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CHAPTER 61-33 SOVEREIGN LAND MANAGEMENT

61-33-01. Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Board" means the sovereign lands advisory board.
2. "Board of university and school lands" means that entity created by section 15-01-01.
3. "Sovereign lands" means those areas, including beds and islands, lying within the ordinary high watermark of navigable lakes and streams. Lands established to be riparian accretion or reliction lands pursuant to section 47-06-05 are considered to be above the ordinary high watermark and are not sovereign lands.
4. "State engineer" means the person appointed by the state water commission pursuant to section 61-03-01.

History: Enacted 1989; amended 1991.

61-33-02. Administration of sovereign lands. All sovereign lands of the state must be administered by the state engineer and the board of university and school lands subject to the provisions of this chapter. Lands managed pursuant to this chapter are not subject to leasing provisions found elsewhere in this code.

History: Enacted 1989.

61-33-03. Transfer of possessory interests in real property. All possessory interests now owned or that may be acquired except oil, gas, and related hydrocarbons, in the sovereign lands of the state owned or controlled by the state or any of its officers, departments, or the Bank of North Dakota, together with any future increments, are transferred to the state of North Dakota, acting by and through the state engineer. All such possessory interests in oil, gas, and related hydrocarbons in the sovereign lands of the state are transferred to the state of North Dakota, acting by and through the board of university and school lands. These transfers are self-executing. No evidence other than the provisions of this chapter is required to establish the fact of transfer of title to the state of North Dakota, acting by and through the state engineer and board of university and school lands. Proper and sufficient delivery of all title documents is conclusively presumed.

History: Enacted 1989.

61-33-04. Existing contracts and encumbrances recognized. The transfers made by this chapter are subject to all existing contracts, rights, easements, and encumbrances made or sanctioned by the state or any of its officers or departments.

History: Enacted 1989.

61-33-05. Duties and powers of the state engineer. The state engineer shall manage, operate, and supervise all properties transferred to it by this chapter; may enter into any agreements regarding such property; may enforce all rights of the owner in its own name; may issue and enforce administrative orders and recover the cost of the enforcement from the party against which enforcement is sought; and may make and execute all instruments of release or conveyance as may be required pursuant to agreements made with respect to such assets, whether such agreements were made heretofore, or are made hereafter. The state engineer may enter agreements with the game and fish department or other law enforcement entities to enforce this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter.

History: Enacted 1989; amended 2007.

61-33-06. Duties and powers of the board of university and school lands. The board of university and school lands shall manage, operate, and supervise all properties transferred to it by this chapter; may enter into any agreements regarding such property; may enforce all subsurface rights of the owner in its own name; and may make and execute all instruments of release or conveyance as may be required pursuant to agreements made with respect to such assets, whether such agreements were made heretofore, or are made hereafter.

History: enacted 1989.

61-33-07. Deposit of income. All income derived from the lease and management of the lands acquired by the state engineer and board of university and school lands pursuant to this chapter and not belonging to other trust funds must be deposited in the strategic investment and improvements fund.

History: Enacted 1989; amended 2011.

61-33-08. Advisory board - Responsibilities. There is created a sovereign lands advisory board. The board's responsibility is to advise the state engineer and the board of university and school lands on general policies as well as specific projects, programs, and uses regarding sovereign lands. The board, being solely advisory, has no authority to require the state engineer or the board of university and school lands to implement or otherwise accept the board's recommendations.

History: Enacted 1989.

61-33-09. Members of the board - Organization - Meetings.

1. The board consists of the manager of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, the state engineer, the commissioner of university and school lands, the director of the parks and recreation department, the director of the game and fish department, and the state health officer, or their representatives.
2. The state engineer is the board's secretary.
3. The board shall meet at least once a year or at the call of the state engineer or two or more members of the board. The board shall meet at the office of the state engineer or at any other place decided upon by the board.
4. The board may adopt rules to govern its activities.

History: Enacted 1989; amended 1991, 1993, 1995.

