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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on February 19, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brenden, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 344, 2/18/2013; SB 305, 2/14/2013; SB 341, 2/18/2013; SB
260, 2/14/2013

Executive Action: SB 344, DP

HEARING ON SB 344

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:05 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 344, Public scoping process for FWP land acquisitions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:46 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:20:34 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

00:21:06 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:21:46 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon (MA)

00:22:05 Vito Quatraro, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

00:22:24 Jeff Barber, Montana Chapter, Nature Conservancy (NC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:52 Sen. Fielder

00:24:11 Ken McDonald, FWP

00:24:38 Sen. Fielder

00:26:23 Sen. Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:49 Sen. Vincent

HEARING ON SB 305

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:59 Sen. Jim Peterson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 305, Generally revise laws governing bison management in Montana.

00:29:20 Sen. Barrett entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:29 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) and Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:35:34 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:36:04 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, Montana Department of Fish,
Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis37a01)

00:41:36 Dick Dolan, American Prairie Reserve (APR)

00:42:12 Sen. Facey entered the hearing.

00:44:28 Tom France, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

00:48:31 Steve Forrest, self

00:50:15 Jonathan Proctor, Defenders of Wildlife (DOW)

Informational Testimony:

00:50:59 Christian Mackay, Executive Officer, Board of Livestock (BOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:29 Sen. Van Dyk

00:54:17 Sen. Peterson

00:55:24 Sen. Fielder

00:57:38 Dick Dolan, APR

00:57:49 Sen. Hamlett

01:02:04 Dick Dolan

01:03:05 Sen. Ripley

01:07:07 Steve Forrest, self

01:08:03 Sen. Barrett

01:08:50 Sen. Peterson

01:10:05 Chairman Brenden

01:10:16 Ken McDonald, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:27 Sen. Peterson

HEARING ON SB 341

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:14:28 Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 341, Establish criteria
for transplantation or augmentation of wildlife.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:23:15 Paul Fielder, self

01:24:52 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) and Montana Public
Lands Council (MPLC)

01:27:21 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:28:10 Quentin Kujala, Wildlife Bureau Coordinator, Montana Department of Fish,
Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis37a02)

01:31:22 Jim Posewitz, self

01:38:50 Jim Weatherly, Executive Director, Montana Wild Sheep Foundation (MWSF)

01:40:40 Sen. Hamlett left the hearing.

01:43:00 Vito Quatraro, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

EXHIBIT(fis37a03)

01:44:16 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

01:45:56 Jonathan Proctor, Defenders of Wildlife (DOW)

01:47:55 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon (MA)

01:49:04 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:49:56 Sen. Thomas

01:53:15 Quentin Kujala, FWP

01:53:35 Sen. Barrett

01:55:23 Quentin Kujala

Closing by Sponsor:

01:55:59 Sen. Fielder

HEARING ON SB 260

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:58:42 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 260, Revise restriction
on # of nonresident large predator hunting licenses issued.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:04:05 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

02:04:38 Patrick Tabor, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA), President of
Professional Wilderness Outfitters Association (PWOA), and Owner of Swan
Mountain Outfitters (SMO)

EXHIBIT(fis37a04)

02:09:04 Sen. Scott Boulanger (R), SD 44, self

02:14:28 Mac Manard, Executive Director, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
(MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis37a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:17:29 Rod Bullis, Bitterroot Houndsmen (BH)

[EXHIBIT\(fis37a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis37a07\)](#)

02:22:05 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, Montana Department of Fish,
Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis37a08\)](#)

02:26:53 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

02:27:00 Sen. Fielder left the hearing.

02:27:56 Vito Quatraro, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis37a09\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:28:55 Sen. Facey

02:29:14 Ken McDonald, FWP

02:30:30 Chairman Brenden

02:32:03 Ken McDonald

02:32:19 Sen. Barrett

02:32:33 Ken McDonald

Closing by Sponsor:

02:32:55 Sen. Thomas

Committee Business:

02:36:24 Chairman Brenden

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 344

02:37:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 344 DO PASS**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Jent were excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:22 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Document

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis37aad.pdf](#))