

NATURAL RESOURCES -- FISH, WILDLIFE, AND RECREATION

Hunting and Fishing License Fees, Wildlife Damage, and Enforcement
 [LFB Papers #510 thru #523]

Motion:

1. Move to adopt Alternative 5 from paper #510, deleting the provision. Instead, provide for the hunting and fishing fee modifications as shown in the following table. Further, create a \$20 youth deer gun and archery license for residents age 17 and younger.

	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Fee Under the Bill</u>	<u>Motion Fee</u>	<u>Motion Fee Change to Current Law</u>
Resident Hunting				
Small Game	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$18.00	\$2.00
Senior Small Game	8.00	10.00	9.00	1.00
Youth Small Game	9.00	9.00	9.00	0.00
Deer	20.00	32.00	24.00	4.00
Youth Deer	NA	NA	20.00	NA
Bonus Deer	12.00	12.00	12.00	0.00
Elk	45.00	45.00	49.00	4.00
Class A Bear	45.00	49.00	49.00	4.00
Class B Bear	14.00	14.00	14.00	0.00
Archery	20.00	32.00	24.00	4.00
Wild Turkey	13.00	15.00	15.00	2.00
Trapping	20.00	20.00	20.00	0.00
Nonresident Hunting				
Annual Small Game	80.00	80.00	85.00	5.00
Five-day Small Game	50.00	50.00	55.00	5.00
Deer	160.00	160.00	160.00	0.00
Bonus Deer	20.00	20.00	20.00	0.00
Elk	251.00	251.00	251.00	0.00
Class A Bear	251.00	251.00	251.00	0.00
Class B Bear	110.00	110.00	110.00	0.00
Archer	160.00	160.00	160.00	0.00
Furbearing Animal	160.00	160.00	160.00	0.00
Wild Turkey	60.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
Hunting Stamps				
Pheasant Stamp	7.25	10.00	10.00	2.75
Waterfowl	7.00	10.00	7.00	0.00
Wild Turkey	5.25	5.25	5.25	0.00

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Resident Fishing				
Annual	17.00	20.00	20.00	3.00
Senior Annual	7.00	10.00	7.00	0.00
Youth Annual	7.00	7.00	7.00	0.00
Husband and Wife	29.00	35.00	31.00	2.00
Disabled	7.00	10.00	7.00	0.00
Disabled Veteran	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.00
Sturgeon Spearing	20.00	20.00	20.00	0.00
Nonresident Fishing				
Individual:				
Annual	40.00	40.00	50.00	10.00
Fifteen-day	24.00	24.00	28.00	4.00
Four-day	18.00	18.00	24.00	6.00
Family:				
Annual	65.00	65.00	65.00	0.00
Fifteen-day	40.00	40.00	40.00	0.00
Sturgeon Spearing	50.00	50.00	65.00	15.00
Fishing Stamps				
Inland Trout Stamp	7.25	10.00	10.00	2.75
Great Lakes Trout and Salmon	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00
Two Day Great Lakes Fishing	14.00	14.00	14.00	0.00
Resident Multiple Licenses				
Conservation Patron	\$140.00	\$140.00	165.00	25.00
Junior Patron	75.00	75.00	75.00	0.00
Sports License	45.00	64.00	60.00	15.00
Junior Sports	35.00	35.00	35.00	0.00
Nonresident Multiple Licenses				
Conservation Patron	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
Junior Patron	75.00	75.00	75.00	0.00
Sports License	275.00	275.00	275.00	0.00
Junior Sports	35.00	35.00	35.00	0.00
Duplicate Licenses				
Gun Deer Hunting	13.00	15.00	15.00	2.00
Archer - tags	13.00	15.00	15.00	2.00
Archer - no tags	10.00	12.00	12.00	2.00
Patron - tags	13.00	15.00	15.00	2.00
Patron - no tags	10.00	12.00	12.00	2.00
Sports - tags	13.00	15.00	15.00	2.00
Sports - no tags	10.00	12.00	12.00	2.00
Other hunting licenses	8.00	10.00	10.00	2.00
Fishing license	9.00	10.00*	10.00	1.00
Application Fee	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.00

* \$10 or the cost of the original license, whichever is less.

