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Submitted by: Dave Wasness, President of F-M Walleyes Unlimited

Chairman Patten, Vice Chair Magrum and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

On behalf of the F-M Walleyes Unlimited we ask the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee give House Bill 1538 a 'do pass' recommendation.

F-M Walleyes Unlimited is a fishing club that represents over 300 anglers in the greater Fargo-Moorhead area. Our club has served the F-M community for over 45 years and is dedicated to promoting conservation, sportsmanship, and education regarding walleye fishing.

F-M Walleyes supports HB 1538 and the changes to the definition of fishing contests. These changes will better serve high school fishing leagues and other youth fishing events. We also support the elimination of the onerous conservation fees that discourage local, regional & national events that represent significant economic benefits to North Dakota communities. Current rules also penalize local first responders from retaining the fishing event earnings they would otherwise use to support their response to emergencies.

Please note that the position the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress does NOT represent F-M Walleyes Unlimited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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