61-33-10. Penalty. A person who violates this chapter or any rule implementing this chapter is guilty of a class B misdemeanor unless a lesser penalty is indicated. A civil penalty may be imposed by a court in a civil proceeding or by the state engineer through an adjudicative proceeding pursuant to chapter 28-32. The assessment of a civil penalty does not preclude the imposition of other sanctions authorized by law, this chapter, or rules adopted under this chapter. The state engineer may bring a civil action to recover damages resulting from violations and may also recover any costs incurred.

History: Enacted 2007.

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ARTICLE 89-10 SOVEREIGN LANDS

89-10-01-01. Authority. These rules are adopted and promulgated by the state engineer under North Dakota Century Code chapter 61-33 to provide consistency in the administration and management of sovereign lands. These rules do not apply to the state of North Dakota's interests in oil, gas, and related hydrocarbons on sovereign lands.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective April 1, 2008; April 1, 2009; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-02. Prohibition on permanent relinquishment. Sovereign lands may not be permanently relinquished, but must be held in perpetual trust for the benefit of the citizens of the state of North Dakota. All structures permitted or otherwise allowed for private use on sovereign lands are subordinate to public use and values.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective April 1, 2009; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-03. Definitions. The following definitions apply to this article:

1. "Authorization" means a permit, easement, lease, or management agreement approved and granted by the state engineer after application; and the authority granted in sections 89-10-01-10 and 89-10-01-19.
2. "Boardwalk" means a walk constructed of planking.
3. "Domestic use" means the use of water as defined by subsection 4 of North Dakota Century Code section 61-04-01.1.
4. "Grantee" means the person, including that person's assigns, successors, and agents, who has authorization.
5. "Livestock" means bison, cattle, horses, mules, goats, sheep, and swine.
6. "Navigable waters" means any waters that were in fact navigable at the time of statehood, that is, were used or were susceptible of being used in their ordinary condition as highways for commerce over which trade and travel were or may have been conducted in the customary modes of trade on water.

7. "Ordinary high watermark" means that line below which the action of the water is frequent enough either to prevent the growth of vegetation or to restrict its growth to predominantly wetland species. Islands in navigable waters are considered to be below the ordinary high watermark in their entirety.
8. "Project" means any activity that occurs either partially or wholly on sovereign lands.
9. "Riparian owner" means a person who owns land adjacent to navigable waters or the person's authorized agent.
10. "Snagging and clearing" means the removal and disposal of fallen trees and associated debris encountered within and along the channel.
11. "Structure" means something that is formed from parts, including equipment, boat docks, boat ramps, and water intakes.
12. "Watercraft" means any device capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective August 1, 1994; April 1, 2008; April 1, 2009; April 1, 2010; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-04. Authorization. Each project requires authorization from the state engineer before construction or operation, except as otherwise provided by these rules.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective August 1, 1994; April 1, 2008; April 1, 2009; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-05. Application for permit, easement, lease, or management agreement. Applications for authorization must be on forms prescribed by the state engineer and contain the information required by the state engineer. Applications must be submitted to the North Dakota State Engineer, State Office Building, 900 East Boulevard, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0850.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-06. Application review. Upon receipt of a completed application, the state engineer must initiate a review as follows:

1. Comments must be requested from the following entities:
 - a. The state game and fish department;
 - b. The state department of health;
 - c. The state historical society;
 - d. The state department of trust lands;
 - e. The state parks and recreation department;
 - f. The United States fish and wildlife service;
 - g. The park district and planning commission of any city or county where the proposed project will be located;
 - h. Any water resource district where the proposed project will be located; and
 - i. Other agencies, private entities, or landowner associations as appropriate or required by law.
2. Each entity must submit all comments in writing to the state engineer. The state engineer is not bound by any comment submitted. The state engineer must receive comments within thirty days of the date requests for comments were mailed.
3. Upon completion of the review and any public meeting held under section 89-10-01-07, the state engineer may grant, deny, or condition the application.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective August 1, 1994; April 1, 2008; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-06.1 Record - Official notice. Unless specifically excluded by the state engineer or the hearing officer, the record in each sovereign land permit application proceeding or adjudicative proceeding under North Dakota Century Code chapter 28-32 includes the following:

1. United States department of agriculture natural resources conservation service reports, including the North Dakota hydrology manual, North Dakota irrigation guide, and county soil survey reports.
2. United States geological survey and state water commission streamflow records.
3. National oceanic and atmospheric administration climatological data.
4. Topographic maps.
5. State engineer sovereign land permit files.
6. Information in state engineer and state water commission files, records, and other published reports.
7. North Dakota sovereign land management plan.
8. Ordinary high watermark delineation guidelines.
9. Aerial photos.

