

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on February 5, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brenden, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mary Kulawik, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 197, 1/28/2013; HB 73, 1/30/2013
Executive Action: HB 73, Be Concurred In

Discussion on SB 143:

00:37:25 Chairman Brenden

[EXHIBIT\(fis25a01\)](#)

HEARING ON SB 197

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:12 Sen. Scott Boulanger (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 197, Create apprentice hunter certificate.

[EXHIBIT\(fis25a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:45:20 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
 00:49:49 Gary Evans, National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF)
 00:53:30 Ayden Fasbender, self
 00:56:18 Bennett and Taylor Wohlers, selves
 00:58:39 Jon Wemple, President, Safari Club International (SCI)
 01:05:14 Keith Kubista, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MTSFW)
 01:07:07 Bob Gilbert, Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU)
 01:07:40 Rep. Champ Edmunds (R) HD 100, self
 01:08:53 Rob Arnaud, self
 01:09:38 Paul Rossignol, self
 01:10:19 George Cobb, Safari Club International (SCI)
 01:10:49 Robert Sanders, Manager of Conservation Programs, Ducks Unlimited (DU)
 01:11:14 Jason Ellsworth, self

[EXHIBIT\(fis25a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:15:35 Roger Lloyd, self
 01:19:25 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
 01:23:32 Jerry Davis, self
 01:26:41 John Borgreen, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis25a04\)](#)

01:33:52 Rep. Gordon Pierson, (D) HD 85, self
 01:36:25 Meagan Forsman, self

[EXHIBIT\(fis25a05\)](#)

01:38:51 Sam Milodragovich, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)
 01:40:19 Vito Quatraro, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)
 01:42:01 Joe Perry, Conrad Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

Informational Testimony:

01:44:24 Ron Aasheim, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis25a06\)](#)

01:44:39 Evan Heusinkveld, Director of Government Affairs, U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:45:03 Sen. Thomas
01:47:43 Evan Heusinkveld, USSA
01:48:10 Sen. Van Dyk
01:49:35 Sen. Boulanger
01:50:06 Sen. Ripley
01:51:55 Ron Aasheim, FWP
01:52:04 Evan Heusinkveld
01:53:41 Sen. Fielder
01:56:16 Evan Heusinkveld
01:57:17 Sen. Facey
01:57:46 Evan Heusinkveld
01:58:17 Sen. Facey
01:59:55 Ron Aasheim
02:00:14 Chairman Brenden
02:00:59 Ron Aasheim
02:01:16 Sen. Ripley
02:01:42 Ayden Fasbender, self

Closing by Sponsor:

02:02:02 Sen. Boulanger

HEARING ON HB 73

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:04:45 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 73, Revise wolf hunting laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:09:07 Jeff Hagener, Director, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis25a07\)](#)

02:11:50 Paul Rossignol, self

[EXHIBIT\(fis25a08\)](#)

02:13:23 Vito Quatraro, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

02:13:49 Keith Kubista, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MTSFW)

02:14:19 Rob Arnaud, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

02:14:40 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
 02:15:01 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)

EXHIBIT(fis25a09)

02:15:24 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
 02:15:34 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:16:17 Mike Leahy, Defenders of Wildlife (DW)
 02:18:48 Claudia Narcisco, Volunteer, Montana Chapter, Sierra Club (SC)

EXHIBIT(fis25a10)

02:22:12 Kim Bean, Wolves of the Rockies (WR)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:25:37 Sen. Thomas
 02:27:10 Sen. Flynn
 02:27:41 Sen. Fielder
 02:29:27 Jeff Hagener, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

02:29:58 Sen. Flynn

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 73

02:32:02 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 73 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:32:20 Sen. Thomas
 02:33:12 Sen. Van Dyk
 02:33:32 Jeff Hagener
 02:33:58 Sen. Hamlett
 02:34:15 Chair Brenden
 02:34:27 Sen. Thomas
 02:34:49 Sen. Jent

02:35:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Barrett and Sen. Peterson voted by proxy. Sen. Brenden will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:05 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([fis25aad.pdf](#))