

North Dakota Wildlife Federation

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The North Dakota Wildlife Federation is a grassroots organization, which protects and enhances North Dakota's wildlife, wildlife habitat and access to that habitat, and promotes hunting, fishing, trapping and other wildlife related activities through education, programs, and projects.

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The North Dakota Wildlife Federation (NDWF) is North Dakota's oldest, largest, and most effective conservation organization. NDWF was founded in 1935 by hunters, anglers, landowners, and other conservationists who were concerned about the loss of North Dakota's natural lands, healthy waters, and abundant wildlife. Our dedicated affiliates, volunteers, and staff maintain this legacy.

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From the Executive Director

This continues to be an exciting time to be part of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation! As you can see throughout this newsletter, we are working hard on wildlife management policy, access issues, and R3 activities all over the state. At the same time, we've also been continuing to improve our operations as an organization, streamlining our business practices, growing our membership, and expanding our lines of communication – all while social distancing.

As one of the oldest wildlife conservation organizations in North Dakota, and one of the oldest wildlife federations in the country, NDWF has a long history of success because of our Board of Directors, members, and affiliates. For 85 years, we have combined the grassroots strength of boots-on-the-ground members with the policy expertise and political know-how needed to navigate policy meetings, the North Dakota Legislature, and Congress. NDWF affiliate members are passionate about the outdoors and dedicated to conservation – and our membership continues to grow. In addition to our members, a real strength of NDWF over the years has always been our affiliate organization structure. When NDWF was launched in 1935, we were born as a partnership of local rod and gun clubs from across North Dakota. Over the decades, our network of local affiliate organizations has provided the foundation for winning important fights in Bismarck and DC. The way we do our work and the progress we make as a result is being noticed and supported by decision makers, agency managers, other partner groups, and businesses. When we collectively speak up on important issues, they have no choice but to listen. I look forward to what the new year has in store for the North Dakota Wildlife Federation. You can rely on us to continue to fight to give everyone a voice on conservation -- it's the only way that future generations can experience what we enjoy today. As we look ahead to a busy new year, we need you to stay engaged and fight for North Dakota's wildlife, habitat, and access.



John Bradley, NDWF Executive Director

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Message from our President

For the first time our family exchanged Thanksgiving dishes instead of gathering together as a family to celebrate. But that's ok, I'm thankful that we are all safe. I can't sum up 2020 in just a few words. Let's just agree that challenges we've faced in 2020 have been formidable, with some bright spots here and there to be thankful for.

To begin with, I'm thankful for the support of NDWF from its affiliates, members, and partners. We could not deliver our mission without your help. I am also thankful for virtual meetings. Now, I'll be the first to say how much I value in-person experiences. I miss gathering in large groups at the shooting range, conventions, and banquets. These are all the industry versions of family reunions. I miss the people and experiencing new places. What I'm talking about is the modern convenience and ability of just about everyone now being able to meet with peers, members, hunters & anglers via an online video conference. NDWF's Annual Convention next month will also be held over video conference. We hope that we can increase participation of our affiliates and members by hosting the convention virtually.



The year also brought us huge national conservation wins. The Great American Outdoors Act passed, fully funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund at \$900 million annually. Of which, \$15 million must be spent annually to increase public access for hunting, fishing, recreational shooting and other forms of outdoor recreation. Collin O'Mara, president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation said, "Passing the Great American Outdoors Act is quite simply the most significant investment in conservation in decades. It's a huge win for wildlife, our natural treasures, our economy and all Americans who enjoy our America's public lands for solace, recreation and exercise, especially amid this pandemic."

Most recently, the permit for the proposed open-pit mine threatening the Bristol Bay region of Alaska was denied. This protects the fishery and supports the will of the people, both local and from afar. The Corps' denial of the permit for the Pebble Mine is a victory for the wildlife, indigenous communities, and local economies that rely on this pristine landscape. The conservation community will now look to permanently protect Bristol Bay and its world-class fisheries.

This year has given us some wins nationally. Certainly, there have been more than a few losses. We have all suffered in ways both big and small. With Thanksgiving behind us and Christmas just around the corner, let's continue to find reasons to be thankful.

David Dewald, Board President

Conservation Spotlight: ND & Chronic Wasting Disease

By: Doug Leier



North Dakota had its first confirmed case of chronic wasting disease in deer detected in 2009.

