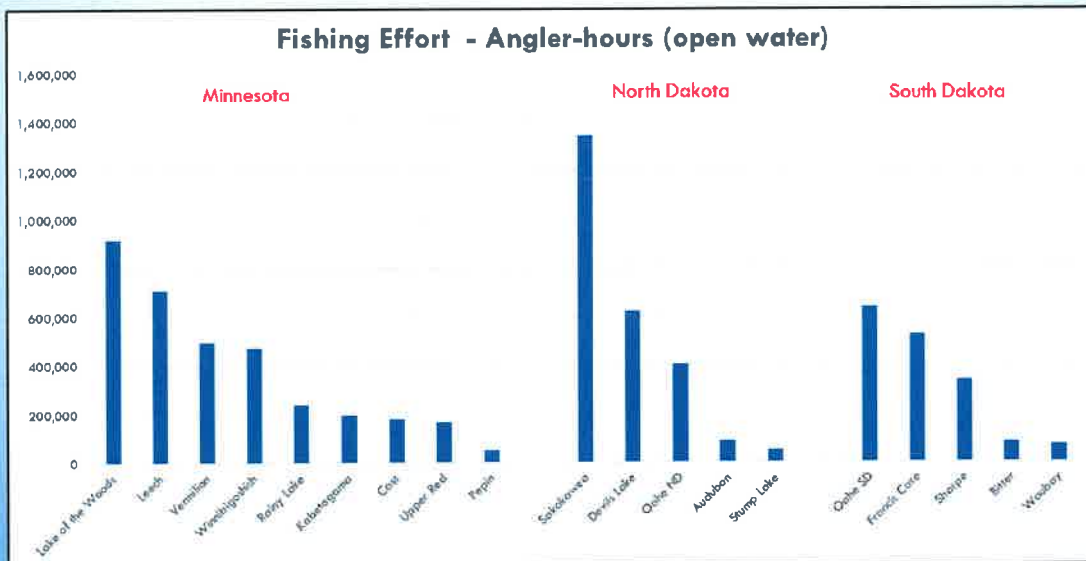
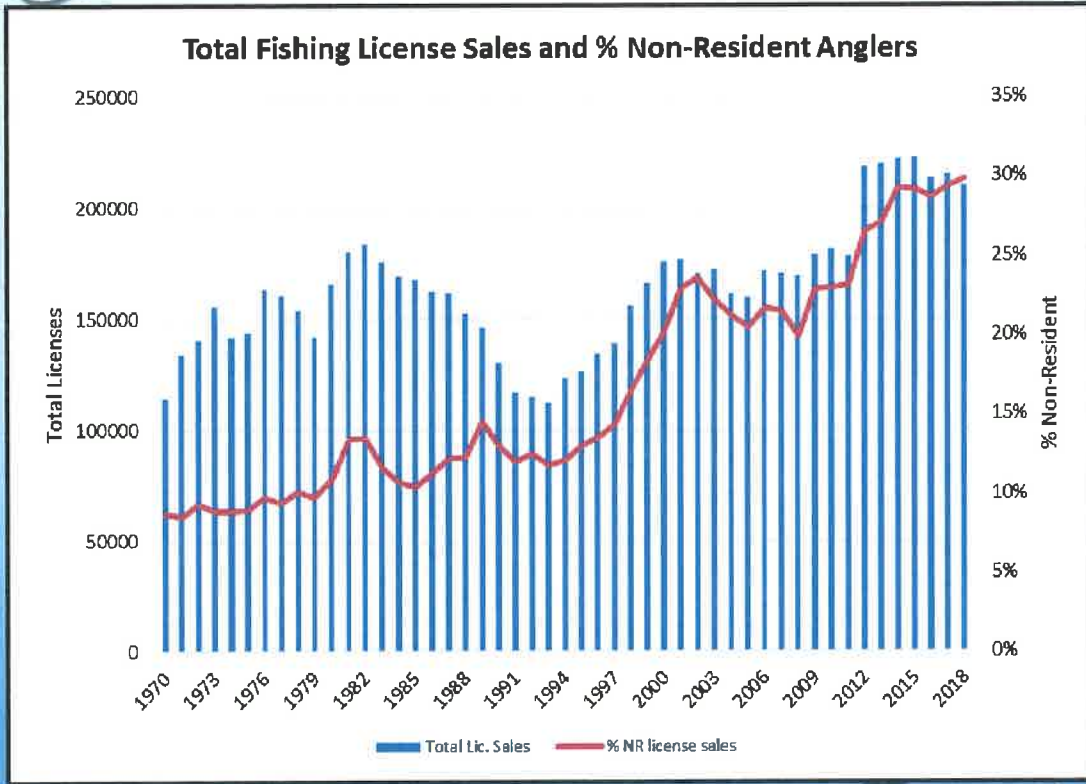
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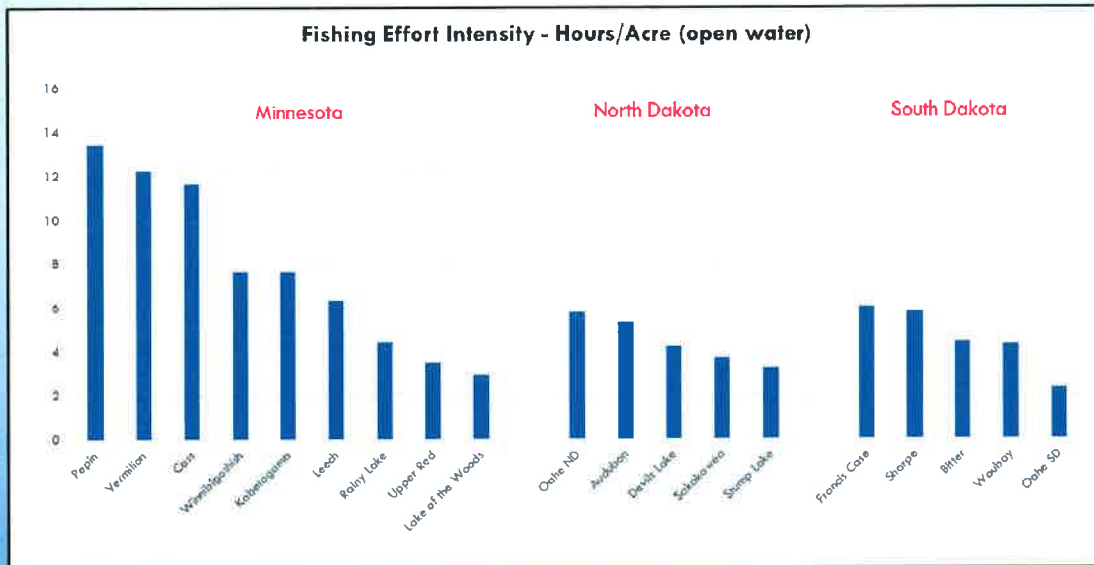
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA FISHERIES



North Dakota Fishing Water Bodies 440 Waters; 820,000 acres (Nov. 2018)







New Walleye Lakes

Year	Acres	Number	Providing a Fishery
2012	45000	28	
2013	51000	40	
2014	55000	51	37
2015	63000	59	43
2016	65000	63	51
2017	79000	75	53
2018	78000	73	55



