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Conservation Notes

Current topics and issues affecting hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation in our North Dakota.

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2021 Legislative Recap

The 2021 ND Legislative Session brought a mixed bag for issues facing hunting and fishing in North Dakota. The North Dakota Wildlife Federation and North Dakota Chapter, The Wildlife Society worked with the Legislature on SB 2144 addressing criminal trespass and electronic posting, and HB 1218 allowing non-resident hunters to hunt Plots acres that they enrolled. We also saw numerous attempts to attack our big game lottery system, fair chase hunting, and the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Thankfully, these attacks failed because sportsmen and women spoke up in their defense and legislators listened. But what we did not see were bills to improve wildlife habitat on public and private land or improve hunter or angler access to private or public land. Therefore, the North Dakota Wildlife Federation and the North Dakota Chapter, The Wildlife Society will be proposing specific legislation during the 68th session in 2023 on behalf of our states sportsmen and women to increase access for hunting and fishing and to increase habitat on public and private lands.

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