

I oppose House Bill 1151. This bill would strip authority from the ND Game and Fish Department (NDGF) to implement their Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Management Plan by prohibiting the NDGF from banning baiting practices in ND.

I do not have a stance on baiting ethics, but I do have a strong stance on legislation or ballot measures that seek to restrict or control the ability of wildlife professionals at the NDGF to do their job. Their job is to manage wildlife resources on behalf of the public, for current and future generations. The legislature should NOT be overruling biological decisions made by a network of professional and experienced biologists who specialize in the subject matter of ND wildlife. Period.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1151.