73 lakes – ~78,000 acres

September 2010



September 2010



May 2011



Hatchery Walleye Fingerling

September 2010



May 2011



September 2011



7-10 inch walleye



September 2010



May 2011



August 2013



September 2011



Boat Ramps



ANTELOPE LAKE



NEW DOCK DELIVERIES

Wheel Docks

- Schwab Site
- MRS Washburn
- SAC Pouch Point
- Northgate Dam
- Baukol-Noonan Dam
- Antelope Lake
- Hinsz Lake
- North Golden Lake



Skid Docks

- DVL Black Tiger Bay
- SAK Van Hook
- SAK Indian Hills
- MRS Lewis and Clark Bridge
- Audubon Cabin Site



FISHING PIER RELOCATIONS

Received

- Strawberry Lake (Bottineau)
- Glenburn Pond
- Alkali Lake (Sargent)
- Souris River (Burlington)
- Harvey Dam

Removed

- Strawberry (McLean)
- Short Creek
- Crooked
- Kettle
- Red Willow Lake





IF A MAN CAN
CLEAN A FISH
WHY CAN'T HE
CLEAN A HOUSE

FISH CLEANING STATIONS

WHERE ARE WE AT TODAY?

- **TOTAL OF 61 FISH CLEANING STATIONS**
 - **9 WERE CONSTRUCTED WITHOUT G&F INVOLVEMENT**

- **54 OF THOSE HAVE GRINDERS, WATER, ELECTRICITY**

- **MAJORITY ARE LOCATED ON LARGE WATER BODIES (SAKAKAWEA, OAHE, MISSOURI RIVER SYSTEM, DEVILS LAKE, ASHTABULA)**

- **REMAINING 7 ARE PRIMITIVE**



\$33,000 in 1987 → \$73,246.64 in 2018

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725 Honey Lake - Richland 04/18/2018 (RDOF) Oxygen Deficiency - Significant
Hundreds of dead CAR and BWS. No other species observed. 50% ice covered.

Notes

207 Urethan Lake - Roberts 03/29/2018 (Public) Oxygen Deficiency - Partial
Jim Simpson who lives on Lake Urethan called on 4/23/18 that he had observed dead pike as the ice was going out. He saw about a dozen counts up to 10 fish. He did not see other species. Low oxygen was measured in the winter of a pike, and so a SAU's in June to determine severity.

Barriers

847 Birch Bluff - Bergens 04/19/2018 (RDOF) Oxygen Deficiency - Significant
Thousands of dead CAR. 60% ice covered.

257 Urethan Lake - Bergens 04/18/2018 (RDOF) Oxygen Deficiency - Partial
Thousands of dead CAR and BWS. Thousands of dead pike as the ice was going out.

511 Fish Lake - Bergens 04/18/2018 (RDOF) Oxygen Deficiency - Significant
Thousands of dead CAR. 80% ice covered. Lake full.

Stack

332 Bullhead Pond - Park 03/01/2018 (Public) Oxygen Deficiency - Total
Dead catfish reported by public.

331 Dickinson Lake - Park 04/17/2018 (Public) Oxygen Deficiency - Total
Dead catfish and bullheads reported.

Statutes



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2018

754 Cedar Lake - Blaine 04/23/2018 (RDOF) Oxygen Deficiency - Significant
Many pike and kokoi. Dead YEP up to 14' across. Corvina on south side of road.

241 Jamboree Reservoir - Blaine 04/23/2018 (RDOF) Oxygen Deficiency - Partial
Low dissolved oxygen present from early February through late March. Dead CFT, DIO CAR, and GAO observed. 100 total observed with hundreds floating throughout lower half of reservoir.

248 Poppleton Reservoir - Blaine 04/18/2018 (RDOF) Oxygen Deficiency - Partial
Moderate fish mortality low dissolved oxygen was observed in the deepest area mid-January spreading to all areas of the reservoir by mid-February. These conditions prevailed until late March early April. Dead CAR, YEP, WAE, WMS, BWS, and observed with CAR appearing most affected. 272 hours of fish rotting yielded 6 RDOF's, 5 H&S, 10 SUC-7, YEP-1 CAR on 4/5/18.

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048 Bentley Lake - Blaine 04/23/2018 (RDOF) Oxygen Deficiency - Significant
Hundreds of dead pike and perch observed. Perch up to 14' and most pike ~4-6 pounds.

Wells

246 Honey Dam - Wells 02/15/2018 (RDOF) Oxygen Deficiency - Significant
Numerous dead dead bullheads were observed near the bottom open water (04/18/18). Also seen in dead reservoir and north of well to produce dead fish. 900 fish rotting yielded 6 RDOF's, 5 H&S, 10 SUC-7, YEP-1 CAR on 4/5/18.



Water Levels And Winterkill

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TRAP AND TRANSPORT



Fisheries Management Sampling Activities

WHAT IS TRAP AND TRANSPORT?



YELLOW PERCH STOCKING



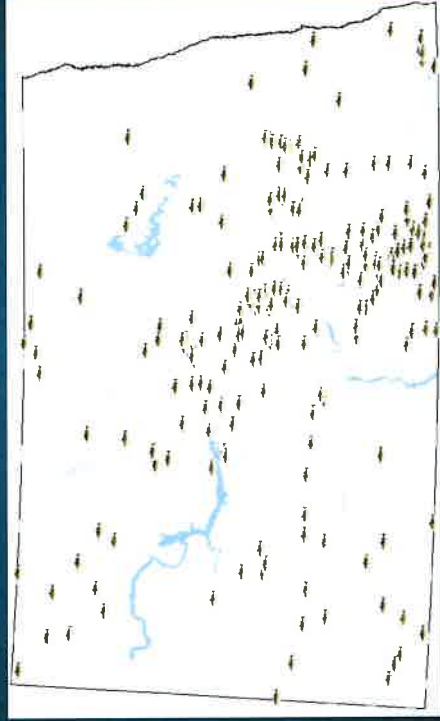
WHY DO WE DO IT?



