

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on January 15, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Chair (R)
Rep. Doug Kary, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Marissa Stockton, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 26, 1/8/2013; HB 33, 1/8/2013; HB 62, 1/8/2013
Executive Action Taken: HB 73

00:21:43 Chair Welborn

00:23:03 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wilmer moved to allow the use of proxy's. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:23:12 Chair Welborn

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 73

00:24:37 **Motion:** Rep. Flynn moved that **HB 73 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:24:54 Hope Stockwell, LSD

00:26:18 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 73 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(fih07a01)

Discussion:

00:26:34 Rep. Doane
00:26:38 Chair Welborn
00:26:56 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:27:05 Rep. Wilmer
00:27:14 Rep. Flynn
00:27:54 Rep. Wilmer
00:28:17 Rep. Flynn
00:29:05 Rep. Wilmer
00:29:09 Rep. Flynn
00:29:39 Rep. Hoven
00:30:02 Rep. Flynn
00:30:08 Chair Welborn
00:30:47 Rep. Connell

00:32:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Boland, Rep. Court, Rep. Hoven, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Lieser, Rep. Pomnichowski, Rep. Price, Rep. Smith and Rep. Wilmer voting no. Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Vance and Rep. Washburn voted by proxy.

00:32:48 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 73 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(fih07a02)

Discussion:

00:33:09 Rep. Flynn
00:33:49 Chair Welborn
00:33:56 Rep. Warburton
00:34:14 Chair Welborn
00:34:21 Hope Stockwell, LSD
00:34:52 Rep. Wilmer
00:35:00 Rep. Shaw
00:35:32 Chair Welborn

00:35:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 20-1 by voice vote with Rep. Pomnichowski voting no. Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Vance and Rep. Washburn voted by proxy.

00:36:32 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 73 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:36:49 Rep. White
00:37:42 Chair Welborn
00:37:43 Rep. Flynn
00:39:05 Chair Welborn
00:39:36 Rep. Shaw
00:40:33 Chair Welborn
00:40:35 Rep. Connell
00:43:00 Chair Welborn
00:43:04 Rep. Wilmer
00:44:36 Chair Welborn

00:46:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Vance and Rep. Washburn voted by proxy.

00:46:10 Rep. Jacobson arrived.

HEARING ON HB 62

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:19 Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 62, Authorize FWP commission to require barbless hooks in catch-and-release waters.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:06:29 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:06:54 Chair Welborn
01:07:08 Bruce Rich, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fih07a03)

01:09:44 Chair Welborn

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:07 Rep. Wilmer
01:10:47 Bruce Rich, FWP
01:10:52 Rep. Wilmer
01:11:17 Bruce Rich, FWP
01:11:55 Rep. Wilmer
01:12:14 Bruce Rich, FWP
01:12:34 Chair Welborn
01:12:37 Rep. Greef
01:14:08 Bruce Rich, FWP
01:16:15 Chair Welborn

01:16:22 Rep. Wagoner
01:16:37 Bruce Rich, FWP
01:16:52 Chair Welborn
01:16:55 Rep. Jacobson
01:17:03 Bruce Rich, FWP
01:17:12 Rep. Jacobson
01:17:13 Bruce Rich, FWP
01:18:06 Chair Welborn
01:18:10 Rep. Lieser
01:18:35 Bruce Rich, FWP
01:19:06 Chair Welborn

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:18 Rep. Connell
01:23:41 Chair Welborn

HEARING ON HB 33

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:39:13 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 33, Revising large predator laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:43:04 Ken McDonald, FWP
EXHIBIT(fih07a04)
01:52:22 Chair Welborn
01:52:52 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)
EXHIBIT(fih07a05)
01:54:34 Chair Welborn
01:54:39 George Golie, MWF
01:55:36 Chair Welborn
01:56:04 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Association
EXHIBIT(fih07a06)
01:56:21 Ben Lamb, Helena Hunters and Anglers Association
EXHIBIT(fih07a07)
01:58:02 Erin Edge, Defenders of Wildlife
EXHIBIT(fih07a08)
01:59:10 Chair Welborn
01:59:22 Rod Bullis, Self
02:00:46 Chair Welborn

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:01:12 Rep. Wilmer
02:01:36 Ken McDonald, FWP
02:02:07 Chair Welborn
02:02:14 Rep. Court

02:02:58 Rep. Washburn
02:03:06 Rep. Court
02:03:40 Ken McDonald, FWP
02:04:04 Chair Welborn
02:04:08 Rep. Warburton
02:04:24 Ken McDonald, FWP
02:04:39 Rep. Warburton
02:04:48 Ken McDonald, FWP
02:06:33 Chair Welborn
02:06:36 Rep. Smith
02:06:50 Ken McDonald, FWP
02:07:47 Chair Welborn
02:07:51 Rep. Hoven
02:08:07 Ken McDonald, FWP
02:08:45 Rep. Doane
02:09:26 Ken McDonald, FWP
02:09:46 Rep. Doane
02:09:54 Ken McDonald, FWP
02:10:14 Rep. Doane
02:10:26 Chair Welborn

Closing by Sponsor:

02:11:09 Rep. Washburn

HEARING ON HB 26

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:12:57 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 26, Allow lighted nock on arrows while big game hunting.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:16:26 Chair Welborn
02:16:33 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
02:17:32 Chair Welborn

Opponents' Testimony:

02:17:57 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)

[EXHIBIT\(fih07a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih07a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih07a11\)](#)

02:21:46 Chair Welborn

02:21:56 Joe Perry

02:23:23 Chair Welborn

02:23:36 Marvin Drake, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fih07a12\)](#)

02:29:12 George Golie, MWF

Informational Testimony:

02:30:29 Ken McDonald, FWP

EXHIBIT(fih07a13)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:31:48 Rep. Jacobson
02:32:08 Jerry Davis, MBA
02:34:42 Rep. Jacobson
02:36:03 Jerry Davis, MBA
02:37:33 Chair Welborn
02:37:36 Rep. Flynn
02:38:02 Jerry Davis, MBA
02:39:24 Rep. Flynn
02:39:42 Rep. Court left.
02:39:58 Jerry Davis, MBA
02:41:16 Rep. Wagoner
02:41:36 Jerry Davis, MBA
02:41:57 Chair Welborn
02:42:02 Rep. Shaw
02:42:30 Marvin Drake
02:43:28 Rep/ Shaw
02:44:27 Marvin Drake
02:45:49 Chair Welborn
02:45:56 Rep. Lieser
02:46:18 Ken McDonald, FWP
02:47:08 Chair Welborn
02:47:12 Rep. Greef
02:48:28 Marvin Drake
02:50:46 Chair Welborn
02:50:54 Rep. Wagoner
02:51:33 Jerry Davis, MBA
02:51:46 Chair Welborn

Closing by Sponsor:

02:51:51 Rep. Washburn

02:55:14 Chair Welborn

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:55:39

Marissa Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT\(fih07a14\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih07a15\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih07a16\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih07a17\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih07a18\)](#)

Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT\(fih07aad.pdf\)](#)