

HB1151:

To whom it may concern:

Energy and Natural Resource Committee,

This Letter is being written to show my support of HB1151

I believe the North Dakota Game and Fish department does not have our best interests at hand. Almost every decision they make is based off of projected revenue. This year they still gave out whitetail deer tags in 3b2, 3d2, 3b3, 4a, ect. In these units there were almost no whitetails to be found in these units but they couldn't not get their revenue from licenses!

As a hunter and a landowner, I do not care weather or not we can bait. I care more about the fact that the NDGF thinking they have the ability to impose rules to private landowners is acceptable, but yet they have such good relations with all these said landowners. Private lands are exactly as they sound. Private for the owner of the land to decide what takes place on their land. If the NDGF wants to ban baiting they should go through legislation and ban the entire state not just a unit at a time.

That being said they're ban on baiting that keeps being imposed on us hunters and a landowners alike makes no sense. They're reasoning behind the baiting ban has no value or factual evidence that it will help "stop the spread of CWD." This winter is a perfect example of it as well. There's only so many food sources available to the deer and they all gather together around those couple of food sources' IE: haystacks, cornfield hill tops, ect. On top of the evidence the NDGF is providing, they are breaking their own rules on the ban of baiting by placing a ranchers hay bail in the middle of a pasture for the deer to congregate to prevent the deer from eating directly on that said ranchers haystacks.

The NDGF claims a deer with CWD only has a lifespan of 3.5 years. In our state with the section line rules and amount of rifle tags given out year in and year out the deer don't even make it to an average life of 3.5 years old to begin with!

I am in favor of HB1151 and have plenty more to ramble on about if you would like to hear more you can reach me at the number below.

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