

2020

NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

LEGISLATIVE VOTING RECORD



What makes a legislative voting record so important? Accountability.

Few public institutions are more important than legislatures. Whether it is Congress, a state legislature, city council, or school board, legislative bodies have the power to impact our lives in profound ways. Representatives are chosen by the public to decide on its behalf the policies we live by and to act in the best interests of their constituents.

In doing so, representatives are accountable to their constituents for their actions. Accountability is impossible, however, without adequate information about legislative performance, an essential part of democratic governance.

Conversely, voting records can also be used by legislators to improve their performance.

That is the purpose of NDWF's legislative voting record: to arm you with information for legislative accountability and improve the performance of the North Dakota legislature for issues important to the outdoors community. Ultimately, it is up to you to examine the information and act in a way you believe necessary. Consider sharing this document with like-minded individuals.

To maximize accountability, NDWF's breath of legislative work is much more than this document.

A voting record is important for educating the public on legislation impacting fish, wildlife, public lands, and sporting opportunity, but it is only one component of a fully integrated legislative advocacy program employed by NDWF.

Of course, a lobbyist is key, and NDWF has registered lobbyists, but lobbying is only a discussion with a lawmaker in hopes of persuading a vote. A lawmaker rarely decides a vote based on requests from a single person. There must be backing for such requests and there are several ways NDWF does this:

Prove social support for a vote. NDWF speaks as a unified voice of 15 affiliate groups and thousands of members and supports. Those numbers carry weight!

Elevate the topic publicly. Using social and traditional media outlets, NDWF ensures sportsman issues and legislation receive maximum exposure so lawmakers understand the importance of the vote and that people are watching.

Provide direct advocacy opportunity. Our email and petition software gives North Dakotans the ability to easily express their views directly to legislators.

About the Voting Record

The Legislative Voting Record is a compilation of how North Dakota state legislators voted on key issues during the 2019 Legislative Session. It is meant to provide information for the public on where legislators stand on issues impacting hunters and anglers, wildlife, habitat, public land and access. This report uses the vote on a given bill that is most reflective of a legislator's stance on the issue. This is NDWF's first Legislative Voting Record and it will be produced after every legislative session moving forward. Support for or opposition to any given bill is not intended to provide an endorsement or rejection of any state legislator.



House Votes

KEY: Y=VOTED; N=NOT VOTED; A=ABSENT; *=

Legislator	District	SB2315	SB2293	SB2201	HB1428
Adams	43	N	Y	N	N
Anderson, B.	2	Y	Y	N	N
Anderson, D.	6	Y	A	Y	N
Anderson, P.	41	N	Y	Y	N
Beadle	27	N	Y	N	N
Becker	7	Y	N	N	Y
Bellew	38	Y	N	A	Y
Blum	42	Y	N	N	Y
Boe	9	Y	N	Y	N
Bosch	30	N	Y	N	N
Boschee	44	N	Y	N	N
Brandenburg	28	Y	Y	Y	Y
Buffalo	27	N	A	N	N
Damschen	10	Y	Y	Y	N
Delzer	8	Y	N	Y	N
Devlin	23	Y	Y	Y	N
Dobervich	11	Y	Y	N	N
Dockter	7	N	Y	N	Y
Eidson	43	N	Y	N	N
Ertelt	26	Y	N	Y	N
Fegley	4	Y	Y	N	N
Fisher	5	N	Y	N	N
Grueneich	12	N	Y	N	Y
Guggisberg	11	N	Y	Y	N
Hager	21	N	Y	N	Y
Hanson	44	N	Y	N	N
Hatlestad	1	Y	Y	N	Y
Headland	29	Y	Y	Y	Y
Heinert	32	N	Y	N	N
Holman	20	N	Y	Y	N
Hoverson	3	Y	N	N	Y
Howe	22	Y	Y	N	N
Johnson, C.	6	Y	Y	Y	Y
Johnson, D.	15	Y	Y	N	N

SB 2315

Relating to posting land, criminal trespass and hunting on private land.

Status: Failed*

SB 2293

Relating to the creation of the aquatic nuisance species program fund and surcharges for fishing, combination, and waterfowl licenses and requiring aquatic nuisance species fees for motorboats.

Status: Passed

SB 2201

Relating to nonresident waterfowl hunting licenses.

Status: Failed

HB 1428

Relating to the Missouri River council; to provide for the acquisition and management of the shoreline of the Missouri River; and to provide for a report to the legislative management.