YELLOW PERCH WATERS



YELLOW PERCH STOCKING 2009-2018



BLUEGILL STOCKING 2009-2018



BLUEGILL AND CRAPPIE STOCKING



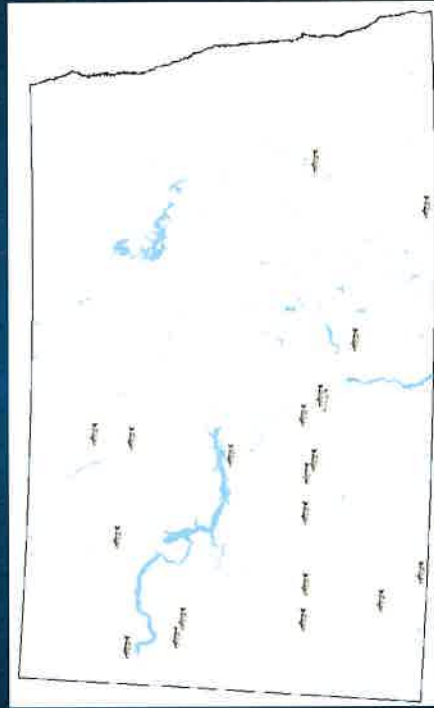
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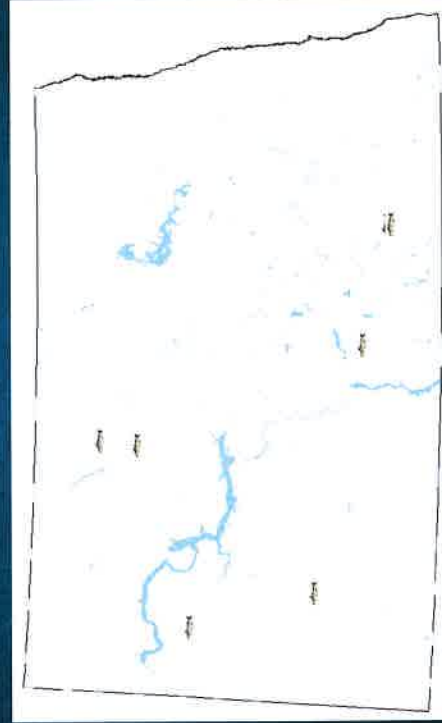
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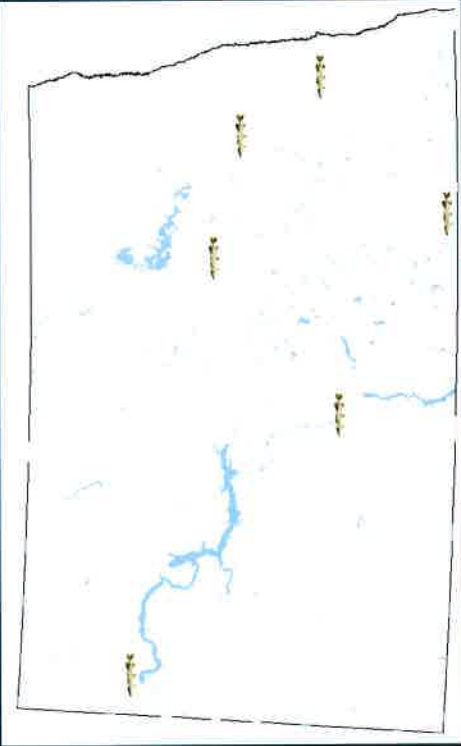
CATFISH STOCKING 2007-PRESENT



CATFISH STOCKING 1980-2006



NORTHERN PIKE STOCKED LAST YEAR



NORTHERN PIKE STOCKING



RESULTS



OTHER FISH

- Largemouth bass
- Smallmouth bass
- Fathead minnow:s
- Brook stickleback
- Gizzard shad
- White bass
- Paddlefish!



RESULTS





2019 Hatchery Requests

Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery			
Species	2019 Request	2018 Production	2017 Production
Walleye	8,923,000	8,787,760	10,298,240
Advanced Walleye	216,000	89,650	153,000
Northern Pike	700,000	199,900	772,600
Shovelnose	10,000	11,100	9,733
Chinook Salmon	550,000	404,550	429,730*
Rainbow Trout	68,800	60,740	62,366
Brown Trout	23,850	23,675	0
Largemouth Bass	144,000	0	0
Muskellunge	6,500	1,450	0
TOTAL	10,642,150	9,600,630	11,800,510



Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery



Providing fish for North Dakota's anglers!

Presentation for the
North Dakota Sportfishing Congress
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April 27, 2019, AMVELS Club, Bismarck, ND



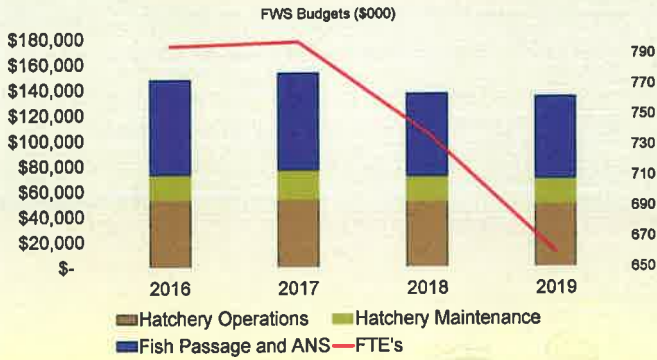
2019 Hatchery Production

Valley City National Fish Hatchery			
Species	2019 Request	2018 Production	2017 Production
Northern Pike	750,000	467,800	756,339
Black Crappie	0	0	37,048
Largemouth Bass	0	42,000	19,960
Walleye	1,497,000	1,675,000	3,043,344
Lake Sturgeon	5,000	4,940	1,284
TOTAL	2,252,000	2,189,740	3,857,975

Advanced Walleye Fingerling



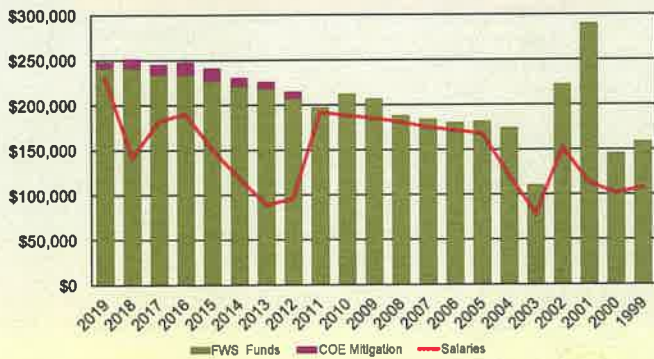
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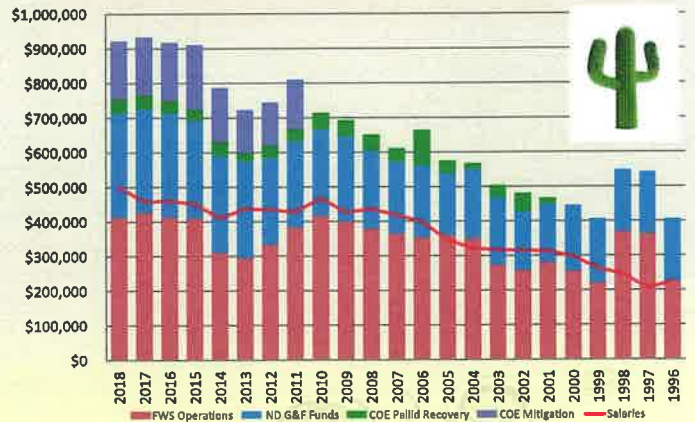
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- Supportive of Recreational Fishing – economic development
- Providing Legacy Funding to the National Fish Hatchery System to address maintenance backlog \$16M
- Garrison Dam NFH will be replacing their Sturgeon Building with an Intensive Culture Facility
- Valley City NFH will be rehabilitating their water lines and the Intensive Culture Facility

