

Resolutions – NDWF 87th Annual Convention – 2022

North Dakota Wildlife Federation

Resolution Number 2021-1

Forum: The North Dakota Wildlife Federation

Subject: Baiting of Deer and other wildlife

Submitted by: Joe Keller

Preamble: The North Dakota Wildlife Federation supports the banning of using bait for hunting purposes

A resolution to address the banning of the use of bait for hunting purposes

The North Dakota Wildlife Federation

- 1) Whereas, the North Dakota Wildlife Federation represents sportsmen and women and those that use and support North Dakota's wildlife heritage through hunting, fishing, trapping, and outdoor uses as a way of life, and
- 2) Whereas, the outdoor resource heritage in North Dakota is regarded by many of its citizens as the State's most unique and valuable aspect, and
- 3) Whereas, North Dakota is undergoing dramatic landscape changes that negatively impact much of the State's wildlife habitat, outdoor opportunity and recreation, and
- 4) Whereas, over 200,000 sportsmen and women and various outdoor enthusiasts take to the field and enjoy and are energized by North Dakota's available outdoor resources and our citizens and visitors that use and enjoy these resources contribute over a billion dollars annually to the economic stimulus of the State, and
- 5) Whereas, baiting of wildlife is not a fair chase type of hunting. Wildlife develop habits to come to the bait at close to the same time becoming very predictable, and
- 6) Whereas, the predictability of wildlife coming to a bait station creates a non-fair chase style of hunting requiring little to no hunting skill, and
- 7) Whereas, the effectiveness of baiting is causing an unnatural increase in hunter success, and
- 8) Whereas: the unnatural increase in hunter success is now and will continue to unnaturally tax our wildlife populations, and
- 9) Whereas, this unnatural taking of wildlife populations is and will continue to reduce hunter opportunity, and
- 10) Whereas, baiting of wildlife causes an increase of disease, such as Chronic Wasting Disease, transmission through the heard, and will spread disease faster across the state
- 11) Whereas, the spread of diseases like Chronic Wasting Disease will reduce ungulate populations and reduce hunter, and

- 12) Whereas, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department bans baiting of deer in hunting units where Chronic Wasting is present, as well as surrounding units to slow the spread of the disease, and
- 13) Whereas, the North Dakota Wildlife Federation is on record as opposing the continued use of bait for the means of harvesting wildlife, and
- 14) Therefore, be it resolved, that the North Dakota Wildlife Federation encourages and supports the ND Game and Fish Department to ban the use of bait for harvesting wildlife statewide.

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Resolution Number 2021-2

Forum: The North Dakota Wildlife Federation

Subject: Trail Cameras

Submitted by: Joe Keller

Preamble: The North Dakota Wildlife Federation supports the banning of using trail cameras or any form of automatic camera two weeks prior and during hunting seasons.

A resolution to address the banning of the use of trail cameras two weeks prior and during hunting seasons

The North Dakota Wildlife Federation

- 1) Whereas, the North Dakota Wildlife Federation represents sportsmen and women and those that use and support North Dakota's wildlife heritage through hunting, fishing, trapping, and outdoor uses as a way of life, and
- 2) Whereas, the outdoor resource heritage in North Dakota is regarded by many of its citizens as the State's most unique and valuable aspect, and
- 3) Whereas, North Dakota is undergoing dramatic landscape changes that negatively impact much of the State's wildlife habitat, outdoor opportunity and recreation, and
- 4) Whereas, over 200,000 sportsmen and women and various outdoor enthusiasts take to the field and enjoy and are energized by North Dakota's available outdoor resources and,
- 5) Whereas, our citizens and visitors that use and enjoy these resources contribute over a billion dollars annually to the economic stimulus of the State, and
- 6) Whereas, trail cameras are a form of technology that have appeared on our landscape, and
- 7) Whereas, over time these trail cameras have increased in technology to a point where there is no need to periodically check them, the photos are sent right to the owners phone or computer, and
- 8) Whereas, the use of these trail cameras creates a non-fair chase type of hunting, and
- 9) Whereas, a person using trail cameras during hunting season can determine the animals in the area, size of animals, as well as their pattern, and
- 10) Whereas, once they know their pattern the person using the camera can basically decide to go shoot the animal, based on their pattern, they want to shoot without truly hunting that animal in a fair chase scenario, and
- 11) Whereas, this technology unnaturally increases "hunter" success reducing our available wildlife populations, and

- 12) Whereas, these reduced populations decrease all hunters opportunities in the field, and
- 13) Whereas: Hunting of any animal needs to stay a fair chase situation the technology of trail cameras does not allow this, and
- 14) Whereas: North Dakota has banned the use of aircraft and drone technology that appeared on the landscape. If a person simply takes a flight, that person can't legally hunt any land in the area of that flight path until the next day. Currently a person receiving a photo of an animal from a trail camera can hunt that animal immediately after receiving the photo, and
- 15) Therefore, be it resolved, that the North Dakota Wildlife Federation calls for banning the use of trail cameras two weeks prior and during hunting seasons.

