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Conservation Notes

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

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Let Game and Fish do their job!

Hunting and fishing are cherished traditions that provide valuable recreation and sustenance in our state. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDG&F) is charged with protecting, conserving, and enhancing our fish and wildlife populations and their habitats. The Department, using the best available science, and considering public input create professional management plans and rules to achieve their mandated mission.

But some members of the legislature, representing individual or special interests, try to hamstring the Department by bringing damaging legislation, such as HB 1151, attempting to chip away at the authority of the NDG&F and negatively impacting the resource. Eroding the powers of the Game and Fish Department to provide professional management of our states resources is detrimental to the long-term health of our fish, wildlife, and outdoor traditions. These bills put our wildlife and habitat, as well as our long-term public hunting and angling opportunities at risk.

Therefore, by letting NDG&F use science-based management, involving stakeholders, striking a balance between conservation and opportunity, and rejecting reactive politics and harmful legislation, we can ensure that hunting and fishing remain a valued part of our cultural heritage for future generations.

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