Since then, CWD has become a familiar term to most North Dakota deer hunters. Dr. Charlie Bahnson, North Dakota Game and Fish Department wildlife veterinarian explains, “We first started finding deer with CWD in Grant and Sioux counties, hunting unit 3F2, in 2009, and we’ve been finding positive deer down there ever since,” Bahnson said. “And in 2018 we found it for the first time in Divide County, unit 3A1. And since then, we found it farther south as well in Williams County in unit 3B1 and then unit 4B last year.”

Fortunately, and this is important to remember, while a number of deer have tested positive for the disease in North Dakota, the prevalence of CWD remains low, from 2-5%.

This is a good sign because CWD has not yet spread throughout the state, and it’s also an indicator that some new regulations put in place since that first discovery have been working. As such, it is still possible to limit the impact of CWD and prevent its spread to new portions of the state.

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department recently updated the information on its website to highlight some new regulations and the ongoing efforts to keep this disease in check. Here’s some information about CWD, including excerpts from the website at gf.nd.gov.

What is CWD?

CWD is a disease of deer, moose and elk that is always fatal. It can lead to a decline in deer populations if left unchecked, and once on a landscape, it remains indefinitely. CWD is caused by a prion and results in the formation of microscopic, sponge-like holes in the animal's brain. It is not caused by a virus, bacteria or nutritional imbalance. There is no treatment or vaccine.

CWD Early Detection

Early detection of CWD is a key to managing its spread. North Dakota Game and Fish conducts widespread surveillance across one third of the state each year. "This year, given the COVID situation, we're prioritizing with our hunter-harvested surveillance in the northwestern and southwestern parts of the state," Bahnson said. "We had initially planned to do the central third of the state, but we're going to put that on hold until next year so we can focus our resources, our personnel, on areas where it's a little greater concern." "We really rely heavily on hunters to submit heads for sampling, we rely heavily on taxidermists, meat lockers and gas stations that are willing to host the drop-off sites," he said. "In terms of compliance from hunters, it varies quite a bit. In units where we have CWD documented, roughly 10% of license holders end up dropping off heads for sampling. Outside those units, in adjacent units, we're looking at more like 2% to 3%. So, that's a number we'd like to see increased quite a bit."

In hunting units where CWD is documented, it's important to get a good handle on how common it is. But equally important, Bahnson said, is documenting where CWD is not.

"In order to be confident in saying that we don't have CWD in a unit, we have to test a lot of heads. Only testing 10 heads doesn't give you much confidence," he said. "But if we can get a lot of hunters to participate, if we can test a few hundred heads from each unit, then we can start to confidently make assessments of whether CWD is likely there or not. So, hunter surveillance is a critical part of the big picture."

What Else Can Hunters Do?

- Be familiar with the 2020 CWD Proclamation and follow it.
- Dispose of carcasses appropriately, regardless of where the animal was harvested, and if it has been tested. CWD remains in the soil and can be taken up by plants. Scavengers that feed on the carcass can spread CWD through their scat. The best way to dispose of a carcass is by taking it to a landfill.
- Animal-to-animal contact is the main way a disease is spread in a herd. Practices that lead to deer unnaturally congregating or frequenting the same place put the entire herd at risk. You can reduce this risk by avoiding the practices of baiting and feeding.
- Report sick and dead deer to the Game and Fish Department.

Affiliate Spotlight: Eddy County Rod & Gun Club



The Eddy County Rod and Gun Club was created in 2010 with the goal of encouraging outdoor activities. They would like to see many programs implemented such as hunting opportunities for youth and adults, fishing tournaments and outings, and anything that has to do with outdoor sports.

To learn more visit them on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/Eddy-County-Rod-and-Gun-Club



Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at the Eagles Club, at 7 or 8 p.m., depending on the season.

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Bismarck State College Wins Trap Title in First Season of Competition



In post-to-post fashion, the Bismarck State College Clay Target League (BSC CTL) team took the USA College Clay Target League's (USA CCTL) Conference 1A-1 Fall National Trap Title with dominant shooting performances from its team members competing in just their first season for the Mystics. "I am tickled to death with the results of our inaugural season," said head coach Darryl Howard, "BSC will be a force to be reckoned with for seasons to come with our state's caliber of shooters," he added, suggesting the early success has quickly put the college on the map as a destination for many top-level high school clay target shooters in North Dakota and surrounding states.

