

Fur Harvester Education Classes

July 30, August 1 and 3 Fur Harvester Education Class in Bismarck

October 3-5 Fur Harvester Education Class at the Velva Wildlife Club

Using Cable Devices in North Dakota

This training includes everything from cable device construction to actual field setting of both restraining and lethal devices, checking sets, ethics and responsibility, and detailed information for targeting different furbearers. This seminar is scheduled for October 12, 2024, at the Velva Wildlife Club. Let me know if you are interested so I can make a reservation for you. It is important that we know if we have enough attendance to conduct the seminar.

Correspondence Course Available

We are offering a correspondence course for individuals to complete our fur harvester education class for certification. This is another option for folks who may be unable to attend the full 16-hour course currently offered. Individuals can contact the North Dakota Game & Fish Department Outdoor Education Office (701) 328-6300, NDGFD website, or me to enroll. Participants will be required to satisfactorily complete the chapters of our student manual and attend an 8-hour field day for certification. Field days will include hands-on training with equipment and satisfactorily complete the authentic assessments included in the student manual.

Membership Survey – Remove the “resident only” restriction for bobcat harvest.

You may remember this information from the last issue of the Dakota Skinner. First off, of the responses I received, the results were dead even. Secondly, the information was incorrect in that “residents only” is provided by Century Code. Legislative action would be required to remove that restriction. I apologize for not digging deeper into the subject and identifying that requirement earlier.

To review: In 2023, Montana allowed bobcat harvest to non-residents from states that also allow a Montana resident to harvest bobcat in their state (i.e. **reciprocal**). There is interest here in North Dakota to remove our “resident only” harvest requirement to be reciprocal with Montana. There are other states that have similar species by species reciprocity requirements where this would also apply. With regards to Montana and bobcats, the entire state of North Dakota would have to be open to Montanans for equal reciprocity. This subject may appear in the upcoming 2025 legislative session, and it is important to know how the membership feels about the subject. I need your response. Do you favor removing the “residents only” restriction for bobcat harvest in North Dakota? (If your vote has not changed since responding to the previous survey, no need to respond again).

Yes _____ No _____ No Opinion _____

Family membership – put the number of voting members of the family on the appropriate line.

For returning your vote, please use one of these options:

Take a picture with your cell phone and text/share the photo to (701) 460-1055 (Rick Tischaefter Cell)

Take a digital picture or scan it and send it to tischrc@srt.com (Rick Tischaefter)

Cut this portion of the newsletter out, mark your response, and mail it to NDFHTA, PO Box 334, Butte, ND 58723.

Call, voice mail, or text me your response to (701) 460-1055 (Rick Tischaefter)

Please know that your individual responses are confidential. The cumulative responses will be used not only as a record of the association’s view on the matter, but in further discussions with other entities so involved with the subject. Thank you for taking the time to let us know your vote on the matter.