

2011 HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1181

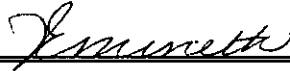
2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Energy and Natural Resources Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB1181
01/21/2011
Job # 13129

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Minutes:

3"attached testimony."

Rep. Porter: We will open the hearing on HB 1181.

Rep. Nathe: HB 1181 is a constituent bill, you will be hearing from the constituent who is well known to this committee. HB1181 lowers the age for applying for an antelope hunting license. I want to hand out the amendments to this bill. The bill was originally written in section 1 line 15-17, with the amendments we have stricken those out, the reason being because it relates solely to the youth hunting season. We are changing the bill so that the youth are able to apply for the antelope hunting season at the age of 12. That is basically what the amendments do. On the back page on page 2 lines 1-3 with the amendments it will read an individual who's twelfth Birthday occurs on or before the opening date of the antelope hunting season and younger than fourteen years old can apply for an antelope permit.

Rep. Porter: Are there any questions for Rep. Nathe?

Rep Hunsakor: The bill is excellent, but we do face a season of deep snow. How does that fit in?

Rep. Nathe: We don't know if there will be an antelope hunting season this year. With or without a season this bill is still appropriate.

Ron Ness: I am a citizen from Bismarck. Antelope hunting is a great sport for kids. This bill does nothing more than let them into the lottery at age 12. They need to be drawn to get the tag. What you would do is find an area where there are doe kid tags. We stand in support of the bill.

Rep. Porter: Further testimony in support of HB 1181.

Mike Donahue: I am with the North Dakota Wildlife Federation. We concur with Rep. Nathe and the amendment he has proposed.

Rep. Porter: Further testimony in support.

Mike McEnroe: I represent the North Dakota Wildlife Society. The chapter supports HB 1181 as the proposed amendments provide that would 12 – 13 year olds to apply for the antelope season. Oil and gas development is expanding outside the badlands habitat where we don't find lots of antelope into the grasslands of Western North Dakota. (See attachment 1&2)

Rep. Porter: Further testimony in support of HB 1181?

Lester Ray Hager: I represent the Cass County Wildlife Club. We do support this HB1181 as amended.

Rep. Porter: Further testimony in support of HB 1181. Is there any opposition?

Roger Rostvet: I am deputy director of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

Rep Porter: A session or two ago Rep.Delzer had a bill that would change the law to if they turned the age during the season then they were legal to apply for a permit.

Roger Rostvet: The law right now is that you can apply for a license prior to the birthday if you are that age on the opening day. That would more than likely preclude the individuals that were up testifying because their birthdays aren't until into the season.

Rep. Porter: What would be the hang up of changing the date so that if the birthday is in that year they could apply?

Roger Rostvet: It wouldn't be an issue.

Rep. Anderson: Is the wildlife affected by the oil industry? Is it an issue?

Roger Rostvet: The wildlife is impacted. What the numbers are hard to gate.

Rep. Anderson: Are you watching that all?

Roger Rostvet: We survey areas and on an annual basis, there are also some studies going on up in those areas.

Rep. Nathe: In regards to the antelope herd, will we have a season this fall?

Roger Rostvet: we won't for sure until the middle of July.

Rep. Hunsakor: Are antelope more susceptible to the snow and wildlife?

Roger Rostvet: Antelope are very susceptible to winter. Lots of times they migrate out of the state.

Rep. Porter: We will close the hearing on HB 1181.

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House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1181
01/28/2011
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Minutes:

Rep. Porter: we will open HB 1181. The two questions that were talked about in the hearing are in the amendment and date changes so that if an individual turns the legal age during that calendar year you can apply for a deer license that season. This applies for the deer and antelope season.

Rep. Hanson: I make an motion to adopt the amendment.

Rep. Keiser: Second.

Rep. Porter: And discussion on HB 1181? seeing none, all those in favor. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Rep. DeKrey: I move do pass as amended.

Rep. Keiser: Second.

Rep. Porter: Is there any discussion? Seeing none clerk will call the roll. Do pass carries.