2. In addition, adopt Alternative 2 from paper #511, transferring \$1,355,100 (\$222,600 from turkey stamp revenues, \$411,700 from state waterfowl stamp revenues, and \$720,800 from Great Lakes trout and salmon stamp revenues) on the effective date of the bill from the continuing balance of the assigned segregated revenue accounts to the balance of the general fish and wildlife account.

3. Further, adopt Alternative 1 from paper #512, approving the Governor's recommendation (as technically corrected) to increase the wildlife damage surcharge currently applied to most hunting licenses from \$1 per license to \$2 per license. Increase the surcharge on conservation patron licenses from \$2 to \$4. The surcharge is currently added to the cost of resident and nonresident deer, elk, Class A and Class B bear, archer, wild turkey, small game, and sports licenses, as well as to nonresident five day small game and fur bearing animal licenses. In addition, create a biennial appropriation for the venison donation program and provide \$600,000 SEG in each year from wildlife damage surcharge revenues. Delete an equivalent amount from the wildlife damage claims and abatement program appropriation. Further, shift \$400,000 SEG annually for CWD management from wildlife damage revenues to the general fish and wildlife account.

4. Adopt Alternative 1 from paper #513, approving the Governor's recommendation to allow both resident and nonresident hunters to purchase tags permitting the harvest of additional wild turkeys if the number of tags allotted for a given wild turkey hunting zone or season time period exceeds the number of applications received for that zone or time period. Require a \$10 fee for residents and a \$15 fee for non-residents (both of which include a 15¢ issuing fee to be retained by the vendor) to be paid for each additional turkey tag. Further, allow DNR to promulgate emergency administrative rules, without the finding of an emergency, to implement the extra turkey tag provisions. Specify that choosing to purchase an additional tag would not affect the hunter's standing under the cumulative preference system for subsequent tag allocations. This provision would take effect on March 1, 2006.

5. On paper #514, delete the Governor's recommendation to create a new \$10 pheasant tag fee for public hunting grounds. Rather, specify that beginning on March 1, 2006, 40% of all revenues generated by the sale of pheasant stamps be used for developing, managing, preserving, restoring and maintaining the wild pheasant population in the state; and 60% be deposited in a new continuing appropriation for the stocking and propagation of pheasants on Department lands (\$270,000 in 2006-07). Reestimate pheasant stamp revenues used for habitat protection, development, and maintenance at \$180,000 in 2006-07 (a reduction of \$209,700 from the bill).

6. Delete the Governor's recommendation under paper #515 to create a hunting stamp for the pursuit of ruffed grouse and woodcock. Rather, maintain current law.

7. Adopt Alternative 2 from paper #516, approving the Governor's recommendation to create a hook and line tag for sturgeon fishing, with the fee set at \$20 for residents and \$50 for nonresidents (which includes a 15¢ issuing fee to be retained by the vendor). This tag would be required in addition to any other license required under current law (such as a fishing license, or a sportsmens license that included general fishing privileges). However, add a sturgeon hook

and line tag to the privileges included with the purchase of a conservation patron license for both residents and nonresidents. Specify that all revenues received from the sale of the hook and line tag be deposited in a new continuing appropriation to be used for assessing and managing the lake sturgeon stock and fishery in inland waters, for improving and maintaining habitat in those waters and for administering the sturgeon tag system. This provision would take effect on March 1, 2006. Further, provide \$137,300 SEG in 2006-07, to reflect estimated revenues.

8. Adopt Alternative 2 from paper #517, to delete the Governor's recommendation to increase the fees for certain Great Lakes commercial fishing licenses.

9. Adopt Alternatives 2.b. and 3 from paper #518, approving the Governor's recommendation (as reestimated) to require DNR to promulgate an administrative rule establishing a fee to be charged for hunter safety education classes. Specify that instructors would be allowed to collect the fee from attendees, and retain up to \$5 for each student to compensate the instructor for allowable costs. Direct that the remaining fees be remitted to DNR and deposited in a fish and wildlife account continuing appropriation for the costs associated with providing recreational safety education courses. Allow the Department to offer an advanced hunter education course and an advanced bow hunter education course for an additional fee to be determined by the Department. Finally, reestimate expenditures from the continuing appropriation for education and safety courses by deleting \$229,900 annually (providing an additional \$166,300 SEG annually rather than \$396,200 annually under the bill) to reflect the anticipated revenues. Provide DNR with the authority to promulgate an emergency rule without the finding of an emergency in order to immediately implement the provision. Further, delete \$112,500 SEG in 2005-06 to reflect available revenues. Specify that the appropriation be annual, rather than continuing, and that uncommitted balances would lapse to the appropriate conservation fund account at the end of each fiscal year.

