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Conservation Notes

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

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The 2019 Legislative Session

The 2019 Legislative Session dealt with natural resource issues that impact fish and wildlife. The North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society (professional wildlife biologists) and the North Dakota Wildlife Federation (representing the hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation community) partnered to track and work on 36 bills dealing with hunting and fishing, wildlife management, and access to the State's natural resources. Thanks to a positive working relationship with many legislators, many important issues were discussed and debated. Our thanks go out to the many legislators we were able to meet and talk about the issues. Thank you for listening to our testimony during hearings, attending the conservation reception (even though it was 25 below outside), and visiting with us at our Outdoors Days booths in the Capitol. The Chapter and the Federation are committed to providing objective science and sportsmen's perspectives in the decision process. We will continue to work with legislator's during the interim on issues that may need further legislative action during the 67th session in 2021.

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