

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOE BALYEAT**, on January 30, 2003 at 3:06 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Michael Lange, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)
Rep. Carol Gibson (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Allen Rome (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Pat Wagman (R)
Rep. Sandy Weiss (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Please Note:

Video-taped Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 283, 1/17/2003; HB 262,
1/17/2003

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 283

Sponsor: REP. FUCHS, HD 15, BILLINGS

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:08 p.m. REP. FUCHS

Proponents' Testimony:

3:11 p.m. Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association,
Montana Fish and Game Association

EXHIBIT (fih20a01)

EXHIBIT (fih20a02)

3:15 p.m. Robert Fanning, Friends of the Northern Yellowstone Elk
Herd

EXHIBIT (fih20a03)

3:21 p.m. Bill Hoppe, North Yellowstone Outfitters, Friends of
the Northern Yellowstone Elk Herd

EXHIBIT (fih20a04)

3:25 p.m. Helen Franklin, Law Finders

EXHIBIT (fih20a05)

3:32 p.m. Warren Johnson

EXHIBIT (fih20a06)

3:33 p.m. Jim Durgan, Park County Commissioner

EXHIBIT (fih20a07)

EXHIBIT (fih20a08)

3:35 p.m. Garrett Bacon, Prickly Pear Sportsmens Association

3:36 p.m. John Dix

3:37 p.m. REP. MAEDJE, HD 81, Fortine

3:39 p.m. Mike Goettle, Rancher

- 3:40 p.m. **Randy Petrich, Paradise Valley**
- 3:43 p.m. **Robert Coffnam, Friends of the Northern Yellowstone Elk Herd**
- 3:44 p.m. **Dale Cumming, Wisdom**
- 3:48 p.m. **John Helle, Montana Woolgrowers Association**
- 3:50 p.m. **Gary DeLorenzo, TVRG**
- 3:53 p.m. **Joanne James, Big Fork**
- 3:55 p.m. **REP. GALLUS** present.
- 3:57 p.m. **Clarice Ryan**
- 3:59 p.m. **Clarence Taber, Montanans for Multiple Use**
EXHIBIT (fih20a09)
EXHIBIT (fih20a10)
- 4:04 p.m. **REP. RICE, HD 33, Harrison**
- 4:04 p.m. **Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association**
- 4:05 p.m. **Jean Johnson, Montana Outdoor and Guide Association**
- 4:06 p.m. **John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau**
- 4:07 p.m. **Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union**
- 4:07 p.m. **Theodore Kraus, Friends of the Northern Elk Herd, Livingston**
- 4:10 p.m. **Carol Hendrickson, North American Wolf Watch**
EXHIBIT (fih20a11)
- 4:12 p.m. **Ned Zimmerman, Rancher, Park County Stockgrowers**
- 4:13 p.m. **Conrad Kurtz, Skyline Sports Association**
- 4:13 p.m. **Gary Hall, Montanans for Multiple Use**
EXHIBIT (fih20a12)
EXHIBIT (fih20a13)
EXHIBIT (fih20a14)
- 4:14 p.m.

Opponents' Testimony:

4:15 p.m. **Larry Copenhaver, Montana Wildlife Federation**

4:18 p.m. **Cher Downs**

4:20 p.m. **Nelson Wert, Veterinarian, Rancher**

4:27 p.m. **Shawn Regnerus, Predator Conservation Alliance**

4:29 p.m. **Hank Fisher, National Wildlife Federation**

EXHIBIT (fih20a15)

4:34 p.m. **Drusha Mayhue, Bozeman**

EXHIBIT (fih20a16)

4:35 p.m. **Ron Mueller, Sierra Club**

4:36 p.m. **Stan Frasier, Helena**

4:38 p.m. **Betsy Robinson, Bozeman**

4:40 p.m. **Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society**

4:42 p.m. **Chris Smith, Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

EXHIBIT (fih20a17)

4:47 p.m. **Bill Payne**

4:48 p.m. **REP. SHOCKLEY present.**

4:49 p.m. **Katie Scherfig**

EXHIBIT (fih20a18)