10. Adopt Alternative 1 from paper #519, approving the Governor's recommendation to require DNR to provide \$50,000 annually from tribal gaming compact revenues to the Lac du Flambeau band of the Lake Superior Chippewa to support fisheries management activities on reservation lands. (As this would be an allocation from base-level funding in an existing appropriation, no direct expenditure adjustment is required.)

11. Adopt Alternative 2 from paper #520, approving the Governor's recommendation to provide funding from the recycling fund, the environmental fund, and the conservation fund for anticipated conservation warden overtime costs. However, provide no funding from the boat or water resources accounts of the conservation fund. The provision would be funded at \$350,500 in 2005-06 and \$394,400 in 2006-07 from the recycling, environmental, and conservation funds (fish and wildlife and ATV accounts only).

12. Adopt Alternative 2 from paper #521, approving Governor's recommendation to provide funding to support an annual law enforcement warden recruit class funded from the recycling, environmental, and conservation funds. However, provide no funding from the boat or water resources accounts of the conservation fund. The provision would be funded at \$197,200

annually from the recycling, environmental, and conservation funds (fish and wildlife and ATV account only).

13. Adopt Alternative 1 from paper #522, approving the Governor's recommendation to provide \$110,200 in 2005-06 and \$220,500 in 2006-07 in one-time funding from the conservation, environmental, and recycling funds to support the initial two fiscal years of a four-year master lease for a mobile data communication system for use by the conservation wardens.

14. Adopt Alternative 2 from paper #523, approving the Governor's recommendation to provide one-time funding from the conservation fund, the environmental fund, and the recycling fund to support the first two fiscal years of a master lease to purchase new radios for conservation wardens. However, provide no funding from the boat or water resources accounts of the conservation fund. The provision would be funded at \$87,200 in 2005-06 and \$174,400 in 2006-07 from the recycling, environmental, and conservation funds (fish and wildlife, ATV, parks, and forestry accounts only).

15. Delete \$576,300 SEG annually and 5.0 regional managers within the enforcement and science program management appropriation.

16. Finally, move to create a resident two-day inland trout fishing license for use on inland lakes, priced at \$14 (which would include a 15¢ issuing fee) effective April 1, 2006. Specify that individuals on lakes with the two-day license would not be required to purchase a fishing license or an inland waters trout stamp. Further, specify that one-half of the revenues generated by the sale of this approval be deposited to the continuing appropriation for improving and maintaining trout habitat in inland trout waters, and for conducting trout surveys. Remaining revenues would be deposited to the general fish and wildlife account of the conservation fund.

Note:

Under the motion, the fish and wildlife account of the conservation fund would be anticipated to have a June 30, 2007, ending balance of approximately \$200,000. However, under the motion, revenues for wildlife damage claims would be approximately \$2.9 million short of anticipated expenditure demands under the program for the biennium.

Under current law, the 5.0 regional natural resources warden managers in the bureau of enforcement and science program are responsible for supervising both law enforcement and integrated science services staff in each of the DNR regions statewide. The positions are split-funded from the fish and wildlife, ATV, and boat accounts of the conservation fund. Of the \$576,300 SEG reduced annually under the motion, \$472,900 would be credited to the fish and wildlife account, \$31,100 to the ATV account, and \$72,300 to the boat account.

Under current law, a two-day Great Lakes fishing license is available to residents and nonresidents for \$14. Individuals fishing in outlying waters with the two-day license are not required to purchase a Great Lakes trout and salmon stamp. When the two-day Great Lakes fishing license was created, sales shifted somewhat from longer-term fishing licenses to the new lower cost two-day license. However, any potential revenue loss to the fish and wildlife account from a two-day inland trout fishing license is not readily determinable.

[Change to Bill: -\$606,300 SEG, -5.0 SEG positions, and -\$4,785,200 SEG-REV]