Jenna Thompson, a graduate of Mandan High School, closed out her autumn with a perfect 50 and took home top honors for female shooters in the conference, averaging 23.1 on the season which also placed her tops overall in the national ladies' rankings between the two USA CCTL conferences. Cassidy Lipelt, a Legacy High School graduate, finished third in the conference and fourth nationally with an average of 21.9. Kaitlyn Metzger and Alizabeth Krick finished seventh and tenth in ladies' 1A-1 competition, rounding out a strong showing for the Mystics' women shooters in their inaugural season.

"To be the top female shooter in all of the USA College Clay Target League feels like a dream come true, I never expected to come this far in my shooting career and cannot wait to move forward and see what the spring season with BSC brings to me and my teammates," Thompson said, "I would just like to personally thank all the coaches and volunteers that helped contribute to making the BSC team possible, it really means a lot to me, personally, but I know it means a lot to us as a team; I was glad to have some great teammates who pushed me to do my best and I was happy to do the same for them," she added.

On the men's side, Bryer Erickson, a graduate of Devils Lake High School, led the Mystics and finished third in Conference 1A-1 with an average of 23.7, netting him a seventh-place finish in the country. Beulah High School graduate Cade Steffan finished fourth overall in the conference and nabbed a top- ten national ranking with an average of 23.6. Ayden Kautzman, alumni of Mott-Regent High School, finished tied for sixth in the conference and was the fourth Mystic shooter to average 23 or better on the season. While the dominant performance of the team was a surprise to many, Dr. Douglas Jensen, BSC President, saw the potential early on as he engaged with the student-athletes throughout the start of the season.

"As I got to come out to the club and to interact with the students, and the families, and the coaches, and see how professional and how dedicated it was, to be honest with you, I'm not too shocked right now that they had this level of success, because you could see it; it was in the workings and there was professionalism around them, they have achieved a result and they worked hard," said Dr. Jensen who was instrumental in establishing the BSC CTL team in the fall of 2020.

Started just two weeks before the USA CCTL registration deadline, the BSC CTL team competed against eight other teams in Conference 1A-1, besting runner-up Central Lakes College in Brainerd, Minn., for the title. Other teams competing in USA CCTL Conference 1A-1 Fall League included: North Central Kansas Technical College, University of Jamestown (ND), Paul Smith's (NY) College, McPherson (KS) College, North Central Missouri College, Northwest Kansas Technical College and Wilmington (OH) College. In addition to this sudden leadership on the competitive shooting sports front, Jensen recognizes the college's close ties to the outdoors and the cultures of hunting and fishing steeped in the family ties and traditions that students bring to BSC when they enroll and those help further their participation on the team and their on-campus education.

"You have various hunting seasons, you have various opportunities for biking and hiking and fishing and that all ties together, so it becomes very deep to who we are as a culture," Dr. Jensen states, "when you look at BSC, where our campus is located and the number of people that come from the community to walk our trails, to walk our property, and to be part of that just tells us how closely this institution is aligned with the community," he concludes.

For more information on Bismarck State College, visit bismarckstate.edu; for news and updates on the BSC CTL team, log on to mrctl.org. Information on the USA College Clay Target League can be found at usacollegeclaytarget.com.

By: Nick Simonson

The Bismarck State College Clay Target League team won the National Conference 1A-1 Trap Shooting Title in their first season. The inaugural team consisted of (Photo, Top L-R) Cassidy Lipelt, Jenna Thompson, Alizabeth Krick; (Photo, Bottom L-R) Bryer Erickson, Ayden Kautzman, Cade Steffan, Trenton Zainhofsky, Evan Bier. Not Pictured: Kaitlyn Metzger.

Protecting One of the World's Most Important Salmon Fisheries

The fiercely contested Pebble Mine will not receive a critical federal permit, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced at the end of November. This action likely strikes a death blow to the copper and gold project proposed for the Bristol Bay region of Southwest Alaska. Conservationists around the world applauded the decision by the Army Corps of Engineers to deny a permit for the proposed mine. The pristine area is critical for wildlife, Alaskan tribal communities, and salmon fisheries.



