

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish
2 department; ~~and~~ to provide a report; to provide for a transfer; and to provide an exemption.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish fund in the state
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other special funds derived from federal funds
7 and other income, to the game and fish department for the purpose of defraying the expenses
8 of the game and fish department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30,
9 2023, as follows:

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
12 Salaries and wages	\$31,497,736	\$2,370,620	\$33,868,356
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14 Operating expenses	15,949,169	163,585	16,112,754
15 Capital assets	5,917,891	856,879	6,774,770
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17 Grants - game and fish	8,547,165	376,178	8,923,343
18 Land habitat and deer depredation	17,660,009	2,319,867	19,979,876
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20 Noxious weed control	725,000	0	725,000
21 Missouri River enforcement	288,068	8,757	296,825
22 Grants, gifts, and donations	533,732	136,358	670,090
23 <u>Missouri River enforcement</u>	<u>288,068</u>	<u>8,931</u>	<u>296,999</u>
24 <u>Grants, gifts, and donations</u>	<u>533,732</u>	<u>136,401</u>	<u>670,133</u>

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1	Nongame wildlife conservation	100,000	0	100,000
2	Lonetree reservoir	1,834,862	(16,572)	1,818,290
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4	Wildlife services	500,000	0	500,000
5	Shooting sports grant program	250,000	0	250,000
6	Aquatic nuisance species program	1,500,000	9,144	1,509,144
7	Total special funds	\$85,303,632	\$6,224,816	\$91,528,448
8	<u>Aquatic nuisance species program</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>9,009</u>	<u>1,509,009</u>
9	<u>Total special funds</u>	<u>\$85,303,632</u>	<u>\$7,064,502</u>	<u>\$92,368,134</u>
10	Full-time equivalent positions	165.00	0.00	165.00

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium and the 2021-23 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

15	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
16	Additional PLOTS payments	\$0	\$1,485,000
17	Red River basin wildlife and water quality program	0	500,000
18	Total special funds	\$0	\$1,985,000
19	<u>Red River basin wildlife and water quality program</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500,000</u>
20	<u>State radio equipment</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>801,500</u>
21	<u>Total special funds</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,786,500</u>

The 2021-23 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2023-25 biennium. The game and fish department shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 3. GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS LINE ITEM. The grants, gifts, and donations line item in section 1 of this Act includes up to \$100,000 received by the game and fish department for surface damage, easements, or reclamation on department-owned or managed properties as a result of mineral exploration and extraction activities.

SECTION 4. EXEMPTION - LINE ITEM TRANSFERS. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director of the office of management and budget shall transfer up to \$3,261,237 of

1 appropriation authority between the operating expenses, capital assets, and grants - game and
2 fish line items in section 1 of this Act as requested by the game and fish department during the
3 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The game and fish department
4 shall notify the legislative council of any transfers made pursuant to this section.