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### Coordination of State Agency Programs

Many state agencies have responsibilities and regulations affecting North Dakota's natural resources. The Game and Fish Department, Department of Agriculture, Department of Mineral Resources, State Water Commission, Parks and Recreation Department, Department of Transportation, N.D. Aeronautics Commission, and the Department of Health all have programs affecting fish and wildlife, water, croplands, prairie, trees, wetlands, and soil. Each agency has a specific State directed mandate. Depending on the issue, resource agencies and their program work can be at odds with each other. Agency coordination of these actions and programs is necessary for efficient and long term sustainable resource management. But the State lacks a specific policy that would set a pathway for compatible actions, and insure that each agency adequately considers all directed State mandates. Therefore, it is in the State's best interests to develop a policy requiring cooperation between the States managing agencies on activities affecting North Dakota's natural resources and its citizens.

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