CHAPTER 61-15
WATER CONSERVATION

Repealed by S.L. 2013, ch. 481, § 2.

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The authority, control, and supervision of all water and wildlife conservation projects and
wildlife reservations shall be vested in the state engineer. The state engineer may accept
cooperation, aid, and assistance from the United States of America, its instrumentalities or
agencies, in the construction, maintenance, and operation of any structure for the purposes set
forth in this chapter and may do any act necessary to make such aid, assistance, and
cooperation from the federal government available, and shall have the right to grant such
easements to the United States of America, its instrumentalities or agencies, as may be
required.

An easement may be granted to the United States, its instrumentalities or agencies, over all
lands now owned or hereafter acquired by the state of North Dakota for rights of way for ditches,
dams, dikes, fills, spillways, or other structures now constructed or to be constructed for the
purpose of water or wildlife conservation.

61-15-05. Recording or filing fees for documents required by United States or state
for water or wildlife conservation project.

61-15-06. Board of university and school lands empowered to grant easements for
water and wildlife conservation.
The board of university and school lands may grant to the United States of America, its
instrumentalities or agencies, such easement rights as may be required for the construction,
maintenance, and operation of any dam, dike, ditch, fill, spillway, or other structure erected or to
be erected for water or wildlife conservation purposes on the public lands of this state.


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The state engineer of this state shall take such action as may be necessary to conserve the
water levels and rehabilitate the streams and brooks in the Turtle Mountain region of North
Dakota lying in Bottineau and Rolette Counties, and shall do any act necessary to bring about
such rehabilitation of streams, lakes, and brooks.

Any municipality owning or permanently controlling land upon which a proposed dam is to
be constructed may construct a dam thereon and across that portion of the Red River of the
North which forms a part of the boundary common to the state of North Dakota and the state of
Minnesota, for the purpose of conserving water for municipal, commercial, and domestic use,
constructing in connection therewith such appliances, fishways, raceways, sluiceways, and
wasteways as may be necessary or convenient for the proper construction and utility of such
dam and as may be required by law. If required by law or treaty, the consent of the United States and of the state of Minnesota shall be obtained first.