Status: Failed

*An Interim Committee was assigned to Study access to public and private lands for hunting, trapping, fishing, and related issues, including trespass violations and penalties, and provide recommendations regarding a land access database with 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.

House Votes

KEY: Y=VOTED; N=NOT VOTED; A=ABSENT; *=

Legislator	District	SB2315	SB2293	SB2201	HB1428
Johnson, M.	45	N	A	N	N
Johnston	24	N	N	N	Y
Jones	4	Y	Y	N	Y
Kading	45	N	N	N	Y
Karls	35	N	Y	N	N
Kasper	46	N	Y	N	Y
Keiser	47	N	Y	N	N
Kempnich	39	Y	Y	N	N
Kiefert	24	N	Y	N	A
Klemin	47	N	Y	N	N
Koppelman, B.	16	N	N	N	Y
Koppelman, K.	13	N	N	N	Y
Kreidt	33	Y	Y	N	N
Laning	8	Y	Y	N	Y
Lefor	37	N	Y	N	Y
Longmuir	2	Y	Y	N	N
Louser	5	N	Y	A	N
Magrum	28	Y	N	N	Y
Marschall	16	N	Y	N	Y
Martinson	35	N	Y	N	N
McWilliams	20	N	N	N	A
Meier	32	N	Y	N	N
Mitskog	25	N	Y	N	N
Mock	18	N	Y	N	N
Monson	10	N	Y	N	N
Nathe	30	N	Y	N	N
Nelson, J.	14	Y	Y	Y	N
Nelson, M.	9	N	Y	Y	N
O'Brien	42	A	A	A	N
Owens	17	Y	Y	N	N
Paulson	3	Y	N	N	Y
Paur	19	N	N	N	Y
Pollert	29	Y	Y	N	N
Porter	34	N	A	N	N

SB 2315

Relating to posting land, criminal trespass and hunting on private land.

Status: Failed*

SB 2293

Relating to the creation of the aquatic nuisance species program fund and surcharges for fishing, combination, and waterfowl licenses and requiring aquatic nuisance species fees for motorboats.

Status: Passed

SB 2201

Relating to nonresident waterfowl hunting licenses.

Status: Failed

HB 1428

Relating to the Missouri River council; to provide for the acquisition and management of the shoreline of the Missouri River; and to provide for a report to the legislative management.

Status: Failed

*An Interim Committee was assigned to Study access to public and private lands for hunting, trapping, fishing, and related issues, including trespass violations and penalties, and provide recommendations regarding a land access database with 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.

House Votes

KEY: Y=VOTED; N=NOT VOTED; A=ABSENT; *=

Legislator	District	SB2315	SB2293	SB2201	HB1428
Pyle	22	Y	Y	N	Y
Richter	1	Y	Y	N	Y
Roers Jones	46	N	Y	N	N
Rohr	31	N	Y	N	Y
Ruby, D.	38	N	N	Y	Y
Ruby, M.	40	N	N	N	N
Sanford	17	N	Y	N	N
Satrom	12	N	Y	N	N
Schatz	36	A	N	N	Y
Schauer	13	N	Y	Y	Y
Schmidt	31	Y	Y	N	Y
Schneider	21	Y	Y	N	N
Schobinger	40	Y	Y	A	N
Schreiber-Beck	25	Y	Y	N	Y
Simons	36	Y	N	N	Y
Skroch	26	Y	N	N	Y
Steiner	37	N	Y	N	Y
Strinden	41	N	Y	N	Y
Toman	34	N	N	N	N
Trottier	19	Y	Y	N	Y
Tveit	33	Y	Y	N	N
Vetter	18	Y	N	N	Y
Vigesaa	23	Y	Y	Y	N
Weisz	14	Y	Y	Y	N
Westlind	15	Y	Y	N	Y
Zubke	39	Y	Y	N	N

SB 2315

Relating to posting land, criminal trespass and hunting on private land.

Status: Failed*

SB 2293

Relating to the creation of the aquatic nuisance species program fund and surcharges for fishing, combination, and waterfowl licenses and requiring aquatic nuisance species fees for motorboats.

Status: Passed

SB 2201

Relating to nonresident waterfowl hunting licenses.

Status: Failed

HB 1428

Relating to the Missouri River council; to provide for the acquisition and management of the shoreline of the Missouri River; and to provide for a report to the legislative management.