Yes. 12 No 0 Absent. 0 Carrier:

Rep. Anderson

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Energy and Natural Resources Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1181
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Minutes:

Rep. Porter: We will open HB 1181

Rep. DeKrey: I move that we reconsider our action when we passed out HB 1181

Rep. Nathe: Second

Rep Porter: That is the antelope hunting bill and there were some errors made on our first amendment, we pulled it off after it was on the sixth order and brought it back so we can correct it. Is there any discussion on the motion? All those in favor motion carries.

Rep. Porter we have an engrossed version of HB 1181 in front of us. The first set of amendments is already on this bill. There are 2 pages to the engrossed bill.

Rep. Nathe: We noticed the mistake thanks to Roger from Game and Fish giving us a heads up. Lets go through this very quickly, on page 1 line 2 we will insert after antelope "deer" Page 1 line 14 after of we will say "or during" so we have it during the calendar year page 1 line 18 after of we will insert "or during" page 1 line 22 after of insert "or during" and on line 23 remove the word "youth." We will strike that out. That will take care of the additional amendments.

Rep. Nathe: Made a motion

Rep. DeKrey: Second

Rep. Porter: We have a motion to further amend engrossed HB 1181. Is there any discussion? Voice vote taken motion carried. We have engrossed HB 1181 in front of us

Rep. DeKrey: I move a Do Pass motion on HB 1181 as further amended.

Rep. Anderson: Second

Rep. Porter: Is there any discussion? We will do roll call motion carries

Yes 15 No 0 Carrier: Anderson

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
01/08/2011

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1181

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.*

	2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues		\$0		\$0		\$0
Expenditures		\$0		\$0		\$0
Appropriations		\$0		\$0		\$0

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

2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 Biennium			2013-2015 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This amendment will have no impact on Game and Fish license sales; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

None.

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.*

None.

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.*

None.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

None.

Name:	Kim Molesworth	Agency:	ND Game & Fish Dept.
Phone Number:	328-6605	Date Prepared:	01/10/2011

Date: 1-28-1
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1181

House House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken: ☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☒ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment
☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Rep DeKrey Seconded By Rep Keiser

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Porter			Rep. Hanson		
Vice Chairman Damschen			Rep. Hunsakor		
Rep. Brabandt			Rep. Kelsh		
Rep. Clark			Rep. Nelson		
Rep. DeKrey					
Rep. Hofstad					
Rep. Kasper					
Rep. Keiser					
Rep. Kreun					
Rep. Nathe					
Rep. Anderson					

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

voice vote taken motion carried

Date: 1-28-2011
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1181

House House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

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☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Rep DeKrey Seconded By Rep Keiser

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Porter	✓		Rep. Hanson	✓	
Vice Chairman Damschen	✓		Rep. Hunskor	✓	
Rep. Brabandt	✓		Rep. Kelsh		
Rep. Clark	✓		Rep. Nelson	✓	
Rep. DeKrey	✓				
Rep. Hofstad					
Rep. Kasper	✓				
Rep. Keiser	✓				
Rep. Kreun					
Rep. Nathe	✓				
Rep. Anderson	✓				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 3

Floor Assignment Rep. Anderson

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 2-10-11
Roll Call Vote #: 1

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Motion Made By Rep De Krey Seconded By Rep Nathe

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Rep. Clark			Rep. Nelson		
Rep. DeKrey					
Rep. Hofstad					
Rep. Kasper					
Rep. Keiser					
Rep. Kreun					
Rep. Nathe					
Rep. Anderson					

Total (Yes) 15 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

reconciled actions the way H.R. 1181 was passed but motion carried

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1181

Page 1, line 2, after “antelope” insert “and deer”

Page 1, line 14, after “of” insert “or during”

Page 1, line 18, after “of” insert “or during”

Page 1, line 22, after “of” insert “or during”

Page 1, line 23, remove “youth”

Date: 2-16-11
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1181

House House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken: ☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☒ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment
☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Rep Nathe Seconded By Rep DeKrey

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Porter			Rep. Hanson		
Vice Chairman Damschen			Rep. Hunskor		
Rep. Brabandt			Rep. Kelsh		
Rep. Clark			Rep. Nelson		
Rep. DeKrey					
Rep. Hofstad					
Rep. Kasper					
Rep. Keiser					
Rep. Kreun					
Rep. Nathe					
Rep. Anderson					

