

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on March 17, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brenden, Chairman (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Kevin McCue, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 390, 3/7/2011; HB 335, 3/11/2011; HB 449, 3/11/2011

Executive Action: HB 449 - Be concurred in

HEARING ON HB 449

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:07 Rep. Mark Blasdel (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HB 449, Revise penalties for unlawful introduction of fish.
00:02:20 Sen. Brenden and Sen. Gallus left the hearing. Sen. Wittich joined the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:47 Mark Aagenes, lobbyist, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
00:04:05 Dave Risley, Fish and Wildlife Division Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis60a01)

00:05:06 George Golie, lobbyist, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
00:05:29 Robin Cunningham, Executive Director, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:11 Rep. Blasdel

HEARING ON HB 335

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:57 Rep. Mike Menahan (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 335, Provide accompaniment penalty in addition to fish & game privilege loss.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:08 Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
EXHIBIT(fis60a02)
00:10:57 George Golie, lobbyist, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:37 Sen. Balyeat
00:11:47 Rep. Menahan
00:14:10 Sen. Barrett
00:14:38 Rep. Menahan
00:16:26 Sen. Jent
00:17:40 Rep. Menahan
00:20:09 Sen. Wittich
00:21:11 Rep. Menahan
00:27:52 Sen. Shockley
00:28:18 Rep. Menahan
00:29:22 Sen. Barrett
00:30:36 Rep. Menahan
00:32:00 Sen. Balyeat
00:32:43 Rep. Menahan
00:33:29 Sen. Shockley left the hearing.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:43 Rep. Menahan

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 449

00:34:05 Motion: Sen. Facey moved that **HB 449 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:35:19 Sen. Facey
00:35:27 Sen. Wittich

00:36:25 Vote: Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Barrett voting no. Sen. Brenden, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Shockley voted by proxy. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

HEARING ON SB 390**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:38:41 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 390, Revise laws related to wildlife population management funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:45:53 Jim Brown, lobbyist, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
[EXHIBIT\(fis60a03\)](#)

00:50:13 Gene Curry, 2nd Vice President, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)
00:51:57 John Helle, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:55:52 Dave Risley, Fish and Wildlife Division Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis60a04)

01:01:46 George Golie, lobbyist, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:04:19 Vito Quatraro, President, Headwaters Sportsman Association (HSA)
01:06:50 Bob Gilbert, Executive Director, Walleyes Unlimited of Montana (WUM)
01:09:18 Mark Aagenes, lobbyist, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
01:10:07 Joe Perry, Conrad Sportsmen's Alliance
01:11:34 Casey Perkins, lobbyist, Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:10 Sen. Wittich
01:15:00 Sen. Jones
01:17:24 Sen. Wittich
01:17:51 Mr. Risley, FWP
01:23:36 Sen. Balyeat
01:23:45 Mr. Risley
01:23:55 Sen. Shockley
01:24:30 Mr. Golie, MWF
01:27:17 Sen. Shockley
01:27:33 Mr. Risley
01:28:15 Sen. Hamlett
01:29:07 Without objection, Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
01:29:30 Sen. Barrett
01:29:44 Mr. Risley
01:31:13 Quintin Kujala, Wildlife Management Section Chief, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
01:32:23 Sen. Barrett
01:32:42 Mr. Risley
01:33:44 Sen. Barrett
01:34:30 Mr. Helle
01:35:06 Sen. Balyeat
01:35:32 Mr. Risley
01:38:44 Sen. Balyeat
01:39:07 Sen. Jones
01:39:46 Mr. Brown, MWGA
01:42:34 Sen. Balyeat
01:42:45 Sen. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

01:43:17 Sen. Jones

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY

EXHIBIT(fis60a05)

Testimony related to SB 390 distributed to committee on March 17, 2011 by Barb Cestero, Montana Director, Greater Yellowstone Coalition.

EXHIBIT(fis60a06)

Testimony related to SB 402 requested and distributed to committee on March 17, 2011 by Dave Risley, Fish and Wildlife Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP).

ADJOURNMENT

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01:45:55

Kevin McCue, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis60aad.pdf](#))