History: Effective July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-07. Public meeting. An information-gathering public meeting may be held by the state engineer before final action on a project. The procedure for notice and meeting must be as follows:

1. The state engineer must publish a notice of meeting in the official newspaper for each county where the project is located. The notice must be published once each week for two consecutive weeks.
2. The meeting date must be at least twenty days after the date of last publication.
3. The meeting must be conducted by the state engineer and the meeting may be held in Bismarck.
4. The meeting is not an adjudicative proceeding hearing under North Dakota Century Code chapter 28-32.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective August 1, 1994; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-08. General permit standards. The state engineer may approve, modify, or deny any permit application. In deciding what action to take on a permit application, the state engineer must consider the potential effects of the proposed project on the following:

1. Riparian owner's rights;
2. Recreation;
3. Navigation;
4. Aesthetics;
5. Environment;
6. Erosion;
7. Maintenance of existing water flows;
8. Fish and wildlife;
9. Water quality;
10. Cultural and historical resources; and
11. Alternative uses.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective April 1, 2008; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-09. Specific project requirements. Repealed effective July 1, 2014.

89-10-01-10. Projects not requiring a permit. The following projects do not require a permit:

1. Boat docks, if all of the following conditions are satisfied:
 - a. They are constructed, operated, and maintained by the riparian owner for personal use;
 - b. The dock is used only for embarkation, debarkation, moorage of watercraft, water intakes, or recreation;
 - c. Only clean, nonpolluting materials are used;

- d. The total length of the dock over the surface of the water does not exceed twenty-five feet [7.6 meters] on a river or fifty feet [15.24 meters] on a lake, and there is no unreasonable interference with navigation or access to an adjacent riparian owner's property;
 - e. The dock is connected to a point above the ordinary high watermark by a boardwalk that does not exceed twenty-five feet [7.6 meters] in length and is removed from below the ordinary high watermark each fall; and
 - f. Upon abandonment, the grantee restores the bank as closely as practicable to its original condition.
- 2. Water intakes, if all of the following conditions are satisfied:
 - a. They are constructed, operated, and maintained by the riparian owner for domestic use; and
 - b. The intake is removed from below the ordinary high watermark each fall.
 - 3. Watercraft that are temporarily moored.
 - 4. Snagging and clearing, when performed by a federal or state entity or political subdivision.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective August 1, 1994; April 1, 2009; April 1, 2010; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-10.1. Boat docks and water intakes. Boat docks and water intakes not meeting the criteria in 89-10-01-10 require a permit from the state engineer. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a noncriminal offense and must pay a two hundred fifty dollar fee per day. The dock will be subject to removal at the dock owner's expense.

History: Effective April 1, 2009; amended effective April 1, 2010; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-10.2. Boat dock registration. Boat docks that do not require a permit under this chapter and that are located on the Missouri River between the Oliver and Morton County line (river mile 1328.28) and Lake Oahe wildlife management area (river mile 1303.5) must be registered with the state engineer before placement of any such dock. The state engineer must provide registration forms. Any person who violates this

section is guilty of a noncriminal offense and must pay a two hundred fifty dollar fee per occurrence. The dock will be subject to removal at the dock owner's expense.