Status: Failed

*An Interim Committee was assigned to Study access to public and private lands for hunting, trapping, fishing, and related issues, including trespass violations and penalties, and provide recommendations regarding a land access database with 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.

Senate Votes

KEY: Y=VOTED; N=NOT VOTED; A=ABSENT; *=

Legislator	District	SB2315	SB2054	SB2293	SB2201
Anderson	8	N	N	Y	Y
Bakke	43	N	N	Y	N
Bekkedahl	1	N	N	Y	Y
Burckhard	5	N	Y	Y	Y
Clemens	16	Y	N	N	Y
Cook	34	N	N	Y	N
Davison	41	Y	N	Y	Y
Dever	32	N	N	Y	Y
Dotzenrod	26	Y	N	Y	Y
Dwyer	47	A	N	Y	Y
Elkin	36	Y	N	Y	Y
Erbele	28	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fors	19	N	N	Y	Y
Grabinger	12	N	N	N	Y
Heckaman	23	Y	N	Y	Y
Hogan	21	N	N	Y	Y
Hogue	38	Y	N	Y	Y
Holmberg	17	N	Y	Y	A
Kannianen	4	Y	Y	N	Y
Klein	14	Y	Y	Y	Y
Krebsbach	40	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kreun	42	Y	Y	Y	Y
Larson, D.	3	N	N	Y	Y
Larsen, O.	30	Y	Y	N	Y
Lee, G.	22	Y	N	Y	Y
Lee, J.	13	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lemm	20	Y	*	Y	*
Luick	25	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marcellais	9	N	N	Y	N
Mathern	11	N	N	Y	N
Meyer	18	Y	Y	N	N
Myrdal	10	Y	Y	Y	Y
Oban	35	N	N	Y	N
Oehlke	15	Y	N	Y	Y

SB 2315

Relating to posting land; relating to criminal trespass and hunting on private land

Status: Failed*

SB 2054

Relating to outdoor heritage fund purposes and membership.

Status: Failed

SB 2293

Relating to the creation of the aquatic nuisance species program fund and surcharges for fishing, combination, and waterfowl licenses and requiring aquatic nuisance species fees for motorboats

Status: Passed

SB 2201

Relating to nonresident waterfowl hunting licenses.

Status: Failed

*An Interim Committee was assigned to Study access to public and private lands for hunting, trapping, fishing, and related issues, including trespass violations and penalties, and provide recommendations regarding a land access database with 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.

Senate Votes

KEY: Y=VOTED; N=NOT VOTED; A=ABSENT; *=

Legislator	District	SB2315	SB2054	SB2293	SB2201
Osland	20	*	N	*	Y
Patten	39	Y	N	Y	Y
Piepkorn	44	N	N	Y	N
Poolman	7	N	N	Y	Y
Robinson	24	N	Y	Y	N
Roers, J.	46	Y	N	Y	A
Roers, K.	27	Y	N	Y	Y
Rust	2	Y	N	Y	Y
Schaible	31	Y	N	Y	Y
Sorvaag	45	Y	N	Y	N
Unruh	33	Y	N	N	Y
Vedaa	6	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wanzek	29	Y	N	Y	N
Wardner	37	Y	N	Y	Y

SB 2315

Relating to posting land; relating to criminal trespass and hunting on private land

Status: Failed*

SB 2054

Relating to outdoor heritage fund purposes and membership.

Status: Failed

SB 2293

Relating to the creation of the aquatic nuisance species program fund and surcharges for fishing, combination, and waterfowl licenses and requiring aquatic nuisance species fees for motorboats

Status: Passed

SB 2201

Relating to nonresident waterfowl hunting licenses.

Status: Failed

*An Interim Committee was assigned to Study access to public and private lands for hunting, trapping, fishing, and related issues, including trespass violations and penalties, and provide recommendations regarding a land access database with 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 North Dakota Wildlife Federation was founded in 1935 by hunters, anglers, trappers, agricultural landowners, and other conservationists who were concerned about the loss of North Dakota's natural lands, healthy waters, and abundant wildlife. For the last eight decades, NDWF has been North Dakota's leading voice for wildlife, habitat, and outdoor recreation. As North Dakota's oldest and largest statewide conservation organization, NDWF is a grassroots organization that depends on the involvement of volunteers and members to speak up for wildlife, habitat, and public access to the outdoors.

Add your voice to the cause by becoming a member.

JOIN NDWF

NorthDakotaWildlife.org