In late August, the Army Corps rejected the Pebble Partnership's first dredge-and-fill application under the Clean Water Act, citing major concerns that the project "would likely result in significant degradation of the environment and would likely result in significant adverse effects on the aquatic system or human environment." The developers had 90 days to address those concerns and submit a new, better plan. The current EPA and Army Corps allowed Pebble to proceed all the way to the final lynchpin permit, then rejected their application in November.

"Bristol Bay is a pristine international ecological treasure and today's decision will ensure that it remains that way," said Collin O'Mara, president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation. "We are grateful to the administration and the Army Corps of Engineers for defending one of the world's most important salmon fisheries and the tens of thousands of jobs it supports."

The Pebble Mine project would have been one of the largest mines on earth and could have harmed or destroyed more than 100 miles of streams and 3,000 acres of wetlands. Twenty-five tribal communities depend on Bristol Bay for their economies and way of life. The decision by the Army Corps is a significant milestone. It is now incumbent on the Environmental Protection Agency to take the next step and ensure the long-term protection of this incredible ecosystem.

R3: NDWF Partners with Mtn Dew to Get the Next Generation Outdoors



MTN DEW® is awarding the North Dakota Wildlife Federation (NDWF) a \$5,000 grant in support of the organization's ongoing commitment to R3 (Recruitment, Retention, Reactivation of hunters and anglers). NDWF is one of twenty nonprofits in the country to receive a grant through MTN DEW Outdoor Grants program. To receive a grant, all winning organizations either applied or were nominated at www.DEWOutdoors.com/Grants and shared their commitment to the outdoor experience – whether that is through wildlife conservation, environmental organization or just outdoor recreation.

In a year when people have been cooped up in their homes, spending time outdoors is more important than ever before. To answer fan demand, MTN DEW launched the MTN DEW Outdoor Grants and pledged \$100,000 in grant funds to support organizations that protect the beautiful lands we all love – in addition to its MTN DEW Outdoor Stimulus, which already gave fans a boost by reimbursing more than \$200,000 in hunting and fishing permits earlier this year.

North Dakota Wildlife Federation shares our passion for adventure and freedom in nature, and believes it is crucial that we come together to power up the outdoor experience and enable people to get outside. "We're thrilled to receive a \$5,000 grant through MTN DEW's Outdoor Grants program, which reinforces the important work we're doing to create a new generation of hunters and anglers here in North Dakota," said John Bradley, Executive Director of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation.

"The funds will go a long way to help our affiliates who were unable to hold banquets this year and will also help NDWF meet our mission of conserving, protecting and enhancing wildlife for the continuing benefit of everyone." NDWF plans to use the \$5,000 grant to support their affiliate club's youth and women hunts, as well as their conservation education.

To learn more about the MTN DEW Outdoor Grants program and the other 19 grant recipients, visit www.DEWOutdoors.com/Grants and follow MTN DEW on Twitter [@mountain dew](https://twitter.com/mountain dew), on Facebook at [@mountain dew](https://www.facebook.com/mountain dew), and Instagram [@mountain dew](https://www.instagram.com/mountain dew).

NDWF has long supported youth shooting sports across North Dakota. Now NDWF is looking to further support affiliates' efforts to recruit new hunters and anglers. NDWF's affiliates host numerous youth and women events each spring and fall. The Federation has set up a small grants program for these hunts, fishing days, butchering demonstrations, and other events that work to recruit new hunters and anglers from a variety of backgrounds.

Want to learn more or have a project idea? Contact John Bradley at jbradley.ndwf@gmail.com or 701-390-7196

Interim Study on Access - Summary

Compiled by David Dewald and Brian Schanilec – Sportsman Representatives

The Committee Charge:

Study access to public and private lands for hunting, trapping, fishing and related issues, including trespass violations and penalties, and provided recommendations regarding a land access database and the capability of electronic posting. At the direction of the Legislative Management, before August 1, 2020, the Information Technology Department and Game and Fish Department shall establish a trial electronic posting and hunter access information system in up to three counties. The Information Technology Department and Game and Fish Department may contract with a third party to assist with the electronic posting and hunter access information system development and operation.

History:

The Natural Resources Committee study on Access to Lands completed its work on September 25, 2020. Members of the Committee are listed at the end of this summary.

The Committee finalized details for the e-posting study in three counties and selected Richland, Ramsey, and Slope Counties at the May 27 meetings. Meetings scheduled for March and April were postponed due to Covid 19, making it difficult to get the study finalized and available for landowner use. Although the 2019 Legislative Session allowed for an e-posting study, it did not allow for penalties for trespass on e-posted land. Therefore, a landowner, tenant, or authorized individual needed to physically post their land if they wanted trespass penalties to apply.

