

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:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
12 Salaries and wages	\$31,497,736	\$2,370,620	\$33,868,356
13 Operating expenses	15,949,169	163,585	16,112,754
14 Capital assets	5,917,891	856,879	6,774,770
15 <u>Salaries and wages</u>	<u>\$31,497,736</u>	<u>\$2,243,856</u>	<u>\$33,741,592</u>
16 <u>Operating expenses</u>	<u>15,949,169</u>	<u>327,613</u>	<u>16,276,782</u>
17 <u>Capital assets</u>	<u>5,917,891</u>	<u>1,658,379</u>	<u>7,576,270</u>
18 Grants - game and fish	8,547,165	376,178	8,923,343
19 Land habitat and deer depredation	17,660,009	2,319,867	19,979,876
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21 Noxious weed control	725,000	0	725,000
22 Missouri River enforcement	288,068	8,757	296,825
23 Grants, gifts, and donations	533,732	136,358	670,090
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1	<u>Grants, gifts, and donations</u>	<u>533,732</u>	<u>136,401</u>	<u>670,133</u>
2	Nongame wildlife conservation	100,000	0	100,000
3	Lonetree reservoir	1,834,862	(16,572)	1,818,290
4	<u>Lonetree reservoir</u>	<u>1,834,862</u>	<u>(16,453)</u>	<u>1,818,409</u>
5	Wildlife services	500,000	0	500,000
6	Shooting sports grant program	250,000	0	250,000
7	Aquatic nuisance species program	1,500,000	9,144	1,509,144
8	Total special funds	\$85,303,632	\$6,224,816	\$91,528,448
9	Full-time equivalent positions	165.00	0.00	165.00
10	<u>Aquatic nuisance species program</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>9,009</u>	<u>1,509,009</u>
11	<u>Total special funds</u>	<u>\$85,303,632</u>	<u>\$7,064,502</u>	<u>\$92,368,134</u>
12	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	<u>165.00</u>	<u>(1.00)</u>	<u>164.00</u>

13 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE**
14 **SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
15 items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium and the
16 2021-23 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

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

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

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

1 | **SECTION 4. EXEMPTION - LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04,
2 | the director of the office of management and budget shall transfer up to \$2,000,000 of
3 | appropriation authority between the operating expenses, capital assets, and grants - game and
4 | fish line items in section 1 of this Act as requested by the game and fish department during the
5 | biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The game and fish department
6 | shall notify the legislative council of any transfers made pursuant to this section.