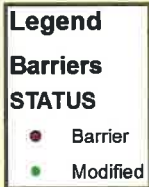
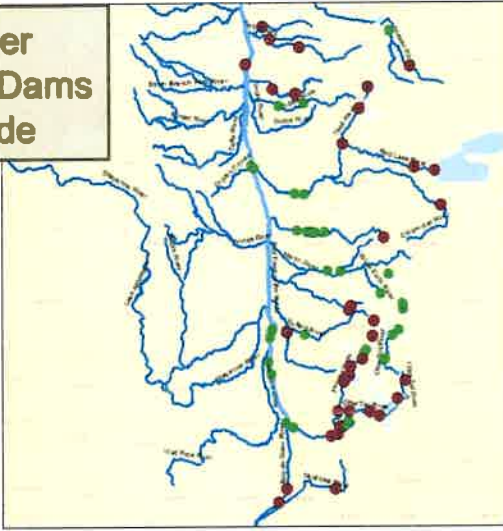
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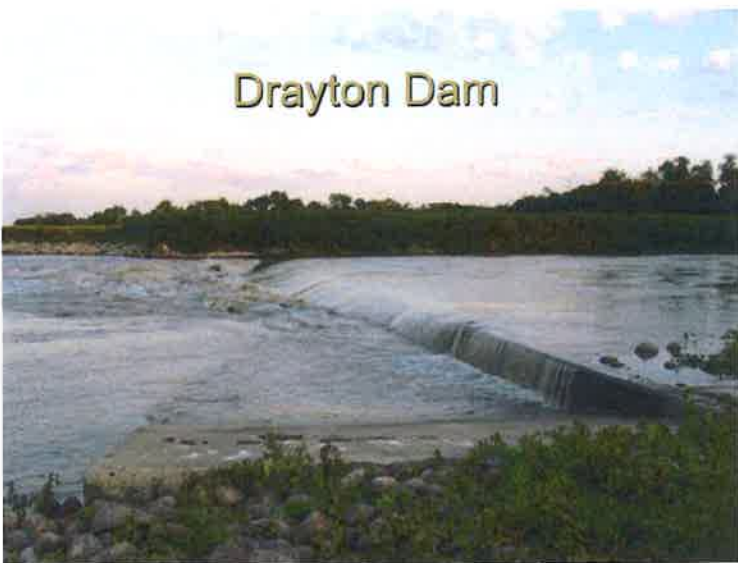


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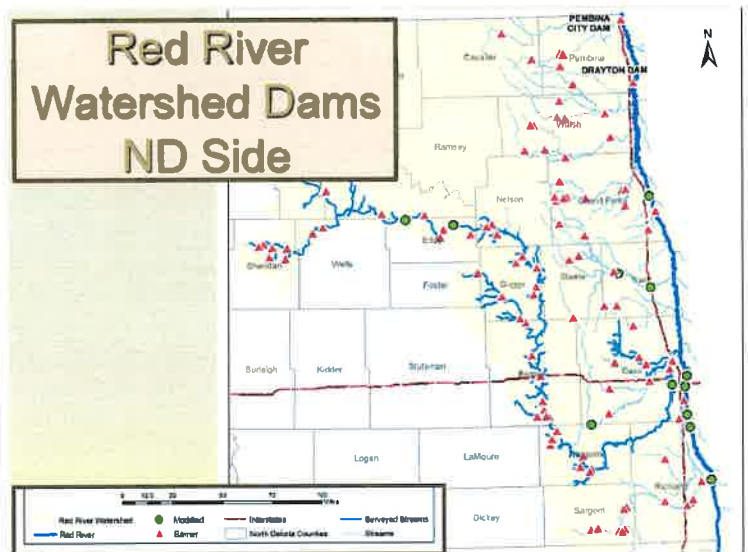
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- Fishing generated \$1.5 billion in gross business volume and \$813M in secondary economic effects