History: Effective April 1, 2010; amended effective July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-11. Structures. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the construction or moorage of a structure is prohibited on sovereign lands. If a structure is prohibited, the state engineer must:

1. Issue an order to the structure owner identifying the action required to modify or remove the structure and a date by which the ordered action must be taken. Unless an emergency exists, the date by which the ordered action must be taken must be at least twenty days after the order is issued.
2. If the ordered action is not taken by the date specified in the order, the state engineer may modify or remove the structure at the structure owner's expense.
3. The state engineer may commence a civil proceeding to enforce an order of the state engineer, or, if the state engineer modifies or removes the structure, the state engineer may assess the costs of such action against any property of the structure's owner or may commence a civil proceeding to recover the costs incurred in such action. If the state engineer chooses to recover costs by assessing the costs against property of the structure's owner and the property is insufficient to pay for the costs incurred, the state engineer may commence a civil proceeding to recover any costs not recovered through the assessment process. Any assessment levied under this section must be collected in the same manner as other real estate taxes are collected and paid.
4. A person who receives an order from the state engineer under this section may send a written request to the state engineer for a hearing. The state engineer must receive the request within ten days of the date the order is issued. The request for a hearing must state with particularity the issues, facts, and points of law to be presented at the hearing. If the state engineer determines the issues, facts, and points of law to be presented are well-founded and not frivolous and the request for a hearing was not made merely to interpose delay, the state engineer must set a hearing date without undue delay.
5. Any person aggrieved by the action of the state engineer may appeal the decision to the district court of the county where the sovereign lands at issue are located under North Dakota Century Code chapter 28-32. A

request for a hearing as provided in subsection 4 is a prerequisite to any appeal to the district court.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective August 1, 1994; April 1, 2008; April 1, 2009; April 1, 2010; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-03-21.3, 61-03-22, 61-33

89-10-01-12. Public recreational use. The public may use sovereign lands for recreational purposes except as otherwise provided by these rules or by signage posted by the state engineer.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective April 1, 2008; April 1, 2009.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-13. Vehicular access. The use of motorized vehicles on sovereign lands is prohibited, except:

1. When on government-established trails that have been permitted by the state engineer;
2. When on sovereign lands immediately adjacent to the Kimball Bottoms off-road riding area located on the south half of sections 23 and 24 and the north half of sections 25 and 26, all in township 137 north, range 80 west, Burleigh County;
3. When on state-designated off-road use areas, provided the area is managed and supervised by a government entity, the government entity has developed a management plan for the off-road area that has been submitted to the state engineer, and the managing government entity has obtained a sovereign lands permit for off-road use in the designated area;
4. To cross a stream by use of a ford, bridge, culvert, or similar structure, provided the crossing is in the most direct manner possible;
5. To launch or load watercraft in the most direct manner possible;
6. To access and operate on the frozen surfaces of any navigable water, provided the crossing of sovereign lands is in the most direct manner possible;
7. To access private land that has no other reasonable access point, provided that access across sovereign lands is in the most direct manner possible;

8. By disabled people who possess a mobility-impaired parking permit under North Dakota Century Code section 39-01-15 or shoot from a stationary motor vehicle permit under subsection 10 of North Dakota Century Code section 20.1-02-05;
9. When operation is necessary as part of a permitted activity or project;
10. By the riparian owner on sovereign lands that are adjacent to the riparian owner's property when moving or tending to livestock; installing or maintaining a livestock fence; installing, maintaining, or moving an authorized agricultural irrigation structure; or when engaged in other ordinary agricultural practices, provided the listed activities do not negatively affect public use or values; or
11. When being used by government personnel in the performance of their duties.

