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## ABSTRACT

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National trends point to a likely increase in fee hunting activity in North Dakota, but little is known about its extent or current impacts. A literature review provided information on the national and local status of fee hunting. A taxonomy was developed to standardize fee hunting terms and categories. Hunter participation in and attitudes about fee hunting were assessed through a mail survey of North Dakota hunters. Game wardens and extension agents estimated landowner participation in fee hunting. Only 1 percent of landowners and 3 percent of hunters participate in fee hunting in North Dakota, but about one-third said they would be willing to participate under certain conditions. The potential for fee hunting to contribute to the state's economy, create jobs, raise personal incomes, and help revitalize rural communities might be realized by retaining resident hunters, attracting nonresident hunters, and by increasing hunter expenditures in rural areas.