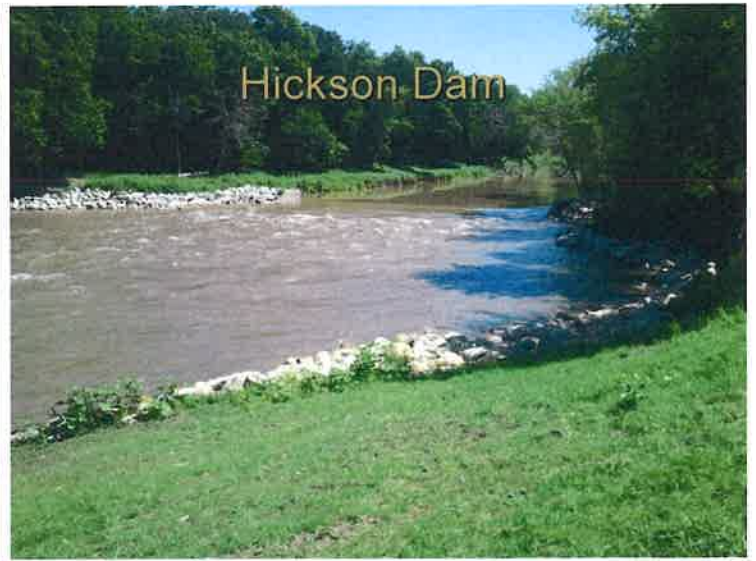
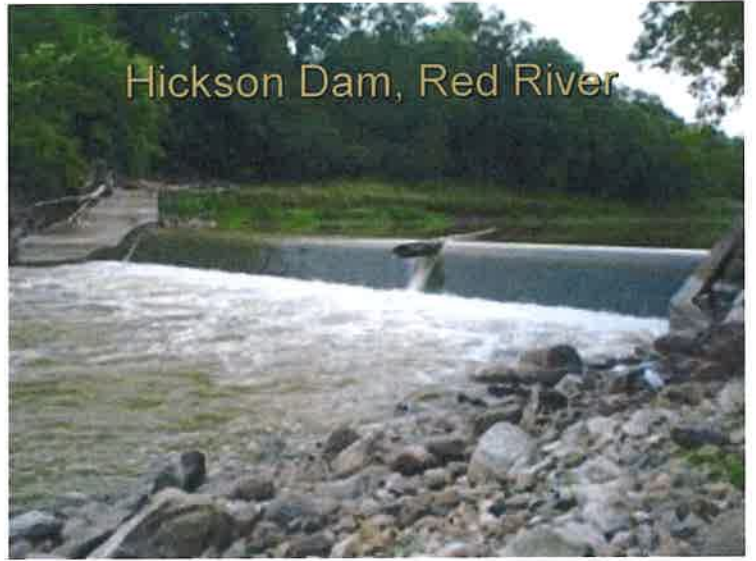
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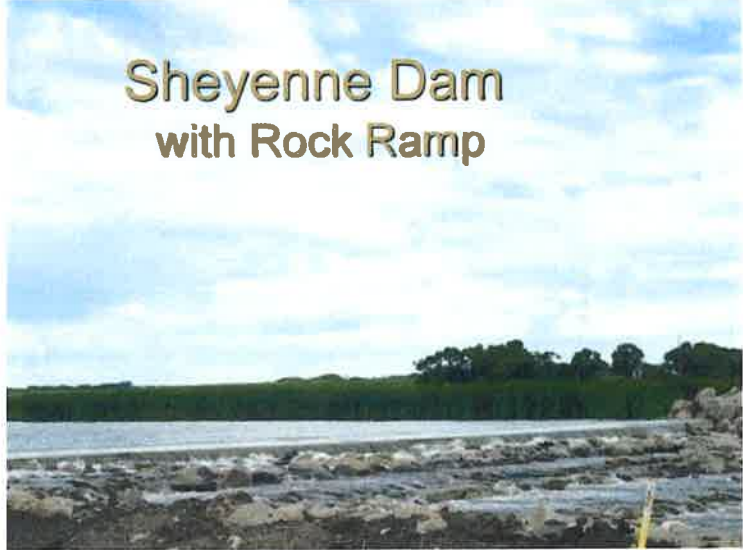
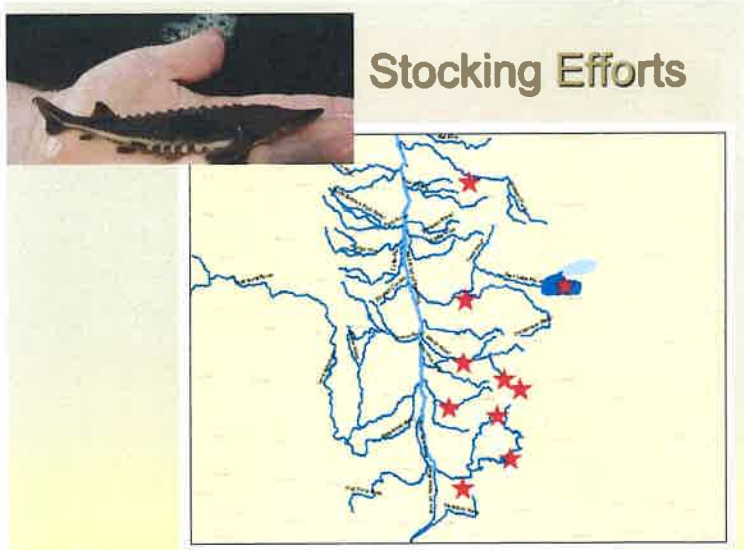
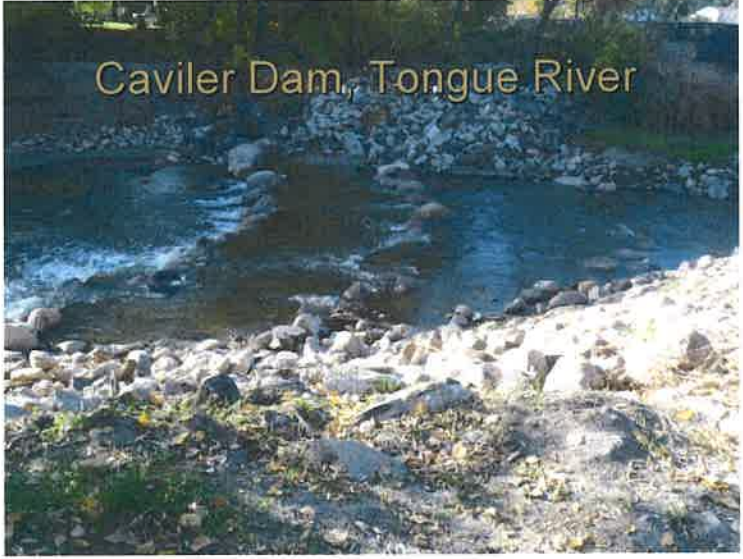
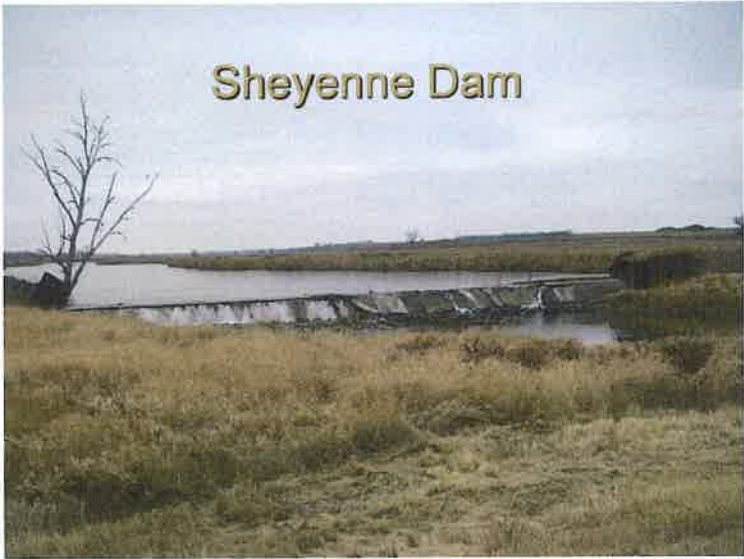
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Red River Watershed Dams ND Side







Detroit Lake Minnesota 2018



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**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2293**

Introduced by

Senators Oehlke, Kreun, J. Roers

Representatives Jones, Mock, Porter

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-02, a new section to chapter
2 20.1-03, and a new section to chapter 20.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the
3 creation of the aquatic nuisance species program fund and surcharges for fishing, combination,
4 and waterfowl licenses and requiring aquatic nuisance species fees for motorboats; to amend
5 and reenact sections 20.1-02-16.1 and 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating
6 to the investment of the state game and fish fund and aquatic nuisance species fees for
7 motorboats; to provide a penalty; to provide an appropriation; to provide for a transfer; to
8 provide an exemption; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
11 and enacted as follows:

12 **Aquatic nuisance species program fund.**

13 There is created in the state treasury a special fund known as the aquatic nuisance species
14 program fund. The fund consists of transfers and deposits made in accordance with section
15 20.1-02-16.1 and section 5 of this Act.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-02-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **20.1-02-16.1. Game and fish fund - Use - Required balance - Budget section approval.**

19 All income of the state game and fish department deposited by the director with the state
20 treasurer must be credited to the state game and fish fund and the fund may be used only by
21 the department. All money derived from the investment of the fund, special accounts, or
22 portions of the fund ~~must~~may be credited to the game and fish department private land habitat
23 and access improvement fund. The department shall spend moneys in the game and fish fund

1 within the limits of legislative appropriations, only to the extent the balance of the fund is not
2 reduced below fifteen million dollars, unless otherwise authorized by the budget section.

3 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **20.1-03-12. Schedule of fees for licenses and permits.**

6 The fees collected under this section for licenses and permits must be deposited with the
7 state treasurer and credited to the game and fish fund, except aquatic nuisance species fees
8 must be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the aquatic nuisance species
9 program fund. Forty-five dollars of each nonresident big game hunting license fee must be used
10 for the private land initiative. The various license and permit fees are as follows:

- 11 1. For a resident, age sixteen and over, small game hunting license, ten dollars.
- 12 2. For a nonresident small game hunting license, one hundred dollars.
- 13 3. For a resident big game hunting license, thirty dollars, except the fee for a licensee
14 under age sixteen is ten dollars, except as provided in a gubernatorial proclamation
15 issued pursuant to section 20.1-08-04.1.
- 16 4. Except for a nonresident who participates on the same basis as a resident in a lottery
17 for deer licenses remaining after the second lottery for residents under subsection 4 of
18 section 20.1-03-11, for a nonresident big game hunting license, two hundred fifty
19 dollars, and for a nonresident bow license, two hundred fifty dollars, and a
20 nonrefundable five dollar application fee must accompany any lottery license fee under
21 this subsection, except as provided in a gubernatorial proclamation issued pursuant to
22 section 20.1-08-04.1. For a nonresident who participates on the same basis as a
23 resident in a lottery for deer licenses remaining after the second lottery for residents,
24 fifty dollars.
- 25 5. For a resident fur-bearer license, fifteen dollars.
- 26 6. For a resident fishing license, sixteen dollars, except that for a resident sixty-five years
27 or over, a resident totally or permanently disabled, or a resident disabled veteran who
28 has a fifty percent service-connected disability as determined by the department of
29 veterans' affairs or has an extra-schedular rating to include individual unemployability
30 that brings the veteran's total disability ratio to fifty percent, the license fee is five
31 dollars.

