

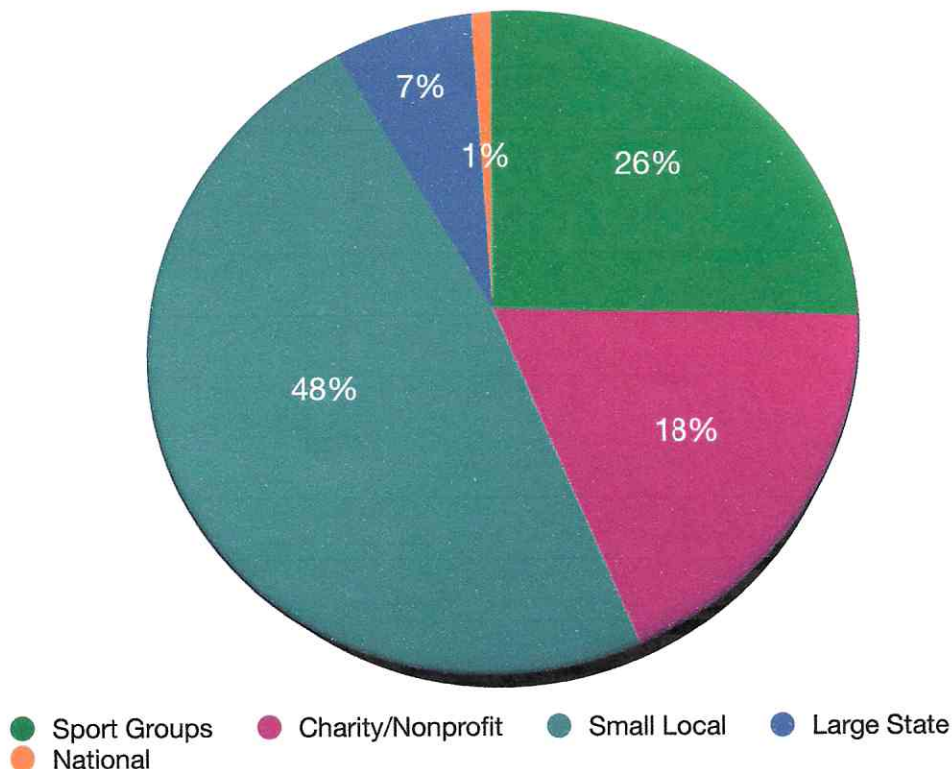
Purpose of HB 1538

- 1. Removes the required conservation fee that negatively impacts the economies of ND cities.**
- 2. Removes the barrier for student angling in the state of ND.**
- 3. Removes the statute requiring non profits and charities to return monies they have raised.**
- 4. Updates ND Century Code to work with modern technology and social media.**
- 5. Removes the barriers on R3 in relation to fishing.**
- 6. Updates the definition of student angler to include all high school students.**
- 7. Promotes the raising of more conservation dollars than the previous statute allowed.**
- 8. Allows anglers to competitively fish for something other than money.**

Things to Consider

HB 1538

ND Tournament Make Up



Power of Recruitment

Each fishing license sold brings back an average of **\$19** to the ND Game & Fish. It will only take **5,500** new anglers to equal the current conservation fees collected by tournaments.

Professional Anglers Give Back

Over the last **10** years, anglers have held over **85** educational events covering ANS, life jacket safety and basic fishing knowledge to **4,250+** kids. During these events they have handed out an estimated **\$125,000** in rods, reels, tackle and educational items.

Nonresident Anglers

Over the last 5 years an average of **45%** of fishing licenses sold in North Dakota were to nonresidents. **25%** of total sales on average are **3 or 10** day licenses.

Sources

ND Game & Fish Website
NPAA Members' Input



Economic Contributions of Recreational Fishing

— North Dakota —

136,700 anglers spent \$102.2 Million while fishing in North Dakota.

Statewide Contributions by Anglers in North Dakota



\$158.6 Million
Economic Output



1,420
Jobs Supported

National Contributions by U.S. Anglers



\$129 Billion
Economic Output



826,000
Jobs Supported

Annual U.S. Angler Contributions to Conservation



U.S. Anglers by the Numbers



Angler participation and spending presented here reflect 2018 estimates. The 13% increase in license sales in the U.S. through September 2020 compared to the year before, and 66% increase in excise tax collections since 2018 indicate economic contributions for 2020 could be significantly greater.

