

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on March 3,
2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Don Ryan (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Annie Glover, Committee Secretary
Chris Lohse, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 79, 2/28/2005; HB 14, 2/28/2005;
HB 119, 2/28/2005; HB 56, 2/28/2005
Executive Action: HB 56, HB 119, HB 14, HB 79

00:00:00

HEARING ON HB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. GEORGE GOLIE (D), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 79, Make the Habitat Montana program permanent.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:00:38 Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT(fis47a01)

EXHIBIT(fis47a02)

00:06:40 Mr. Stan Meyer, Chair, Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission, Racicot Administration

EXHIBIT(fis47a03)

00:09:26 Mr. Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

00:09:55 Mr. Les Hirsch, Rancher

00:12:42 Ms. Marge Gray, Harris Land and Cattle Company

00:14:21 Mr. Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:15:06 Ms. Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

00:17:26 Mr. Bob Lucas, Big Sky Upland Bird Association, Pheasants Forever

EXHIBIT(fis47a04)

00:19:12 Ms. Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

00:19:28 Ms. Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:19:43 Mr. Jerry Wells, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

EXHIBIT(fis47a05)

00:20:40 Mr. Paul Sihler, Sportsman

EXHIBIT(fis47a06)

00:21:38 Mr. Leroy Mehring, Skyline Sportsman's Association

00:22:01 Mr. Tony Schoonen, Water Clubs Access Association

00:22:25 Mr. Joe Gutkoski, Gallatin Wildlife Association

Opponents' Testimony:

Informational Testimony:

00:23:30

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Mr. Don Childress, Wildlife Division, Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Mr. Bob Lane, Fish, Chief Legal Counsel, Wildlife and Parks

00:34:26

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:52

HEARING ON HB 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. GEORGE GOLIE (D), HD 20, opened the hearing on **HB 14**,
Authorize auction of mountain goat license.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:04 **Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and
Parks**

EXHIBIT(fis47a07)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

00:43:05

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. BALYEAT will carry HB 14 on the Senate Floor.

00:43:38

HEARING ON HB 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. GEORGE GOLIE (D), HD 20, opened the hearing on **HB 119**, Make
permanent county recreational boating safety grants, boating
advisory council.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:45:02 **Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and
Parks**

EXHIBIT (fis47a08)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:46:59

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Mr. Ron Jendro, Boating Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

00:51:17

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. BARKUS will carry HB 119 on the Senate Floor.

00:53:28 Break.

01:02:42 Resume.

01:03:27

HEARING ON HB 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BILL WARDEN (R), HD 63, opened the hearing on **HB 56**, Make fishing access enhancement program permanent.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:04:22 **Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and
Parks**

EXHIBIT (fis47a09)

01:06:24 **Mr. Mike Volesky, Governor's Office**

01:07:30 **Mr. Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitting
Association of Montana**

01:08:08 **Ms. Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides
Association**

01:08:51 **Mr. Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited**

01:09:30 **Mr. Tony Schoonen, Montana Coalition for Stream
Access, Anaconda Sportsmen's Association**

01:10:27 **Mr. Leroy Mehring, Public Land's Access, Skyline Sportsmen**
01:11:29 **Mr. Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation**
01:11:54 **Mr. Joe Gutkoski, Gallatin Wildlife Association**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

01:12:35

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. BALYEAT will carry HB 56 on the Senate Floor.

01:13:19

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 56

Motion: **SEN. BALYEAT** moved that HB 56 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. **SEN. RYAN** and **SEN. GALLUS** voted aye by proxy.

01:13:59

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 119

Motion: **SEN. BARKUS** moved that HB 119 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Mr. Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. **SEN. RYAN** and **SEN. GALLUS** voted aye by proxy.

01:20:42

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 14

Motion: **SEN. BALYEAT** moved that HB 14 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. **SEN. RYAN** and **SEN. GALLUS** voted aye by proxy.

01:21:46

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 79

Motion: SEN. LARSON moved that HB 79 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

SEN. LARSON withdrew his motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis47aad0.PDF](#))