

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 <del>Salaries and wages</del>	<del>\$31,497,736</del>	<del>\$2,370,620</del>	<del>\$33,868,356</del>
13 <u>Salaries and wages</u>	<u>\$31,497,736</u>	<u>\$2,407,884</u>	<u>\$33,905,620</u>
14 Operating expenses	15,949,169	163,585	16,112,754
15 <del>Capital assets</del>	<del>5,917,891</del>	<del>856,879</del>	<del>6,774,770</del>
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17 Grants - game and fish	8,547,165	376,178	8,923,343
18 <del>Land habitat and deer depredation</del>	<del>17,660,009</del>	<del>2,319,867</del>	<del>19,979,876</del>
19 <u>Land habitat and deer depredation</u>	<u>17,660,009</u>	<u>2,320,588</u>	<u>19,980,597</u>
20 Noxious weed control	725,000	0	725,000
21 <del>Missouri River enforcement</del>	<del>288,068</del>	<del>8,757</del>	<del>296,825</del>
22 <del>Grants, gifts, and donations</del>	<del>533,732</del>	<del>136,358</del>	<del>670,090</del>
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	<del>Lonetree reservoir</del>	<del>1,834,862</del>	<del>(16,572)</del>	<del>1,818,290</del>
3	<u>Lonetree reservoir</u>	<u>1,834,862</u>	<u>(16,453)</u>	<u>1,818,409</u>
4	Wildlife services	500,000	0	500,000
5	Shooting sports grant program	250,000	0	250,000
6	<del>Aquatic nuisance species program</del>	<del>1,500,000</del>	<del>9,144</del>	<del>1,509,144</del>
7	<del>Total special funds</del>	<del>\$85,303,632</del>	<del>\$6,224,816</del>	<del>\$91,528,448</del>
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:

	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
16	Additional PLOTS payments	\$0	\$1,485,000
17	<del>Red River basin wildlife and water quality program</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>500,000</del>
18	<del>Total special funds</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$1,985,000</del>
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.