

**House File 2171 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE 2171  
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2062)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act authorizing the natural resource commission to issue a  
2 paddlefish fishing license and tag and providing penalties.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.1, subsection 1, Code 2014, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Of.* Paddlefish fishing license,  
4 annual .....\$ 20.00

5 Sec. 2. Section 483A.1, subsection 2, Code 2014, is amended  
6 by adding the following new paragraph:

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Of.* Paddlefish fishing license,  
8 annual .....\$ 40.00

9 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **483A.6A Paddlefish fishing license and**  
10 **tag.**

11 1. A resident fishing for paddlefish on the Missouri or  
12 Big Sioux river who is required to have a fishing license  
13 must purchase a paddlefish fishing license, in addition to a  
14 resident fishing license.

15 2. A nonresident fishing for paddlefish on the Missouri  
16 or Big Sioux river is required to have a fishing license that  
17 is valid in Iowa and, in addition, purchase a nonresident  
18 paddlefish fishing license.

19 3. The commission shall establish the number of annual  
20 paddlefish fishing licenses that may be issued pursuant to  
21 section 481A.39 for use on the Missouri or Big Sioux river.  
22 A paddlefish fishing license shall be accompanied by a tag  
23 designed to be used only once. If a paddlefish is taken  
24 pursuant to a paddlefish fishing license, the paddlefish shall  
25 be tagged immediately and the tag shall be dated.

26 Sec. 4. Section 483A.24, subsection 6, Code 2014, is amended  
27 to read as follows:

28 6. A resident or nonresident of the state under sixteen  
29 years of age is not required to have a license to fish in the  
30 waters of the state. However, residents and nonresidents under  
31 sixteen years of age must pay the trout fishing fee to possess  
32 trout or they must fish for trout with a licensed adult who has  
33 paid the trout fishing fee and limit their combined catch to  
34 the daily limit established by the commission. A resident or  
35 nonresident of the state under sixteen years of age is required

1 to have a paddlefish fishing license to fish for paddlefish on  
2 the Missouri or Big Sioux river.

3 Sec. 5. Section 805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code  
4 2014, is amended to read as follows:

5 c. For violations of sections 481A.6, 481A.21, 481A.22,  
6 481A.26, 481A.50, 481A.56, 481A.60 through 481A.62, 481A.83,  
7 481A.84, 481A.92, 481A.123, 481A.145, subsection 3, sections  
8 483A.6A, 483A.7, 483A.8, 483A.23, 483A.24, and 483A.28, the  
9 scheduled fine is twenty-five dollars.

10 EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill authorizes the natural resource commission to  
14 issue paddlefish fishing licenses for use on the Missouri  
15 and Big Sioux rivers pursuant to the commission's powers to  
16 maintain biological balance pursuant to Code section 481A.39.  
17 The license must be accompanied by a tag designed to be used  
18 only once. If a paddlefish is taken pursuant to the license,  
19 the paddlefish shall be tagged and the tag dated.

20 A resident fishing for paddlefish on the Missouri or Big  
21 Sioux river who is required to have a fishing license must  
22 have a resident fishing license and also purchase an annual  
23 paddlefish fishing license that costs \$20.

24 A nonresident fishing for paddlefish on the Missouri or Big  
25 Sioux river must have a fishing license that is valid in Iowa  
26 and also purchase an annual paddlefish fishing license that  
27 costs \$40.

28 A resident or nonresident of the state under 16 years of age  
29 is not required to have a fishing license to fish in the waters  
30 of the state but is required to have a paddlefish fishing  
31 license to fish for paddlefish on the Missouri or Big Sioux  
32 river.

33 A violation of the bill's requirements is punishable by a  
34 scheduled fine of \$25. In addition, a person who illegally  
35 takes a paddlefish must reimburse the state for the value of

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1 the fish in the amount of \$1,000 per fish pursuant to Code  
2 section 481A.130(1)(i)(3).