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## **GOV. DALRYMPLE NAMES NORTH DAKOTA OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND ADVISORY BOARD**

### **Members to Recommend Projects for the Outdoor Heritage Fund**

BISMARCK, ND -- Gov. Jack Dalrymple today announced his appointment of the first members to the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board. Members will be officially appointed as of Friday, September 13, 2013.

“The North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund is an historic, well-funded opportunity that brings together multiple interests and perspectives to enhance our legendary outdoors,” Gov. Dalrymple said. “These diverse board members represent conservation, agriculture, energy, outdoor recreation, and business. They will come together to help recommend important, long-lasting projects to be supported through the Outdoor Heritage Fund at up to \$30 million per biennium. I look forward to seeing their efforts get underway and to working with them through the Industrial Commission.”

The 12 voting members of the advisory board will be: **Eric Aasmundstad**, Devils Lake (North Dakota Farm Bureau); **Robert Kuylen**, South Heart (North Dakota Farmers Union); **Wade Moser**, Bismarck (North Dakota Stockmen’s Association); **Dan Wogsland**, Bismarck (North Dakota Grain Growers Association); **Blaine Hoffman**, Gladstone (North Dakota Petroleum Council); **Jim Melchior**, Bismarck (Lignite Energy Council); **Dr. Tom Hutchens**, Bismarck (Ducks Unlimited); **Patricia Stockdill**, Garrison (Pheasants Forever); **Jon Godfread**, Bismarck (Greater North Dakota Chamber); **Randy Bina**, Bismarck (North Dakota Recreation and Parks Association); **Dr. Carolyn Godfread**, Bismarck (conservation at-large); and **Kent Reiersen**, Williston (conservation at-large).

By law, ten appointed members must represent specific groups, while two members are appointed from the conservation community at-large. An additional four ex-officio members representing specific agencies are also outlined in the law.

Ex-officio members of the advisory board will be **Terry Steinwand**, director of the North Dakota Department of Game and Fish; **Mark Zimmerman**, director of the North Dakota Department of Parks and Recreation; **Larry Kotchman**, State Forester, and **Rhonda Vetsch**, North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts.

The Outdoor Heritage Fund will receive up to \$30 million per biennium from oil and gas production tax revenue to support projects such as access to private and public lands for sportsmen, creating fish and wildlife habitats, stewardship toward farming and ranching, enhancing water quality, plant diversity, soil conditions, and for outdoor recreation areas.

The advisory board will establish an application process to recommend projects or opportunities to be supported through the Outdoor Heritage Fund. The Industrial Commission, which consists of the Governor, Attorney General and Agriculture Commissioner, manages and operates the fund.

The North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board will conduct its first meeting on Monday, Sept. 16, 2013 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the Peace Garden room of the State Capitol.

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