

Game and Fish Fund Budgetary Oversight Committee

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Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Game and Fish Fund Budgetary Oversight Committee's (BOC), the purpose of this letter is to reiterate our support for license fee increases and changes in licensing options. These needed changes are designed to provide sufficient revenue to maintain an abundance of fish and wildlife habitat and populations in Minnesota and the related recreational and tourism activities they support.

We are in favor of the current legislative efforts underway to modify hunting and fishing license fees. The structural modifications and inflationary increases proposed will make the Game and Fish Fund solvent for the next several years. The changes will also impact the imbalance between angling license sale revenue and fisheries expenditures.

We stand ready to assist you and other legislative leaders in communicating the need for these changes to the broader hunting and angling community across the state. Feel free to contact me at 763-242-2196 if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours truly,

/s/ John Hunt
Chair, Game and Fish Fund Budgetary Oversight Committee