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

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p1 Line 23 remove the word up with
voice vote taken motion carries

February 10, 2011

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Page 1, line 22, after "of" insert "or during"

Page 1, line 23, remove "youth"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2-10-11
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1181

House House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 11.0406.03001 04000

Action Taken: ☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☒ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment
☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Rep. DeKrey Seconded By Rep. Anderson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Porter	✓		Rep. Hanson	✓	
Vice Chairman Damschen	✓		Rep. Hunskor	✓	
Rep. Brabandt	✓		Rep. Kelsh		
Rep. Clark	✓		Rep. Nelson	✓	
Rep. DeKrey	✓				
Rep. Hofstad					
Rep. Kasper	✓				
Rep. Keiser					
Rep. Kreun	✓				
Rep. Nathe	✓				
Rep. Anderson	✓				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 3

Floor Assignment Rep. Anderson

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1181, as engrossed: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1181 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 2, after "antelope" insert "and deer"

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Page 1, line 22, after "of" insert "or during"

Page 1, line 23, remove "youth"

Renumber accordingly

2011 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1181

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Natural Resources Committee
Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

HB 1181
March 10, 2011
Job # 15260

☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Monica Sparling

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-11 of the ND Century Code, relating to youth antelope and deer hunting.

Minutes:

Testimony Attached

Chairman Lyson opened the hearing on HB 1181.

Representative Mike Nathe, District 30, introduced the bill.

Chairman Lyson: This would allow a 12 year old to use a high powered rifle?

Mike Nathe: Yes

Chairman Lyson: A rifle that can shoot 3400 ft/second and can kill up to three miles?

Mike: The youth will have gone through Hunter Safety and will be out there with their parents.

Chairman Lyson: Expressed concern that this is a weighty responsibility for a 12 year old and that not every parent is very attentive.

Senator Triplett: Have the sponsors of this bill consider maybe a lower-powered rifle?

Mike: That was not considered.

Ron Ness: Two years ago you passed legislation that allowed 12 year olds to hunt deer in North Dakota; you created a special season for them. You allowed 12 year olds to hunt with a high-powered rifle and it has been very successful. This bill would allow them to enter into the lottery. This would get youngsters interested in hunting before age 14 when they get interested in other things. What you did last session worked.

Chairman Lyson: Do we need a special season? Can't they just go with their parents?

Ron Ness: Not really, it is the difference between going to the game and being in the game.

Senator Bob Stenehjem, District 30, presented written testimony in favor of HB 1181. See **Attachment #1.** Hunting together is a great opportunity to build relationships between parents and youth.

Chairman Lyson again expressed concern that using a high powered rifle is a big responsibility for a 12 year old.

There was discussion about the merits of twelve year olds hunting.

Foster Ray Hager, representing Cass County Wildlife, stood in support of HB 1181.

There was more discussion about the merits of twelve year olds hunting.

Mike McEnroe, representing the ND Chapter of the Wildlife Society, spoke in support of HB 1181.

Senator Triplett: Would this be a good bill if you would limit the twelve year olds to carrying a shotgun?

Mike: No, hunting antelope with a shotgun would be almost impossible. You would be limited to using shotgun slugs which have an effective range of 50-75 yards. They would be extremely limited. Antelope hunting is out in the open country. A shotgun would not be adequate.

Mike Donahue, representing the ND Wildlife Federation, took a neutral position on HB 1181.

Roger Rostvet, Deputy Director of ND Game and Fish, was called back to the podium for a question.

Senator Triplett: Why did Game and Fish recommend the change from the original bill to what we have now?

Roger Rostvet: The Game and Fish had problems with it because if that law would have passed, the only people who would have gotten an antelope license would have been gratis landowners and youth. There are just not enough permits in most years to start having separate seasons. This was more of a consideration than fitting it into the schedule.

Senator Hogue: How many children participate in the youth deer and in the youth pheasant season?

Roger Rostvet: The youth pheasant season is tough to determine because there is no specific license or registration for that. The youth deer season generally has about 2000 per year. That is for the 14 and older. I could get back to you with the numbers on the 12 and 13 year olds for last year.

Chairman Lyson closed the hearing on HB 1181.

Senator Freborg: Moved a Do Pass on HB 1181.