The North Dakota Information Technology Department (NDIT) and the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDGF) developed the application for landowners to electronically post land and made it available on the NDGF website. Landowners, tenants, or authorized individuals could post land on the e-posting system through July 15. The system allowed individuals to select parcels from the participating counties and designate the land as posted, closed to hunting without permission. The individual that posts the land was provided the option to include additional contact information with an email and/or phone number or an alternate point of contact. To expedite the development of the application due to the Covid-19 delays, NDGF offered the online licensing platform for development of the e-posting application that was made available to landowners at the end of April.

The electronic posting study addressed the usability of the application and ease for participating individuals to post lands electronically. The study also addressed tools or applications for hunters to identify these lands. The NDGF provided 3 applications on the Game and Fish website and links to printable maps displaying electronically posted lands. These applications provide information of the individual that posts the land and helps hunters determine a valid point of contact.

The construction of the application was paid by NDIT and hosted on the NDGF website. There are no additional costs to host the system on the Game and Fish system however there are limitations with the scope of electronic posting in regards to electronic posting for criminal trespass or the technical support required. Where the applications will be hosted in the future will be determined by the outcome of the proposed legislation. We expect that many landowners, tenants or authorized individuals that would post electronically, participate in hunting and angling and would be familiar with Game and Fish systems. The estimated cost for the

development of the applications on the NDGF licensing system was approximately \$15,000, which was paid by NDIT funds.

In addition, the North Dakota Wildlife Federation proposed the study of six other access issues. These six issues are listed at the end of this summary. No serious review or progress was made on five of six issues. Only Issue 1, the electronic posting issue, was seriously addressed by the committee.

Three bill drafts are coming out of committee and will be presented to the 2021 Legislative Session. Following is a short synopsis of each bill and how the sportsman representatives voted:

21.0159.02000 – Legislative Management Study – Access to Lands and Electronic Posting – This bill will extend the pilot study for 2 more years, with no penalties, but will include all 53 counties in North Dakota.

The bill passed the Interim Committee with a unanimous vote.

21.0196.01000 - A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to electronic posting of land to prohibit hunting; and to provide a penalty – This bill would implement electronic posting for all counties in North Dakota at the same level as a physical sign. Trespassing on electronically posted land will carry the same penalties as trespassing on land that is legally posted with a sign(s). Landowners would be able to electronically post their land listing their name or an operator's name as a contact. The option would be available to add contact information such as telephone number, email address, or other information pertinent to hunting on their land. Current law requires a no hunting sign to have the owners name or the name of the individual that has permission from the owner to post the land. Electronic posting does have the potential to provide hunters more information than a physical sign currently does, such as contact information and electronically available on an app instead of driving to the land to find out it is posted. The NDGF provided 3 applications on the Game and Fish website and links to printable maps displaying electronically posted lands. These applications provide information of the individual that posted the land and help determine a valid point of contact. This bill removes the landowner complaint regarding the amount of time and cost for putting up signs.

The bill passed the Interim Committee with a unanimous vote.

21.0163.02000 - A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12.1-22-03 and 20.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to criminal trespass and electronic posting; and to provide a penalty – This bill has two sections, one dealing with criminal trespass (section 12.1-22-03) and one dealing with hunting trespass (section 20.1-01-17). Section 12.1-22-03 (criminal trespass) changes the name requirement on a physical sign to “may appear” on the sign from “must appear” on the sign as is currently required by law. The bill adds that land enclosed by a fence is considered automatically posted land and would be a Class A misdemeanor. The bill contains no definition of a fence. This section does add electronic posting to criminal trespass with penalties the same as currently allowed by law for criminal trespass.

Section 20.1-01-17 (hunting trespass) also changes the name requirement on a physical sign to “may appear” on the sign from “must appear” on the sign. The bill also adds electronic posting with the same penalties as trespassing when the land is legally posted with a sign(s).

The bill passed the Interim Committee with the 2 sportsman representatives voting no with all other committee members voting yes.

