

North Dakota Wildlife Federation

Resolution Number 2023-1

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

- 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, 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
- 4) Whereas, our citizens and visitors that use and enjoy these resources contribute over a billion dollars annually to the economy of the State, and
- 5) Whereas, baiting of wildlife, especially for hunting white-tailed deer has become more prevalent in the State, and
- 6) Whereas, baiting has numerous negative implication for wildlife and wildlife management, and
- 7) Whereas, CWD-infected deer have recently been recovered just across the North Dakota-Montana state line near Baker, Montana, and just across the Red River near Climax, Minnesota, and
- 8) Whereas, baiting is not permitted on any NDGFD Wildlife Management Areas, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuges and Waterfowl Production Areas, U.S. Forest Service National Grasslands, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' lands, State Parks, State Forests and State School lands, and
- 9) Whereas, all of the neighboring states; Minnesota, South Dakota, and Montana; have banned baiting for hunting purposes, and
- 10) Whereas, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDGFD) has updated the 2002 Chronic Wasting Disease Prevention and Contingency Plan to the 2023 Plan, CWD – Management and Surveillance Plan (NDGFD website), and
- 11) Whereas, the NDGFD's proposed management action to restrict or slow the spread of CWD is to prohibit baiting in any deer hunting unit within 25 miles of a detected case of CWD, and
- 12) Whereas, baiting is already restricted or prohibited in thirteen deer hunting units, comprising over 50 percent of the State,
- 13) Therefore, be it resolved that the North Dakota Wildlife Federation supports the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's 2023 Plan and the proposed actions and strategies to management and restrict the spread of CWD, and
- 14) Be it further resolved that the North Dakota Wildlife Federation supports a statewide ban or prohibition on the baiting as a more proactive approach to the spread of CWD than reacting by enacting baiting restrictions baiting in additional deer units following the incidence of CWD in new areas.

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Resolution Number 2023-2

Forum: The North Dakota Wildlife Federation

Subject: Use of Trail Cameras on Public Lands

Submitted by: Joe Keller, RRASC and Mike McEnroe, L & C

Preamble: The North Dakota Wildlife Federation proposes banning the use of trail cameras on public lands prior to and during big game hunting seasons.

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- 15) Whereas, the North Dakota Wildlife Federation represents sportsmen and women and those who use and support North Dakota's wildlife heritage through hunting, fishing, trapping, and outdoor recreation as a way of life, and
- 16) Whereas, the outdoor resources in North Dakota are regarded by many of its citizens as the State's most unique and valuable aspect, and
- 17) 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
- 18) Whereas, our citizens and visitors that use and enjoy these resources contribute over a billion dollars annually to the economy of the State, and
- 19) Whereas, the use of trail cameras for the hunting of big game, especially mule deer and white-tailed deer, has become more prevalent in the State, and
- 20) Whereas, trail camera features have increased in technology to a point where photos are transmitted in real time directly to the owner's phone and/or computer
- 21) Whereas, the use of trail cameras has numerous negative implications for wildlife, wildlife management, and the use of our public lands, and
- 22) Whereas, the placement of trail cameras on public lands for deer hunting implies a proprietary position or acts as a place-holder or "reserved" sign for an individual to use our public lands to the potential exclusion of other hunters and outdoor recreationists, and
- 23) Whereas, the placement and periodic checking and maintenance of trail cameras may cause increased disturbances in habitats on our public lands, and
- 24) Whereas, increased placement of periodic checking of trail camera may increase disturbance at or competition for hunting at certain preferred locations such as water holes, food plots, natural travel corridors, and prevent or decrease big game animals natural or normal use of these areas, and
- 25) Whereas, the use of numerous trail cameras by an individual allows for 24/7 surveillance of numerous areas without being present, and
- 26) Whereas, the use and placement of trail cameras on public lands represents a potential unintentional invasion of privacy for other public land users, and
- 27) Whereas, the Boone and Crockett Club will not accept any entries of big game animals for the record book of animals taken with the aid of a real-time game camera, and
- 28) Whereas, numerous states; Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico have banned or restricted the use of trail cameras, and
- 29) Whereas, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department has previously banned the use of drones and aircraft for hunting purposes,
- 30) Therefore, be it resolved that the North Dakota Wildlife Federation calls for and supports banning the use of trail cameras on public lands two weeks prior to and during the big game hunting seasons.

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Resolution Number 2023-3

Forum: The North Dakota Wildlife Federation

Subject: CWD

Submitted by: Lewis and Clark Wildlife Club

Preamble: The North Dakota Wildlife Federation supports the North Dakota Game and Fish Chronic Wasting Disease and Surveillance Plan 2023 - 2027

A resolution to address the support of the NDGF Department's chronic wasting disease and surveillance plan

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- 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, 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
- 4) Whereas, our citizens and visitors that use and enjoy these resources contribute over a billion dollars annually to the economy of the State, and
- 5) Whereas, CWD in mule and white-tailed deer has become more prevalent in the State, and
- 6) Whereas, baiting has numerous negative implications for wildlife and wildlife management, and
- 7) Whereas, CWD-infected deer have recently been recovered just across the North Dakota-Montana state line near Baker, Montana, and just across the Red River near Climax, Minnesota, and
- 8) Whereas, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDGFD) has updated the 2002 Chronic Wasting Disease Prevention and Contingency Plan to the 2023 Plan, CWD – Management and Surveillance Plan (NDGFD website), and
- 9) Whereas, the NDGFD's proposed management action to restrict or slow the spread of CWD is to prohibit baiting in any deer hunting unit within 25 miles of a detected case of CWD, and
- 10) Whereas, all of the neighboring states; Minnesota, South Dakota, and Montana; have banned baiting for hunting purposes, and
- 11) Therefore, be it resolved that the North Dakota Wildlife Federation supports the North Dakota Game and Fish Chronic Wasting Disease and Surveillance Plan 2023 – 2027 and the proposed actions and strategies to management and restrict the spread of CWD.