Senator Uglem: Second

Roll Call Vote: 5-2-0

Carrier: Senator Freborg

Date: 3-10-11
Roll Call Vote # 1

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1181

Senate Natural Resources Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken: ☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment
☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Freborg Seconded By Uglen

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Lyson		✓	Senator Schneider	✓	
Vice-Chair Hogue	✓		Senator Triplett		✓
Senator Burckhard	✓				
Senator Freborg	✓				
Senator Uglen	✓				

Total (Yes) 5 No 2

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Freborg

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1181, as reengrossed: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Lyson, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
Reengrossed HB 1181 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2011 TESTIMONY

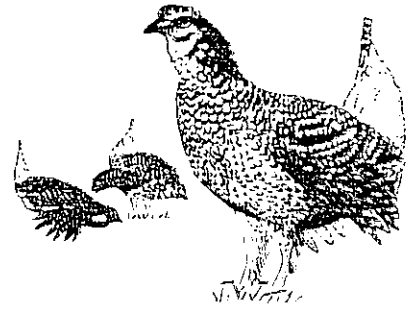
HB 1181



North Dakota Chapter

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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**TESTIMONY OF MIKE McENROE
NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
ON HB 1181
HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
JANUARY 21, 2011**

Chairman Porter and members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

My name is Mike McEnroe and I represent the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society. The Chapter is a professional organization made up of over 320 biologists, land managers, university educators, and law enforcement officers in the wildlife and natural resource field.

The Chapter supports HB 1181 ^{amended} providing for 12 and 13-years old to apply for the State's pronghorn antelope season. A mentored one-on-one adult and youth hunting trip, in the open country that characterizes western North Dakota will be a safe hunting experience for a beginning hunter.

Our only caution is that following a third hard winter, and with the rapid expansion of energy development, on-going and proposed, it may be a while before the State has an antelope season similar to the ones of three to ten years ago. Oil and gas development is rapidly expanding outside of the typical "badlands" habitats, the breaks along the Little Missouri River, into the rolling grasslands of western North Dakota. This is more typical antelope country.

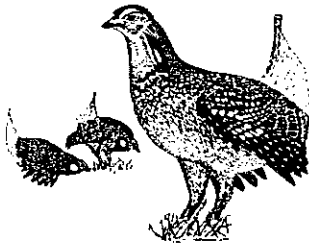
Energy development, while a boon to the State, comes with a high external cost. It very likely will result in lower wildlife populations and reduced hunting opportunities that are highly valued by our citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 1181. I will answer any questions the committee may have.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

College scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding undergraduate natural resource students at Minot State University- Bottineau, North Dakota State University, Sitting Bull College, University of North Dakota, and Valley City State University. In addition, two outstanding graduate student awards are presented each year. Natural resource instructors at each of the universities and colleges nominate students for the scholarship awards.

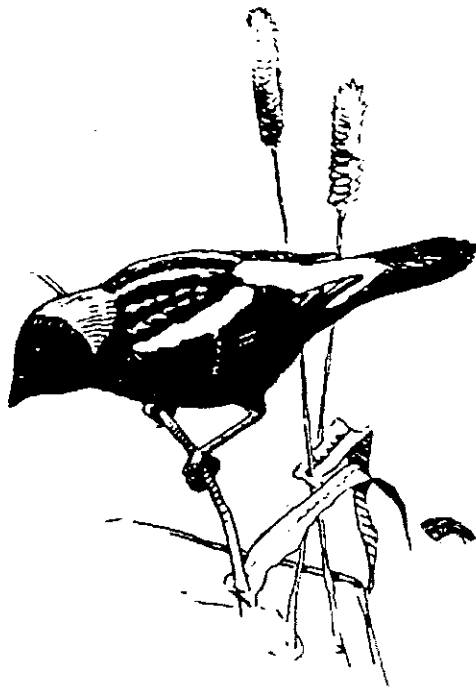
The Chapter has also implemented a Legacy Trust Initiative to strengthen the connection between natural resource students, educators, and the wildlife profession. Included in this endeavor are job fairs, career lesson panels, and opportunities for students to attend and engage in professional meetings.