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Resolution Number 2021-3

Forum: The North Dakota Wildlife Federation

Subject: Control of technology increase for hunting use

Submitted by: Joe Keller

Preamble: The North Dakota Wildlife Federation supports a proactive approach for investigating current and future technology for hunting purposes.

A resolution to address current and future technology and take proactive approach to determine to allow or ban technologies for hunting purposes

The North Dakota Wildlife Federation

- 1) Whereas, the North Dakota Wildlife Federation represents sportsmen and women and those that use and support North Dakota's wildlife heritage through hunting, fishing, trapping, and outdoor uses as a way of life, and
- 2) Whereas, the outdoor resource heritage in North Dakota is regarded by many of its citizens as the State's most unique and valuable aspect, and
- 3) Whereas, North Dakota is undergoing dramatic landscape changes that negatively impact much of the State's wildlife habitat, outdoor opportunity and recreation, and
- 4) Whereas, over 200,000 sportsmen and women and various outdoor enthusiasts take to the field and enjoy and are energized by North Dakota's available outdoor resources and,
- 5) Whereas, our citizens and visitors that use and enjoy these resources contribute millions of dollars annually to the economic stimulus of the State, and
- 6) Whereas, proactively looking at technology as it evolves will do a much better job for all rather than a reactive approach as in the past, and
- 7) Whereas, a reactive approach is much more difficult to manage as people will feel they have the right to continue using it just because they have in the past even though there wasn't a conscious decision to allow it, and
- 8) Whereas, current technology that has never had a conscious decision to allow will need to be looked in a reactive manner but still needs to be addressed, and
- 9) Whereas, increasing technology unnaturally increases hunter success, and
- 10) Whereas, this unnatural increase in hunter success unnaturally decreases wildlife populations based on a given number of hunters, and

- 11) Whereas, this decrease in wildlife populations based on a given number of hunters decreases all hunters opportunities due to required reductions of available permits and/or eliminations of seasons, and
- 12) Whereas, increases in technology decreases the level of fair chase and the ethical level of a hunt, and
- 13) Whereas, this decrease in fair chase and ethical level of a hunt also increases the negative level of how the general public looks at hunting as a sport, and
- 14) Whereas, if our hunting heritage is to continue for future generations we must keep it fair chase and ethical, and
- 15) Whereas, controlling technology and keeping all hunting a truly fair chase opportunity for all is the best way for our great hunting heritage to continue into the future, and
- 16) Whereas, the North Dakota Wildlife Federation is on record as supporting a proactive approach for the control of current and future technology increases, and
- 17) Whereas, North Dakota is known nationwide as a truly fair chase and ethical state for all types of hunting would be an honorable recognition for the state, and
- 18) Whereas, the legacy of North Dakota's outdoor resources is dependent on the commitment and recognition of a traditional quality of life for our citizens. Therefore, the North Dakota Wildlife Federation and thousands of outdoor enthusiasts in the State.
- 19) Therefore, be it resolved, : That the North Dakota Wildlife Federation take a much more proactive approach to limiting current and all future technology increases that negatively affect the fair chase and ethical side of all hunting in North Dakota

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Resolution Number 2021-4

Forum: The North Dakota Wildlife Federation

Title: **Maintaining ND Hunting Heritage**

Submitted by: Lewis and Clark Wildlife Club

Preamble: The North Dakota Wildlife Federation supports a proactive approach to increasing public access for hunting, fishing and recreational purposes.

A resolution to support an increase in funding for sportsmen and women access programs in North Dakota

1-**Whereas**, Hunting is a valued heritage in ND.

2-**Whereas**, ND has over 100,000 resident and non-resident hunters.

3-**Whereas**, hunting is an important contributor to ND economic well-being.

4- **Whereas**- hunting economics is especially important to small town main street.

5-**Whereas**, available access on private lands has deteriorated in recent years.

6-**Whereas**, wildlife habitat critical to hunting opportunities has deteriorated in recent years.

7-**Whereas**- programs to create/improves habitat and allow access are beneficial to private landowners.

8-**Whereas**-continued loss of access and habitat will reduce hunting opportunities and hunters, and will damage our hunting heritage, and its economic benefits.

9-**Therefore, be it resolved**, the Lewis and Clark Wildlife Club encourages and supports the legislature providing financial support to the ND Game and Fish Department and other State agencies to increase access and improve wildlife habitat conditions for the benefit of our State.

10-**Be it further resolved**, opportunities to support our hunting heritage include but are not limited to financial support for increased PLOTS and habitat improvements, creative tax relief for access, positive policy for land and habitat preservation.

11-**Be it finally resolved**, use of various funding from surplus State accounts offer a unique opportunity to preserve ND hunting heritage.

