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2003 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES
HB 1358

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1358

House Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 31, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	xx		0-5315

Committee Clerk Signature

Minutes:

Chair Nelson calls the hearing on HB 1358 relating to nonresident hunting and fishing licenses and fees; to provide an appropriation; to provide a statement of legislative intent with respect to a short-term lease program; and to provide an effective date to order.

Rep. Porter: introduces HB 1358. This bill changes the way North Dakota markets itself with regards to hunting and fishing. Currently nonresidents purchase an upland game license that last for an entire season. We are the last state with that philosophy. This bill changes the time period as well as the fee for the licensee. This bill also raises the dollars for the PLOTS program.

Modest fee increases for the fishing licenses. This bill also addresses access by using fee increases to pay for increase access.

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Rep. Carlson: A version of this bill was in last session. It was changed in a conference committee. The increased fee will not drive away hunters. We have some of the best hunting and fishing in the nation. There is no shame in charging the market price for licenses. I have a concern over the unlimited amount of upland game licenses. I have a concern over the enforcement official shortage. The goal is not to keep people out of the state. It is to create access.

Rep. Norland: 10 day vs 25 day period.

Rep. Carlson: You have a choice. It is the same system as South Dakota. You can buy another one. This is the part I have a problem with this.

Rep. Nottestad: Then do you advocate giving unlimited hunting to someone who owns property in North Dakota.

Rep. Carlson: No, Fishing and hunting are different. We do not limit fishing at all.

Bob Wetch: (See Attached Testimony)

Bill Pfeifer: (See Attached Testimony)

Mike Donahue: (See Attached Testimony)

Harold Neameyer (3030): (See Attached Testimony)

Dick Monson: Farmer from Barnes County. (See Attached Testimony)

Kyle Blanchfield: Guides and Outfitters. In support of HB 1358. (See Attached Testimony)

John Abramson: Testified in opposition to HB 1358. North Dakota Sport Fish Congress. We oppose it as it is written because the fishing dollars would not go back into ramp access and other fishing programs.

Paul Shadewald: North Dakota Game and Fish Department. (See Attached Testimony)

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Chair Porter closes the hearing on HB 1358.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1358

House Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 6, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	xx		2,250-3722
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Emi Myer</i>			

Minutes:

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order.

Rep. Porter gave a report on the subcommittee on HB 1358. The proposed amendment removes the fishing dollars from hunting access funds. Equalizes combination license. Replacing 3 million with 3.3 million updating fiscal note. We removed the cap on licenses in order to encourage that being on it's own bill. We also removed combination licenses.

Rep. Porter moved the amendment seconded by **Rep. Clark**. Passed by voice vote.

Rep. Nelson proposed an additional amendment taken as friendly to change the cost of licenses to \$85. People will look at this as an increase from the status quo. They will look at this as a doubling. This is an attempt to alleviate those concerns.

Rep. Keiser: I think \$100 is too low.

Rep. DeKrey: I don't see these big dollar hunters in my area. We have many college students from Minnesota and Wisconsin. I think \$85 is enough to shoot a goose.

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The Amendment passed by a vote of 9-4-1.

Rep. Porter motioned **Do Pass with amendments** on HB 1358. The Motion was seconded by

Rep. Clark.

The motion passed by a vote of 14-0-0. **Rep. Porter** will carry.

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House Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 6, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Eli Myers</i>			

Minutes:

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order.

Rep. Porter: The 3.3. Million with an agency having an 18 million dollar reserve. This does not require a matching appropriation. 1 Million will go from the reserve of Game and Fish into PLI.

Chair Nelson: In the event that there are no restrictions on nonresident hunters the fiscal note would go down dramatically.

Rep. Porter moved a **Do Pass with Amendments**. **Rep. Clark** seconded. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 14-0-0.

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FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 03/25/2003

Amendment to: HB 1358

1A. State fiscal effect: Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$2,200,000		\$2,400,000
Expenditures						
Appropriations				\$3,300,000		

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. Narrative: Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

This bill increases the habitat stamp cost from \$5 to \$10. This stamp is required for all resident and nonresident hunters. Both nonresident hunting and fishing license fees are increased and the small game and waterfowl license structures are changed. The cost of the license package for nonresidents who hunt both small game and waterfowl will change from the current \$95 to \$185. The fees for nonresidents who hunt only waterfowl will increase from \$95 to \$100. The fees for nonresidents who hunt only small game will increase from \$85 to \$100.

Senate amendments increase the nonresident season fishing license from \$32 to \$35. This is for the second year only of the 2003-2005 biennium.

3. State fiscal effect detail: For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:

A. Revenues: Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

The total increase in hunting license revenue is estimated to be about \$2,000,000 per biennium. This assumes that the current high level of license sales will continue. The increase in nonresident fishing license revenue will be about \$160,000 per year. The fishing license and resident combination license increase will apply only to the second year of the 2003-2005 biennium.

The additional revenue from the Senate amendments is \$20,000 per year.

B. Expenditures: Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

C. Appropriations: Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

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An additional \$3,300,000 is appropriated for the Game and Fish Department's private land open to sportsmen program. Five additional FTE's are provided for this program.

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Phone Number:	328-6328	Date Prepared:	03/25/2003

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