

Testimony
of

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2003 Senate Bill 63
Sale of Upland Game Bird Parts
Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee

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Between 1988 and 2000 I developed and taught a UW Course on Human Dimensions of Wildlife. This class included more than 40 hours of lectures and discussions on topics related to this bill. I co-founded the Human Dimensions in Wildlife Study Group and helped found the scientific journal *Human Dimensions of Wildlife*. I have presented papers on human dimensions issues at professional meetings around the world. My vita lists 35 journal articles, chapters, encyclopedia entries and other items related to human dimensions of wildlife. I have further authored articles or chapters on the value of wildlife. In 1995-1996 I spent a year as a guest researcher at the Swedish Hunters' Association in Stockholm, Sweden.

I am a Wisconsin hunter and enjoy hunting upland birds, waterfowl, and deer around the state.

Based on this experience I wish to oppose this proposed legislation in the strongest terms.

1. In the American system, bringing wildlife into the economic domain almost always harms the number and integrity of wildlife. This began in America during the fur trading era in colonial times and continues today with the discovery and response to CWD in the Wisconsin deer herd. Notable examples include the extinction of the passenger pigeon and the near decimation of bison on the Great Plains.
2. Wildlife management in the United States has become the envy of the world and has been copied outside the United States *because market forces have been eliminated or minimized*.
3. This was not an easy accomplishment. The struggle took place between the Civil War and 1900 and involved some of the leading conservationists of the day, including Teddy Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot. Their success provided the groundwork for the state-based scientific wildlife management system that has protected and restored wildlife and which provides substantial recreational and cultural benefits to the State of Wisconsin.
4. Markets are extremely powerful AND unpredictable--even seemingly small changes such as those proposed in SB 63 can put at risk a very successful system.

I urge the Committee to reject this bill. Thank You.

Vote Record

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Date: 5/22/03

Moved by: ZIEN

Seconded by: KENZIE

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AS AMENDED

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Senator Neal Kedzie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Cathy Stepp	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator David Zien	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Fred Risser	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Johnson, Dan (Legislature)

From: Johnson, Dan (Legislature)
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2003 3:55 PM
To: Amber Meyer; Bob Wirch; Cathy Stepp; Cindy Ashley; David Zien; Fred Risser; John Stolzenberg; Neal Kedzie; Pat Erickson; Peter Hanson; Rachel Letzing; Scott Manley
Subject: Senate Environment Committee materials: Substitute Amendment 1 to SB 63

Dear Senate Environment/NR Committee members,

Today, the attached substitute amendment to Senate Bill 63 was offered by the author. Senate Bill 63 may be acted on in committee on Thursday, May 22, 2003. The major changes in SSA 1 to SB 63 are as follows:

- Changes the current "Fur Dealers License" into the "Fur and Feather Dealers License" Redefine this license to include the purchase, sale, trade or barter of non-edible upland game bird parts.
- Defines "non-edible" parts to mean any parts "not bought, sold, bartered or traded for the purpose of being eaten."
- Requires a Class A or Class B Fur and Feather Dealers License in order to purchase feathers and other non-edible parts of upland game birds. To address concerns of the DNR and the Assembly Natural Resources chair, we came up with this provision to ensure that there would be some kind of documentation of these sales that could be traced later if necessary in the process of enforcing game laws.
- SSA 1, like the original bill, does not require a hunter who harvested a bird to have any special license or permit to sell the non-edible parts. The burden is on the Fur and Feather Dealer to keep track of the bird parts he purchases and the names and addresses of the parties he purchases them from.
- Current holders of a Fur Dealers License will be granted the additional privileges of the new version of that license, as will licensed taxidermists -- who already have the privileges of the Fur Dealers License as a part of the taxidermy license. The cost of the Class A and Class B Fur and Feather Dealers License will remain unchanged, at \$25 and \$10 respectively.



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Dan Johnson

Clerk, Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee

State Senator Neal Kedzie, Chair

11th Senate District

- What about road kill?
- What about duck feathers
- Any other name this?

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Professor (AGRI 575)

IS a hunter, hunts birds
Does not like bringing
animals into the economy,

Easy to trace because
entire hide goes along

w/ most animals -

- Game birds could be
taken out of season

- No Market in WI but
this bill would create a
market

- Now legal to possess
for personal use or
sifts but no sales,
- \$40 = \$50 for turkey
parts.

* More edible parts not
defined -

DIRL (Opposed)

Provision to see
captive animal parts
or fish farms.

OK? Deer Hide low value

only \$5.00 or less
lots of deer.

- legal to sell horns

- Squirrel tails & hides

- Bear claws & skull, hide &
claws

- Other for bearing animals

- Iceland Christensen II
Her history degree GWU
\$7 mil business in

Sean O'Leary -

- Biggest Tie Fly in U.S.

- Biggest deer hide