4:50 p.m. **Chris Tweeten, Office of the Attorney General**

Informational Testimony:

4:55 p.m. **REP. WAGMAN, HD 26, Livingston**

EXHIBIT (fih20a19)

EXHIBIT (fih20a20)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:57 p.m. **REP. LANGE**

4:59 p.m. **Chris Tweeten**

4:59 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BALYEAT**

5:00 p.m. **REP. FUCHS**

5:01 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BALYEAT**

5:01 p.m. **Chris Smith**

5:03 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BALYEAT**

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5:07 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BALYEAT**

5:07 p.m. **REP. FUCHS**

5:09 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BALYEAT**

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5:10 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BALYEAT**

5:10 p.m. **REP. FUCHS**

5:11 p.m. **REP. FACEY**

5:11 p.m. **Chris Smith**

5:13 p.m. **REP. WAGMAN**

5:14 p.m. **Chris Smith**

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5:16 p.m. **REP. WAGMAN**
5:16 p.m. **Chris Smith**
5:19 p.m. **REP. CLARK**
5:19 p.m. **Chris Smith**
5:21 p.m. **REP. CLARK**
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5:23 p.m. **REP. GOLIE**
5:24 p.m. **Chris Smith**
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5:27 p.m. **Chris Smith**
5:28 p.m. **REP. GUTSCHE**
5:28 p.m. **Hank Fisher**
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5:30 p.m. **REP. GUTSCHE**
5:30 p.m. **Chris Tweeten**

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5:33 p.m. **Chris Smith**
5:33 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BALYEAT**
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5:34 p.m. **REP. LAKE**
5:35 p.m. **Chris Smith**
5:37 p.m. **REP. LAKE**
5:37 p.m. **Chris Smith**
5:37 p.m. **REP. WEISS**
5:39 p.m. **Chris Smith**
5:39 p.m. **REP. GIBSON**
5:40 p.m. **Randy Petridge**
5:41 p.m. **REP. FUCHS**
5:41 p.m. **REP. JENT**
5:41 p.m. **Chris Tweeten**
5:42 p.m. **REP. JENT**
5:42 p.m. **Chris Smith**
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5:46 p.m. **REP. JENT**
5:47 p.m. **REP. FUCHS**
5:47 p.m. **REP. BARRETT**
5:47 p.m. **John Helle**
5:48 p.m. **REP. BARRETT**
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5:50 p.m. **John Helle**
5:50 p.m. **REP. COHENOUR**
5:52 p.m. **REP. FUCHS**
5:52 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BALYEAT**
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5:54 p.m. **REP. WAGMAN**
5:54 p.m. **Nelson Wirt**
5:55 p.m. **REP. WAGMAN**
5:56 p.m. **Randy Petridge**
5:58 p.m. **REP. WAGMAN**
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6:01 p.m. CHAIRMAN BALYEAT

6:02 p.m. Randy Petridge

Closing by Sponsor:

6:03 p.m. REP. FUCHS

6:04 p.m. Break

6:11 p.m. Resume

HEARING ON HB 262

Sponsor: REP. FUCHS, HD 15, BILLINGS

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

6:12 p.m. REP. FUCHS

Proponents' Testimony:

6:13 p.m. Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association, WMFGA

6:14 p.m. Chris Smith, Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department

6:19 p.m. Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

6:20 p.m. Marilyn Rundquist
EXHIBIT (fih20a21)

6:24 p.m. Drusha Mayhue
EXHIBIT (fih20a22)

EXHIBIT (fih20a23)

EXHIBIT (fih20a24)

EXHIBIT (fih20a25)

EXHIBIT (fih20a26)

EXHIBIT (fih20a27)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

6:28 p.m. **REP. EVERETT**

6:28 p.m. **Chris Smith**

6:29 p.m. **REP. EVERETT**

6:29 p.m. **Chris Smith**

6:29 p.m. **REP. GUTSCHE**

6:30 p.m. **Chris Smith**

Closing by Sponsor:

6:31 p.m. **REP. FUCHS**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:37 P.M.

REP. JOE BALYEAT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (fih20aad)