

North Dakota Game & Fish

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Rep. John Dingell Sr. and Sen. Edwin C. Johnson modeled new legislation after the successful Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937, which funded wildlife conservation through federal excise taxes on firearms and ammunition. The Dingell-Johnson Act was signed into law at a time after World War II. While industry was growing, cities did, too. But our rivers, lakes and sloughs were challenged.

The congressmen applied the same principle to sportfishing — a federal excise tax paid by the manufacturers of most fishing equipment that would support state and territorial fish and wildlife agency fisheries management efforts, habitat restoration, angling opportunities and waterway access.

According to "Casting a Conservation Legacy and Celebrating 75 Years of the Sport Fish Restoration Act," a June 5, 2025, article posted on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website, "Sport Fish Restoration Act funding, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Conservation Investment, provides Americans with the best sport fisheries in the world."

Each state, territory and commonwealth benefits.

More from the article:

"The act supports the maintenance and operation of over 9,000 public boating and fishing access areas, provides aquatic education and an introduction to fishing to nearly 850,000 people annually, allows state biologists to manage and monitor over 200 species of sport fish, and funds the operations of more than 320 state fish hatcheries that stock more than 1 billion fish annually into American lakes, rivers and ponds.

"All of this is accomplished through the act's authorization of a 10% federal excise tax on fishing equipment; a 3% tax on electric boat motors, tackle and fly boxes; import duties on tackle, pleasure boats and yachts; and a portion of the federal gas tax that is attributable to motorboats and small engines. To date, eligible state, commonwealth and territory agencies have received more than \$12 billion in federal funds, matched by billions of dollars in state license funds to foster fisheries conservation and connect people with the outdoors."

As the article states, the Sport Fish Restoration Act isn't just about fishing and equipment — it's about people and memories. Parents teaching their kids how to put a worm on a hook, and the family enjoying time together. Even the local fish fry brings neighbors and communities together.

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- DEC. 16 (TUESDAY): CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT DRN, 1:00-4:00
- DEC. 17 (WEDNESDAY): HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT ELLENDALE GROCERY, W. COMPLIMENTARY TREATS, 2:00-4:00
- DEC. 19 (FRIDAY): BASKETBALL VS. OAKES AT OAKES-GIRLS VARSITY 4:30, BOYS VARSITY (COWBELL GAME), 7:30

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DICKEY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Estate of **LARRY J. HEIER**, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be presented to **CORA A. HEIER**, personal representative of the estate, at 10776 82nd St. SE Oakes, ND 58474 or filed with the Court.

Dated this 24th day of November, 2025

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CORA A. HEIER

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(December 11, 18 & 25, 2025))

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

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ProbateNo.11-2025-PR-27

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT COURT,  
DICKEY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA  
In the Matter of the Estate of Jose  
Ambroise Vasquez, Deceased

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to personal representatives of the estate: Phyllis Vasquez, 1337 16 ½ St S, Fargo, ND 58103 or filed with the Court.  
Dated: Nov. 25, 2025  
Phyllis Vasquez, Personal Representative  
First publication on the 4th day of December, 2025.  
(December 4, 11 & 18, 2025)

**ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**  
relating to Exploration and Production of Critical Minerals in Coal-Bearing Formations.

**North Dakota Geological Survey**  
will hold public hearings to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code.

**Geological Survey**  
**1:30 pm CST**  
**Tues., Jan. 20, 2026**  
**1000 E Calgary Ave**  
**Bismarck, ND**

Copies of the proposed rules will be available December 17, 2025 and may be obtained by writing the Geological Survey at 600 E. Blvd, Dept. 474, Bismarck, ND 58505-0614, or by calling (701) 328-8000. View changes at [www.dmr.nd.gov/dmr/ndgs](http://www.dmr.nd.gov/dmr/ndgs) Comment in writing by 5pm January 30, 2026. Submit written comments to the Geological Survey (see address above) or [ndgs@nd.gov](mailto:ndgs@nd.gov). If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Geological Survey at the above address or phone number by January 12, 2026.

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**OPENING FOR ELLENDALE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE**

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- Streets
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- Perform a variety of manual labor duties which will include all maintenance, heavy equipment operations, snow removal and other duties as required.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationship with other employees, public officials and the public.
- The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 75 pounds or more.
- This job typically works 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday and will be required to be on call during scheduled evenings and weekends.
- Must be legally authorized to work in the United States. No sponsorships considered.

- A valid ND Driver's License is required and the ability to obtain a Class B CDL.
- A high school diploma/GED is required; the ability to pass and obtain all required ND State licensing and certification requirements when eligible.
- Successful applicants will be highly motivated and self-directed.
- Successful applicant will require a background inquiry.
- Experience preferred; and essential that the public works employee be service oriented.
- Must live within 30 minutes of the city limits.
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Applications/Resumes will be accepted until filled, please submit to City Hall (P O Box 267 - 55 3rd Ave S – Ellendale ND 58436).  
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For further details, please contact Mayor Don Flaherty; Council Member Justin Meidinger or City Hall –701-349-3252.

Willie B.C. has a warm layer of natural fine fur next to his skin and a rough layer outside to keep the wind off. But he still dresses appropriately for expeditions in sub-zero temperatures, as he did here on an arctic expedition a few years ago.

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