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Dakota's natural resources*

CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

Consistent with the objectives of The Wildlife Society, the Chapter's objectives are:



- To advance the science and art of wildlife management.
- To improve public understanding and support of scientific management of wildlife and related resources.
- To provide a common meeting ground for people interested in wildlife conservation.
- To promote and maintain high professional standards.
- To recognize and commend outstanding accomplishments in wildlife conservation.
- To leverage the influence of The Wildlife Society at the national level on important wildlife issues in North Dakota.
- To follow the North American wildlife conservation model and its conservation objectives.

CERTIFICATION

The Wildlife Society promotes a certification program for its members that constitute official recognition that qualified members meet professional, educational, experience, and ethical criteria to be a "Certified Wildlife Biologist."

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Chapter work is carried out by committees that focus on natural resource issues.

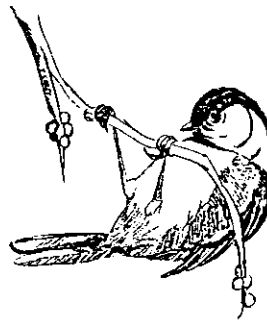
Examples of committees include: the Endangered Species committee, which is composed of expert biologists who make recommendations on rare species and their conservation.

The Wetlands committee takes an active role in working to preserve wetlands in North Dakota.

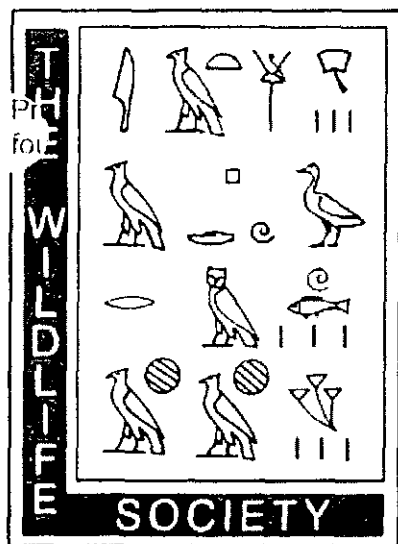
The Alternative Energy committee is composed of Biofuels and Wind subcommittees and is engaged in keeping the emerging industry of alternative energy compatible with natural resources.

A variety of natural resource issues are addressed through the Chapter's Missouri River committee.

The Chapter's Education committee is involved in a wide range of activities that include writing and updating the elementary text books PROJECT WILD, the Junior Duck Stamp contest, and a number of other publications concerning natural resource management.



Examples of other committees include: Legislative, Wildlife Commercialization, Western Lands, Invasive Species, Tribal Wildlife, Prairie Resources, and Professional Women in Natural Resources.



was founded in 1963 and has played an active role in North Dakota wildlife management since that time.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Chapter is open to any person who has an interest in the objectives and activities of the Chapter and is formally trained or employed in the wildlife field.

Those not meeting the education or employment requirements may also affiliate with the Chapter.

Association with the Chapter provides opportunities to be informed and participate in resolving conservation issues. Each member or affiliate receives the Chapter Newsletter.

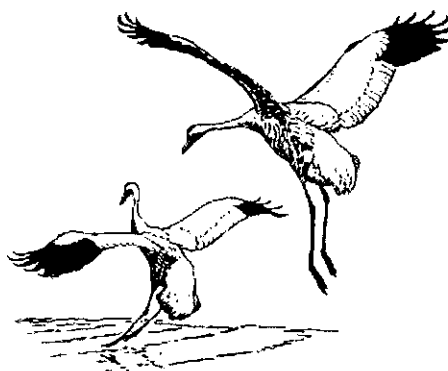
Chapter members are encouraged to join the parent group, The Wildlife Society and the regional organization, the Central Mountain and Plains Section.

WHAT IS THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY?

Founded in 1937, The Wildlife Society is an international, nonprofit, scientific and educational organization composed of professionals, students and laypersons interested and active in wildlife research, management, education, and administration.

NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The North Dakota Chapter is an active affiliate of The Wildlife Society, a national organization. The Chapter is specifically concerned with effective management of North Dakota's plant and wildlife communities. The Chapter provides expertise in advising legislative and judicial processes concerning conservation of natural resources. It advocates the holistic treatment of environmental questions. The Chapter



ORGANIZATION

The Chapter is governed by an elected Executive Board composed of a President, President-elect, Past President, four Executive Board members, and an appointed Secretary-Treasurer.