Any person who violates this section is guilty of a noncriminal offense and must pay a one hundred dollar fee per occurrence.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective August 1, 1994; April 1, 2008; April 1, 2009; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-14. Cancellation by the state engineer. The state engineer may cancel any authorization granted under these rules. Cancellation does not release the grantee from any liability. If an applicant is named in an active enforcement action ordered by the state engineer, the state engineer may hold any application submitted by the applicant in abeyance until the order has been satisfied.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective August 1, 1994; April 1, 2008; April 1, 2009; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-15. Termination by applicant. The grantee may terminate any authorization by notifying the state engineer in writing, paying all fees or other money owed to the state, and reclaiming the site under section 89-10-01-18.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-16. Assignments. Any authorization granted under these regulations may only be assigned with the written consent of the state engineer.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-17. Inspections. The state engineer may inspect all projects on sovereign lands and enter upon a grantee's land during normal working hours to carry out the inspection.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective August 1, 1994; April 1, 2009.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-18. Reclamation. After cancellation, termination, abandonment, or expiration of an authorization, grantee must reclaim the project location within one hundred twenty days. If the permit is for mining, reclamation must be within sixty days after the lease expires or the mining is complete. Upon written request, the state engineer may extend the time period if good cause is shown. If grantee fails to reclaim the site to the specifications in the authorization within the required timeframe, the state engineer may enter and restore the project location. The grantee is liable for all reclamation costs.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-19. Maintenance and repair. Maintenance or repair of authorized projects does not require additional authorization, provided the work is in conformance with the original authorization, standards, and specifications provided in this article and the work does not alter the use or size of the project.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective August 1, 1994; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-20. Areas of special interest. The state engineer may enter agreements for management of areas of high public value. Examples include parks, beaches, public access points, nondevelopment areas, and wildlife management areas.

History: Effective November 1, 1989; amended effective July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-21. Organized group activities. Organized group activities that are publicly advertised or are attended by more than twenty-five people are prohibited on sovereign lands without a permit. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a noncriminal offense and must pay a two hundred fifty dollar fee per occurrence.

History: Effective April 1, 2008; amended effective April 1, 2009; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-22. Pets. Pets are not allowed to run unattended on sovereign lands. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a noncriminal offense and must pay a fifty dollar fee per occurrence.

History: Effective April 1, 2008; amended effective April 1, 2009; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-23. Camping. Camping for longer than ten consecutive days within a thirty-day period in the same vicinity or leaving a campsite unattended for more than twenty-four hours is prohibited on sovereign lands. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a noncriminal offense and must pay a one hundred dollar fee per occurrence.

History: Effective April 1, 2008; amended effective April 1, 2009; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-24. Hunting, fishing, and trapping. All sovereign lands are open for public hunting, fishing, and trapping, except as provided in other rules, regulations, or laws or as posted at public entry points. Posting sovereign lands with signage by anyone other than the state engineer is prohibited without a sovereign lands permit. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a noncriminal offense and must pay a one hundred dollar fee per occurrence.

History: Effective April 1, 2008; amended effective April 1, 2009; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-25. Unattended watercraft. Watercraft may not be left unattended on or moored to sovereign lands for more than twenty-four hours except:

1. When moored to authorized docks; or
2. When moored to private property above the ordinary high watermark with a restraint that does not cause unreasonable interference with navigation or the public's use of land below the ordinary high watermark.

Any person who violates this section is guilty of a noncriminal offense and must pay a fifty dollar fee per day.

History: Effective April 1, 2008; amended effective April 1, 2009; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-26. Removal of public property. Public property, including trees, shrubs, vines, plants, soil, gravel, fill, rocks, fossils, sod, firewood, posts, or poles, may not be removed from sovereign lands without a permit. Firewood may be removed under certain stated conditions from designated firewood cutting plots. Commercial cutting of firewood is prohibited on sovereign lands. Gathering of downed wood for campfires is allowed. A riparian owner may hay or graze sovereign lands adjacent to the riparian owner's property, unless prohibited in writing by the state engineer. Berries and fruit may be picked for noncommercial use, unless prohibited by posted notice. Property may not be destroyed or defaced. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a noncriminal offense and must pay a two hundred fifty dollar fee per occurrence.

History: Effective April 1, 2008; amended effective April 1, 2009; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-27. Cultural or historical resources. Artifacts or any other cultural or historical resources found on sovereign lands may not be disturbed or destroyed without formal written approval from the state historical society and a permit from the state engineer.

History: Effective April 1, 2008; amended effective April 1, 2009; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-28. Disposal of waste. The disposal of refuse, rubbish, bottles, cans, or other waste materials is prohibited on sovereign lands except in garbage containers where provided. Holding tanks of campers or watercraft may not be dumped on sovereign lands. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a noncriminal offense and must pay a two hundred fifty dollar fee per occurrence.