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- 1 7. For a nonresident fishing license, forty-five dollars.
- 2 8. For a resident husband and wife fishing license, twenty-two dollars.
- 3 9. For a nonresident nongame hunting license, fifteen dollars.
- 4 10. For a resident wild turkey permit, fifteen dollars.
- 5 11. For an annual general game license, three dollars.
- 6 12. For a license to a nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs, or that person's agent,
7 the amount that the nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs would pay for a
8 nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs license or comparable license in that
9 person's state of residence, or fifty dollars, whichever is greater.
- 10 13. For a license to a resident buyer or shipper of green furs, eight dollars for each place
11 of business maintained by that person within this state.
- 12 14. For a license to a resident traveling agent, buyer, or shipper of green furs, twenty
13 dollars.
- 14 15. For an annual license to practice taxidermy, twenty-five dollars.
- 15 16. For a permit to ship, by a person having a resident hunting license, during the
16 respective open seasons, not to exceed in any one season twenty-five game birds, to
17 points within this state other than that person's home or to points outside this state,
18 three dollars.
- 19 17. For a permit to make collections of protected birds and animals for scientific purposes,
20 ten dollars.
- 21 18. For a motorboat certificate of number and license: Each motorboat under sixteen feet
22 [4.88 meters] in length, and all canoes, regardless of length, powered by a motor,
23 eighteen dollars. Each motorboat sixteen feet [4.88 meters] in length and over but
24 shorter than twenty feet [6.1 meters] in length, excluding canoes, thirty-six dollars.
25 Each motorboat twenty feet [6.1 meters] in length or over excluding canoes, forty-five
26 dollars.
- 27 19. For the taking of undesirable fish from the waters of this state pursuant to section
28 20.1-06-05, fifteen dollars for each hoop-net or trap, and fifteen dollars for each seine
29 of fifty feet [15.24 meters] or any fraction thereof.
- 30 20. For a resident paddlefish tag annual license, ten dollars per tag.

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- 1 21. For a nonresident paddlefish tag annual license, twenty-five dollars and fifty cents per
- 2 tag.
- 3 22. For an annual resident license to sell minnows or other live bait at wholesale, fifty
- 4 dollars.
- 5 23. For an annual license to sell minnows or other live bait at retail, fifteen dollars, except
- 6 the fee is seventy-five dollars if white suckers are sold.
- 7 24. For an annual license to operate a private fish hatchery, seventy-five dollars.
- 8 25. For a resident commercial frog license, fifty dollars.
- 9 26. For a nonresident commercial frog license, two hundred dollars.
- 10 27. For a resident frog license, three dollars.
- 11 28. For a resident husband and wife frog license, five dollars.
- 12 29. For a shooting preserve operating permit, one hundred dollars, plus thirty cents per
- 13 acre [.40 hectare] for each acre [.40 hectare].
- 14 30. For a nonresident waterfowl hunting license, one hundred dollars.
- 15 31. For a nonresident husband and wife fishing license, sixty dollars.
- 16 32. For a nonresident short-term three-day fishing license, twenty-five dollars.
- 17 33. For a nonresident fur-bearer and nongame hunting license, forty dollars.
- 18 34. For a combination license, fifty dollars.
- 19 35. For a white-tailed deer license sold to certified guides or outfitters and provided by
- 20 them to nonresidents, two hundred fifty dollars.
- 21 36. For a resident swan license, ten dollars.
- 22 37. For a nonresident swan license, thirty dollars.
- 23 38. For a resident sandhill crane license, ten dollars.
- 24 39. For a nonresident sandhill crane license, thirty dollars.
- 25 40. For a resident commercial clam license, one hundred dollars.
- 26 41. For a nonresident commercial clam license, one thousand dollars.
- 27 42. For a commercial clam dealer's permit, two thousand dollars. In addition, the applicant
- 28 shall submit to the director a surety bond in the sum of two thousand dollars.
- 29 43. For an annual class B nonresident license to sell minnows or other live bait at
- 30 wholesale, two hundred fifty dollars.
- 31 44. For a bighorn sheep license issued to a nonresident, five hundred dollars.

- 1 45. For a nonresident reciprocal trapping license, three hundred fifty dollars.
- 2 46. For a nonresident spring white goose license, fifty dollars.
- 3 47. For a resident certificate fee, one dollar, and for a nonresident certificate fee, two
4 dollars. An agent may not charge a service fee for issuing a resident or nonresident
5 certificate fee.
- 6 48. For a nonresident short-term ten-day fishing license, thirty-five dollars.
- 7 49. For a nonresident wild turkey permit, eighty dollars.
- 8 50. For a statewide nonresident waterfowl hunting license, one hundred fifty dollars.
- 9 51. For an annual class A nonresident license to sell minnows or other live bait at
10 wholesale, five hundred dollars.
- 11 52. For a resident early Canada goose season license, five dollars.
- 12 53. For a nonresident early Canada goose season license, fifty dollars.
- 13 54. For a resident disabled veteran combined general game, habitat stamp, small game,
14 and fur-bearer license, three dollars.
- 15 55. For each motorboat licensed in this state, an aquatic nuisance species fee of fifteen
16 dollars valid concurrent with motorboat licensure.
- 17 56. For each motorboat operated on waters of this state and not licensed in this state, an
18 aquatic nuisance species fee of fifteen dollars for the calendar year in which it is paid.

19 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
20 and enacted as follows:

21 **Fishing, combination, and waterfowl license surcharge.**

22 The director shall establish a surcharge of two dollars on each resident fishing license and
23 combination license except for the resident sixty-five years of age or older license, permanently
24 or totally disabled license, or a disabled veteran license as defined in subsection 6 of section
25 20.1-03-12. The director also shall establish a surcharge of three dollars on each nonresident
26 fishing license and each nonresident waterfowl hunting license issued under section
27 20.1-03-12. The collected surcharge fees must be deposited with the state treasurer and
28 credited to the aquatic nuisance species program fund.

29 **SECTION 5.** A new section to chapter 20.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
30 and enacted as follows:

1 **Operation of motorboat without payment of aquatic nuisance species fee prohibited -**

2 **Penalty.**

3 1. For each motorboat operated on waters of this state, an aquatic nuisance species fee
4 must be paid.

5 a. For each motorboat licensed in this state, the fee is due at the time of motorboat
6 licensure.

7 b. For each motorboat operated on waters of this state and exempt from licensure
8 in this state, the owner shall pay the fee and, after payment of the fee, must be
9 issued an aquatic nuisance species sticker from the department. The sticker must
10 be attached to the motorboat in a manner prescribed by the department so the
11 sticker is clearly visible.