A Field Representative for the Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society represents the Chapter on regional and national levels.

During legislative sessions, the Chapter employs a legislative liaison to provide expert testimony on Senate and House bills relating to natural resource issues, and where appropriate lobbies for bills that promote natural resource conservation.

CHAPTER PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND SERVICES

An annual winter meeting is held for the membership to elect and install new officers, for hearing of committee reports and for the general business meeting. The meeting also features research and management presentations, panel discussions of timely issues, and poster

sessions. An annual fundraiser provides for social time and raises funds targeted for Chapter programs and activities. A formal banquet includes annual awards, recognition of achievements, and special speakers or entertainment.



AWARDS

The chapter presents awards to recognize and commend outstanding achievement in wildlife related activities in North Dakota.



-The NORTH DAKOTA AWARD is presented to an individual for outstanding contribution to the profession of wildlife management in North Dakota.

-The NORTH DAKOTA HABITAT AWARD is presented to an individual or group that has made an outstanding contribution toward preserving and/or establishing high quality wildlife habitat on the lands of North Dakota.

-The NORTH DAKOTA CASE-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD is presented annually to the person or persons primarily responsible for the conviction of persons guilty of a serious natural resource violation in the state.

-Other awards may be given to individuals or groups that show outstanding achievements in wildlife-related fields.

DAKOTA PRAIRIE LEGACY ENDOWMENT

The Dakota Prairie Legacy endowment is a Chapter initiative to provide income to meet the many urgent challenges confronting wildlife and their habitats. The Dakota Prairie Legacy accepts gifts of cash, property, and deferred gifts (estates) from its members and interested parties.

Attachment 3

	Antelope License Lottery					# Applied
	Lotto Issued		Gratis Issued	Total Issued		
1975	1,255		923	2,178		
1976	828		1,072	1,900		
1977	784		962	1,746		
1978				0		
1979				0		
1980				0		
1981				0		
1982	532		200	732		
1983	1,102		263	1,365		
1984	1,100		275	1,375		
1985	715		310	1,025		
1986	325		305	630		
1987	554		356	910		
1988	968		490	1,458		
1989	1,519		632	2,151		
1990	1,883		817	2,700		
1991	2,353		987	3,340		
1992	2,032		1,153	3,185		
1993	3,598		1,203	4,801		9669
1994	1,692		879	2,571		8764
1995	2,520		717	3,237		9187
1996	1,607		713	2,320		9362
1997	586		44	630		3133
1998	596		79	675		4292
1999	620		180	800		5832
2000	933		368	1,301		7760
2001	821		334	1,155		7463
2002	538		387	925		7387
2003	1,021		609	1,630		8505
2004	1,775		735	2,510		8841
2005	4,711		805	5,516		11831
2006	3,009		803	3,812		10392
2007	5,202		867	6,069		11985
2008	3,893		747	4,640		11016
2009	1,644		716	2,360		11040
2010	0	No Season	0	0		

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TESTIMONY OF SEN. STENEHJEM FOR HB 1181

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Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. For the record, I am Senator Bob Stenehjem from District 30 in Bismarck. I come before you today to voice support for House Bill 1181. HB 1181 will allow for youth antelope hunting to occur in the state. Currently, there is no such provision in state law that allows for youth to hunt antelope in North Dakota. This bill would permit our state's youth of at least twelve years to apply for an antelope permit, provided that they hunt while accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Hunting has long been a passionate subject to the people of North Dakota. This piece of legislation will promote this important recreational activity by allowing youth to become involved in antelope hunting at an early age. Getting our youth interested and engaged in such a time honored pastime is vital to the future of North Dakota's recreational hunting.

Not only will allowing our state's youth to participate in the hunting of antelope promote early involvement throughout our state, it also has the potential to strengthen the family ties that are so important to the people of North Dakota. By requiring youth hunters to be accompanied by parents or guardians, we are providing for the necessary supervision that is required for proper hunting safety while allowing our youth to spend quality time with family members while taking part in a special recreational activity.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I urge your consideration of support for HB 1181. Supporting youth hunting will only result in a more experience, better engaged group of future hunters.