

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

WHEREAS; the North American Wildlife Conservation Model (Geist 2004) has evolved as the framework for ethical and sustainable wildlife and natural resource management; and

WHEREAS; the North American Wildlife Conservation Model is based on the following principles:

- 1) Wildlife should be held and managed as a public trust, for the benefit of the public, and at the discretion of a sovereign state or province;
- 2) Wildlife agencies must continue to combat the illegal market hunting and trafficking of wildlife;
- 3) Surplus wildlife is to be allowed by law, not the marketplace. This approach insures that all citizens in good standing, irrespective of wealth, social status, or landownership, are able to participate in the annual harvest of wildlife within the laws set by legislatures;
- 4) Wildlife should be killed for cause only and all hunters should be obliged to properly make use of all animals killed;
- 5) Wildlife is an interstate and international resource to be managed cooperatively by sovereign states and nations;
- 6) Science is the proper tool for evaluating and discharging wildlife management policy;
- 7) Sport hunting should be distinguished by the elements of ethical conduct and fair chase; and

WHEREAS; the principles of the North American Wildlife Conservation Model have guided the development of modern wildlife management and wildlife agency administration;

THEREFORE; be it resolved that the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society endorses the North American Wildlife Conservation Model as the guiding principles to make sound wildlife management decisions and promote effective wildlife policies in the State of North Dakota;

BE it further resolved that copies of this Resolution will be forwarded to the President of The Wildlife Society, the President of the Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society, the Governor of North Dakota, the Director of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, the North Dakota Congressional delegation, and the Regional Director of Region 6 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Approved by the membership  
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Geist, V. 2004. Wildlife conservation: in pursuit of ecological sustainability. International Fund for Animal Wildlife. Limerick, Ireland, June 16-19, 2004.