History: Effective April 1, 2008; amended effective April 1, 2009; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-29. Glass containers. Glass containers are prohibited on sovereign lands. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a noncriminal offense and must pay a one hundred dollar fee per occurrence.

History: Effective April 1, 2009; amended effective July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-30. Abandoned property. Abandonment of vehicles or other personal property is prohibited on sovereign lands.

History: Effective April 1, 2009.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

Law Implemented: NDCC 61-33

89-10-01-31. Firearms. Use of firearms on sovereign lands is allowed except in a reckless and indiscriminate manner or as otherwise posted at public entry points. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a noncriminal offense and must pay a one hundred dollar fee per occurrence.

History: Effective April 1, 2009; amended effective July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

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89-10-01-32. Tree stands. Construction of a permanent tree stand or permanent steps to a tree stand is prohibited on sovereign lands. Portable tree stands, portable steps, screw-in steps, and natural tree stands may be used. Portable tree stands and portable steps are defined as those that are held to the tree with ropes, straps, cables, chains, or bars. Screw-in steps are those that are screwed into the tree by hand without the aid of tools. Ladder-type stands that lean against the tree are portable stands. Natural stands are those crotches, trunks, down trees, etc., where no platform is used. Tree stands do not preempt hunting rights of others in the vicinity of the tree stand. Tree stands and steps may not be put up before August twentieth and must be removed within three days of the close of the archery deer season. Stands and steps not removed within three days of the close of the archery deer season are considered abandoned property and are subject to removal and confiscation by the state engineer. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a noncriminal offense and must pay a one hundred dollar fee per tree stand.

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89-10-01-33. Baiting. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, placing or using bait to attract, lure, feed, or habituate wildlife to a bait location for any purpose is prohibited on sovereign lands. Bait includes grains, minerals, salt, fruits, vegetables,

hay, or any other natural or manufactured feeds. Bait does not include the use of lures, scents, or liquid attractants for hunting or management activities conducted by the state engineer. Bait may be used to lure and take furbearers when engaged in lawful trapping activities. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a noncriminal offense and must pay a one hundred dollar fee per occurrence.

History: Effective April 1, 2009; amended effective July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 61-03-13

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89-10-01-34. Dredging or filling. Unless permitted by the state engineer, dredging or filling on sovereign lands is prohibited. If prohibited dredging or filling occurs, the state engineer must:

1. Issue an order to the violator identifying the action required to restore the sovereign lands and a date by which the ordered action must be taken. Unless an emergency exists, the date by which the ordered action must be taken must be at least twenty days after the order is issued.
2. If the ordered action is not taken by the date specified in the order, the state engineer may take any action to restore the sovereign lands at the violator's expense.
3. The state engineer may commence a civil proceeding to enforce an order of the state engineer, or, if the state engineer takes action to restore sovereign lands, the state engineer may assess the costs of such action against the riparian owner's property where the dredging or filling occurred or may commence a civil proceeding to recover the costs incurred in such action. If the state engineer chooses to recover costs by assessing the costs against the riparian owner's property where the dredging or filling occurred and the property is insufficient to pay for the costs incurred, or if the riparian owner was not the party responsible for the dredging or filling, the state engineer may commence a civil proceeding to recover any costs not recovered through the assessment process. Any assessment levied under this section must be collected in the same manner as other real estate taxes are collected and paid.
4. A person who receives an order from the state engineer under this section may send a written request to the state engineer for a hearing. The state engineer must receive the request within ten days of the date the order is issued. The request for a hearing must state with particularity the issues, facts, and points of law to be presented at the hearing. If the state engineer determines the issues, facts, and points of law to be presented are well-founded and not frivolous and the request for a hearing was not made merely to interpose delay, the state engineer must set a hearing date without undue delay.

5. Any person aggrieved by the action of the state engineer may appeal the decision to the district court of the county where the sovereign lands at issue are located under North Dakota Century Code chapter 28-32. A request for a hearing as provided in subsection 4 is a prerequisite to any appeal to the district court.

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