

SENATE FISH AND GAME
EXHIBIT NO. 9
DATE 2-5-13
BILL NO. HB 73



Chairman Brenden and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jerry Davis and I represent the Montana Bowhunters Association in this testimony.

The MBA supports HB 73. It maintains viable wolf populations while granting broad authority to the Commission to manage wolf populations through the issuance of multiple licenses to an individual. Additionally, if passed into law, the provisions will become effective immediately, allowing for the issuance of multiple licenses prior to the end of this year's wolf season.

HB 73 provides additional flexibility to the Commission's authority to set seasons and quotas while maintaining compliance with Montana's approved Wolf Management Plan, thus precluding Federal management through the Endangered Species Act. We appreciate Representative Flynn's efforts in sponsoring the bill and we urge you to pass it through committee.

Thank you,