Why the 2 sportsman representatives voted no on 21.0163.02000:

- Changes the requirement from “must” to “may” for a name on a physical sign reducing the ability to locate the owner or operator of the land going contrary to the purpose of this committee, to increase hunter access to private land.
- Property that is fenced, any type of fence in any state of repair, will be considered automatically posted. No exemption for hunting.
- Adding criminal trespass to electronic posting will not allow the NDGF Department to host electronic posting on their web site. It will be considered a diversion of funds causing the NDGF to potentially lose up to \$15 million of federal funds annually.

Could this bill draft be supported by Sportsman?

Maybe if:

- The bill is divided into two bills separating 12.1.203 Criminal Trespass from 20.1.017 Hunting Trespass.
- The word “may” is dropped and all physical signs continue to require the name of the individual posting the land both for criminal trespass and hunting trespass.
- A definition of a fence is developed that is reasonable, such as: A permanent structure, on nonurban private property, maintained annually, designed to and must be capable of containing livestock.
- An exemption, under criminal trespass, is added to fenced land for hunting and fishing access without permission unless physically or electronically posted.
- An alternative host can be found for the e-posting app for criminal trespass. The NDGF cannot afford to lose \$15 million annually.

At this time (11/20/2020) all of the above conditions, except for splitting the bill into Criminal Trespass and Hunting Trespass is being “Hoghoused” into 21.0163.02000.

Overall the Committee was well run by Chairman Sen. Erbele. He listened to all sides and made sure the committee moved forward with the electronic posting study. No progress was made on other access issues for trapping, fishing, berry picking, or related issues. Except for e-posting, we wish there would have been more time to work on some of the issues brought forward by the NDWF. However, these issues, especially Issues 2, 5, and 6 (see below) will be part of our strategy moving forward into the 2021 Legislative session. It is important to note the private land rights in North Dakota do not include a landowner’s right to sell his or her land to the NDGF or to an NGO without going through a convoluted process that almost always ends in failure. Negatively impacting hunting or fishing access for sportsman and women in North Dakota. This is important for a variety of reasons but a primary reason would be the future of hunting in North Dakota. Nationwide surveys have consistently stated the number one reason that sportsmen and women cease hunting activity is the ability to access land.

North Dakota Wildlife Federation Issues Brought Forward to the Committee

Issue 1: Support Legislation Enabling the Continuation of Electronic Posting through the 2021 -23 Biennium

Issue 2: Simplification of NDGF Land Purchased for Hunter and Angler Access Reference for land acquisition for GF is in NDCC 20.1-02-05.1

Issue 3: Develop Legislation Requiring the ND Department of Trust Lands Post Land as Open to Hunting and Other Public Uses

Issue 4: Provide the NDGF Dept. a Budget to Obtain Winter Fishing Lake Ice Access and Vehicle Parking

Issue 5: Natural Areas Acquisition Advisory Committee (NAAAC) – Streamline process for NGO's to purchase land from willing sellers

Issue 6: Landlocked Public Land Tracts not Available for public Access – Determine location of land locked public land and provide NDGF \$\$\$ to work with willing landowners to purchase access agreements to those lands.

The North Dakota Wildlife Federation is hosting a Legislative Summit on December 5th, 2020 at 1pm. The goal is to bring the conservation and sporting community together to discuss the posting bills and other legislative priorities. We encourage you to join and participate so that we can go into the 2021 Session with a united voice.

Legislative Sportsmen and Women Summit time: Dec 5, 2020 01:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4022210747>

Meeting ID: 402 221 0747

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NDWF Events

NDWF and our affiliates host educational and social events throughout the year. Check out our Facebook events page for details. Visit www.northdakotawildlife.org for upcoming board meetings information.

Legislative Sportsmen & Women Summit - December 5th, 2020

Legislative Session Begins - January 5th, 2021

NDWF Annual Convention (Zoom) - January 9th & 10th, 2021

Make an Impact

For over 80 years, the North Dakota Wildlife Federation has depended on donations from conservationists like you to support our work to protect North Dakota's abundant wildlife, our natural lands and waters, and our unmatched public access to the outdoors for future generations to enjoy. We are able to do so much to protect North Dakota's outdoor heritage because people like you decide to support our work. Your financial support is crucial to our ability to stand up to well-funded special interest groups at the North Dakota Capitol and in Congress. We need everyone who values North Dakota's outdoor heritage to get involved.



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NDWF Membership Form

Individual Membership: \$15 - Associate/Business Membership: \$25 - Educational Organization: Free

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