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## Conservation Notes

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

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### 2023 Legislative Session

The 2023 ND Legislative Session brought a mixed bag for issues facing hunters and anglers in North Dakota. The North Dakota Wildlife Federation and North Dakota Chapter, The Wildlife Society worked to defeat HB 1151, the “Baiting Bill,” and worked hard to make HB 1538, the “Fish Tournament Bill” more palatable by reducing the financial burden on fishing tournaments and adding a \$5 surcharge to non-resident anglers. Overall, there were fewer attacks on hunters and anglers, wildlife management, and habitat funding. Hopefully, this trend will continue and the legislature will see the wisdom of using the expertise and recommendations from the State’s professional wildlife biologists. Policy decisions affecting wildlife resources must have equal footing with other resources in North Dakota.

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