12 2. Fees collected under this section must be deposited with the state treasurer and
13 credited to the aquatic nuisance species program fund.

14 3. A person that violates this section is guilty of a class 2 noncriminal offense.

15 **SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - 2017-19 BIENNIUM - TRANSFER - EXEMPTION.** There
16 is appropriated out of any moneys in the state game and fish fund in the state treasury, not
17 otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$467,100, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to
18 the game and fish department for the purpose of administering aquatic nuisance species
19 education, inspection, and monitoring programs, for the period beginning with the effective date
20 of this Act, and ending June 30, 2019. The funding provided in this section is not subject to
21 section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending
22 June 30, 2021. The game and fish department shall transfer moneys deposited in the aquatic
23 nuisance species program fund to the state game and fish fund to repay any moneys expended
24 from the state game and fish fund under this section.

25 **SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES PROGRAM FUND.**

26 There is appropriated out of any moneys in the aquatic nuisance species program fund in the
27 state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,500,000, or so much of the sum as
28 may be necessary, to the game and fish department for use in aquatic nuisance species
29 education, inspection, and monitoring programs under chapter 20.1-17, for the period beginning
30 with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2021. The game and fish department is
31 authorized two full-time equivalent positions for this purpose.

1 **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 3 of this Act becomes effective on January 1,
2 2020.

3 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 4 of this Act becomes effective on April 1, 2020.

4 **SECTION 10. EMERGENCY.** Sections 6 and 7 of this Act are declared to be an emergency
5 measure.

Legislative Report

66th Legislative Assembly Ends Session

The 2019 Legislative Session ended on Friday, April 26, the 76th day of session. Bills pertaining to aquatic nuisance species, water quality, navigable waterways, and funding issues kept water and fishing advocates extremely busy and engaged during the session.

Besides the adoption of a new Aquatic Nuisance Species fund, regional, municipal and rural water supply, flood control, and general water management all were allocated more funds than was originally expected. There is an unprecedented legislative and public awareness of the importance of protecting and enhancing North Dakota's water resource. It was a very successful session.

Senate Bill 2293 Aquatic Nuisance Species Program Fund

Passed on the Senate floor with a vote of 45-2 on Monday, February 18.

Passed on the House floor with a vote of 71-20 on Friday, April 12.

Assigned to Conference Committee: Howe, Anderson, D., Zubke and Sens. Cook, Oehlke, Piepkorn

Passed the Senate with a vote of 41-6 on Tuesday, April 23.

Passed the House with a vote of 67-22 on Tuesday, April 23.

Signed by the Governor May 2.

This bill creates funding mechanisms to support ANS programs through a \$2 surcharge to resident fishing and combination licenses except for a resident over the age of 65 or disabled residents, and a \$3 surcharge for non-resident fishing and waterfowl licenses starting in 2020. There will also be a \$15 surcharge on all motorboats implemented in 2020 to coincide with the 3-year cycle on resident boats.

The bill authorizes two positions and appropriates \$1.5 million from the new ANS fund and \$467,000 from its operational funds for the Game and Fish Department to address the threat of aquatic nuisance species.

In [Senate Bill 2020](#), the 2019 Legislature appropriated \$968 million of special funds for State Water Commission operations, capital projects, and grants:

- Appropriated \$66.5 million and made a long-term \$750 million commitment to Fargo area Flood Control
- Approved \$82.5 million and continued the previous \$193 million legislative intent for Mouse River Flood Control
- Appropriated \$48 million for Sheyenne River, Lower Heart, Bismarck and water resource district flood management projects
- Authorized \$180.9 million of capital project spending for Northwest Area Water Supply (NAWS), Devils Lake Outlet, and the Southwest Pipeline Project
- Appropriated \$128 million to municipal and regional water supply grants, including for Western Area Water Supply (WAWS) and the Red River Valley Water Supply (RRVWS)

- Funded \$37.2 million for rural water supply grants
- Approved \$27 million for general water management projects including irrigation infrastructure, weather modification, water resource district projects.

[Senate Bill 2315](#) **Relating to identifying private land open to hunters**

Failed on the House floor with a vote of 44-48 on Friday, April 26.

This bill would have reversed the presumption that all land is considered open and required people to seek permission to access private property, except for hunting, where designations of open or closed may be indicated on a published electric database. If the landowner did not provide information for the database, the land will be considered open to hunting unless traditional signs have been posted. The bill would have established an advisory group, including landowners and sportsmen, to oversee the development of the database. This bill failed because it was deemed too complex and failed to address the problems highlighted with the original intent of the bill.

[House Bill 1202](#) **Navigable Water Determination**

This bill lays out the process the state engineer must follow in order to determine the navigability of waters. Navigability is a key determination of public ownership of riverbeds and lake shore.

[House Bill 1428](#) **Acquisition and Management of the Missouri River Shoreline**

Failed on the House floor with a vote of 38-54 on Wednesday, February 6.

This bill would have formed a Missouri River council to conduct acquisitions and manage the Missouri River shoreline. The proposed council was too viewed as duplicative and potentially confusing with the existing Missouri River Advisory Council efforts.

[Senate Bill 2211](#) **Determination of the Ordinary High Water Mark**

Passed -- The bill relates to the definition of the ordinary high water mark; to sovereign lands, determining the ordinary high water mark; the ownership of mineral rights of land subject to inundation by Pick-Sloan Missouri basin project dams; and authorizes the Land Board to hire a firm to analyze acreage of submerged mineral acres and to make adjustment to mineral bonus and royalty refunds.

[Senate Bill 2342](#) **Noise Restrictions on Watercraft**

Passed -- Signed by Governor on Tuesday, April 23.

This bill sets noise restrictions of 88 decibels for no more than 10 minutes on the operation of watercraft between 12am-5am.

[Senate Bill 2183](#) **Use of White Sucker Bait on the Red River**

Failed -- The bill would have allowed the transport and use of out-of-state sourced live white suckers as bait on the Red River of the North.

A sincere thank you goes out to the fishing enthusiasts and water leaders who participated and helped during the legislative process. Your testimony, e-mails, and personal contacts with legislators were crucial in the successful outcome of funding aquatic nuisance species funding and for successful legislative initiatives. I encourage you to continue that effective interaction by thanking policy makers for their support, and including legislators in news and announcements about successes of the ANS program.

Your associations and clubs' collective commitment to maintaining water quality and fishery health demonstrated you are an effective grassroots group that works to support North Dakota quality of life.

Scott Winkelman
Game & Fish 32P.6785

Date as of Jan. 2019
Report from
Cody Armstrong
on 4-27-19

**APPLICATION FOR RESIDENT/NON RESIDENT
OUTFITTER/GUIDE LICENSE**

GUIDE AND OUTFITTER LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE

	RESIDENT		NON RESIDENT	
1. HUNTING GUIDES	500 \$100	Numbers 66	1000 \$400	Numbers 21
2. HUNTING OUTFITTER	1000 \$250	73	3000 \$2000	4
3. HUNTING OUTFITTER Large acreage (over 10,000 acres)	1500 \$500	?	N/A	
4. FISHING OUTFITTER	500 \$100	133	1000 \$400	10
5. HUNTING OUTFITTER DAY LEASE PERMIT	400 \$200		400 \$200	
6. ADD FISHING OR HUNTING AUTHORITY TO LICENSE	\$50		\$200	Delete #6

Application must include documentation of the following items:

- 1.- Copy of Standard First Aid Certification- Hunting Guide & outfitter (must remain current for the entire license year); *Add Fishing Outfitter*
- 2.- Copy of CPR Certification- Hunting Guide and Outfitter (must remain current for entire license year); *Add Fishing Outfitter*
- 3.- For Hunting Guide- Letter from Outfitter/employing the Guide;
- 4.- For Outfitters- Certificate of Insurance issued to the Department from your Insurance Company;
- 5.- For Hunting Outfitters- List of land where services will be provided to include Name of Lessor or owner, acreage, and county of land;
- 6.- For Hunting Outfitters- List of land day leased or freelanced on for previous year by acreage and county;
- 7.- For initial applications proof of experience (guide- must list 3 years of hunting in North Dakota; Outfitter need to show two years as a licensed guide);

20.1-03-34. Signature and possession requirements.

Signature and possession of license requirements may be waived by the director by rule for individuals licensed through license systems established under section 20.1-03-32.

20.1-03-35. Social security number to be furnished.

The social security number of an applicant for any license or permit issued under this chapter must be recorded on the application unless the applicant is a foreign national to whom no social security number has been issued. A social security number recorded under this section is confidential. Beginning on January 1, 2008, any application that is printed in paper form for a resident or nonresident fishing, hunting, or fur-bearer certificate must be printed in a manner so that only the last four digits of the applicant's social security number are recorded on the application, and the first five digits of the applicant's social security number are not recorded on the application.

20.1-03-36. Guides and outfitters to be licensed.

An individual may not act as a guide or outfitter or advertise or otherwise represent to the public as a guide or outfitter without first securing a license in accordance with this chapter and the rules of the director.

20.1-03-36.1. Fee for guide or outfitter license.

1. The annual fee to receive a hunting guide license is ⁵⁰⁰ one hundred dollars for a resident and ~~four hundred~~ dollars for a nonresident.

2. The annual fee to receive a fishing outfitter license is ⁵⁰⁰ one hundred dollars for a resident and ~~four hundred~~ dollars for a nonresident. ⁵⁰⁰ The annual fee to receive a fishing outfitter license is ~~fifty~~ dollars for a resident and two hundred dollars for a nonresident if the individual applying for the license has paid for a hunting guide or outfitter license for the same year. ~~Delete~~

3. The annual fee for a resident to receive a hunting outfitter license is two hundred fifty dollars for under ten thousand acres [4046.86 hectares] and ¹⁵⁰⁰ five hundred dollars for ten thousand acres [4046.86 hectares] and over on which the outfitter provides services. The annual fee for a nonresident to receive a hunting outfitter license is ³⁰⁰⁰ two thousand dollars. The acreage must be presented by the county with a list of lessors by county in every application for outfitter licensure. The annual permit fee for day leasing is ~~two hundred~~ dollars. The acreage day leased by county for the preceding year must be provided to receive a day leasing permit.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a license is not required for a person to provide services on real property that person owns or leases for the primary pursuit of bona fide agricultural interests, for a nonprofit organization registered with the secretary of state, or for a person that acts as a booking agent for a person that legally conducts business as an outfitter. However, a person who has been convicted of a state or federal criminal game or fish violation within the last three years or whose license to hunt or fish is under suspension or revocation is not exempt from licensure and is subject to subsection 5 of section 20.1-03-37. A booking agent that refers an individual to an outfitter under this subsection may receive a fee or commission for the referral. The director shall determine the number of acres by county exempted from licensure by this subsection and shall publish the results. The director shall provide written information to the public on the possible liability exposure for outfitting under this subsection and on the benefits of liability insurance and proper training. For purposes of this subsection, a booking agent means a person that receives only a fee for referring or marketing the services of a legal outfitter in this state.

20.1-03-36.2. Guides and outfitters licenses.

1. Each licensee shall carry the license while afield and show the license to any law enforcement officer upon request.
2. Hunting guide and fishing outfitter licenses are not transferable.

3. Guide and outfitter licenses expire on March thirty-first of each year for licenses issued after March thirty-first in the previous year unless revoked at an earlier date.
4. The department shall deposit in the game and fish department private habitat and access improvement fund any funds collected under section 20.1-03-36.1 or this section from hunting guides and outfitters which are not used for the administration of this chapter. *(Money Goes Here) - Plots Program only*

20.1-03-37. Guides and outfitters license qualifications.

1. An individual who is eighteen years of age or more may apply for a guide or outfitter license. *Should include Fishing Access also*
2. An applicant for a hunting guide license and an outfitter acting as a guide shall provide the director proof that the individual is certified in adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation or its equivalent and in standard or first aid or its equivalent. *Add Fishing Outfitter*
3. An applicant for a hunting outfitter or fishing outfitter license shall provide to the director proof that the individual and the individual's business operation are covered by general liability insurance against loss or expense due to accident or injury from outfitting services, at a minimum of one hundred thousand dollars per individual and three hundred thousand dollars per accident.
4. An individual must hold a hunting guide license for two years to be eligible to apply for a hunting outfitter license unless that individual provides proof to the department that the individual has been exempt under subsection 4 of section 20.1-03-36.1 and has been conducting outfitter or guide service as an exempt individual for at least two years.
5. The director may not issue a license to an individual who has been convicted of a state or federal criminal game or fish violation in the last three years or whose license to hunt or fish is under suspension or revocation. As used in this chapter, "conviction" means a finding of guilt, a guilty plea, a plea of no contest, a plea of nolo contendere, a judgment of conviction even though the court suspended execution of a sentence in accordance with subsection 3 of section 12.1-32-02, or a deferred imposition of sentence in accordance with subsection 4 of section 12.1-32-02 or an equivalent statute. The term does not include a finding of guilt which is reversed on appeal.
6. If an application is for a business association, the applicant must be an agent of the association to be held personally responsible for the conduct of the licensed outfitter's operations, in addition to the association, and the applicant must be actively and regularly employed in and responsible for the management, supervision, and operation of the outfitting business. The department may only issue an outfitter license to a business applicant if the applicant is qualified to conduct the business of outfitting. A corporation or association may qualify for an outfitter license if a majority of stock is owned by licensed outfitters in good standing or landowners who own agricultural land used for the outfitting business, or if a limited liability company, the majority membership interest is owned by licensed outfitters in good standing or by landowners who own agricultural land used for the outfitting business. If a business entity owns, is a leaseholder in land, or provides compensation for the use of land, and directly or indirectly receives remuneration from hunting on that land, the business entity must be licensed under this title unless exempt under subsection 4 of section 20.1-03-36.1. A business entity may not conduct business operations through a subsidiary, contractor, or an agent that would permit the business entity to avoid this chapter. This section does not authorize any act or transaction prohibited by any other law of this state.
7. An applicant for a hunting guide or hunting outfitter license must have legally hunted in this state for part of each of any three years in a manner directly contributing to the individual's experience and competency as a guide. The department may waive this requirement if the applicant proves that the applicant has legally hunted for parts of at least three years in other states and an outfitter employing that individual would suffer an undue hardship without that individual.

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