

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

**Call to Order:** Chair John Brenden, on March 5, 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. Debby Barrett (R)  
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Larry Jent (D)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Fred Thomas (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: HB 142, 2/26/2013; HB 136, 2/26/2013; HB 27, 2/26/2013; HB 179, 2/26/2013

Executive Action: HB 142 - Be Concurred In  
HB 179 - Be Concurred In

**HEARING ON HB 142**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:37:42 Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 142, Restore Dingell-Johnson fish restoration and management funding assent language.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:39:23 Paul Sihler, Administrator, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis47a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:41:16 Sen. Ripley  
00:41:27 Paul Sihler, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:42:02 Rep. Connell  
00:42:35 Sen. Jent left the hearing.

**HEARING ON HB 136**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:43:14 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 136, Revise nonresident youth combination hunting laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:44:20 Paul Sihler, Administrator, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis47a02\)](#)

00:45:18 Sam Milodragovich, Skyline Sportsmen (SS) and Anaconda Sportsmen (AS)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:46:02 Rep. McClafferty

**HEARING ON HB 27****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:47:01 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 27, Authorize use of sound suppressors while hunting certain large predators.

[EXHIBIT\(fis47a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:50:11 Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis47a04\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:52:42 Sen. Fielder  
00:55:12 Jim Kropp, FWP  
00:55:27 Sen. Ripley  
00:59:06 Jim Kropp  
01:00:05 Sen. Barrett  
01:00:47 Rep. Washburn  
01:01:00 Chairman Brenden  
01:01:19 Sen. Van Dyk  
01:02:55 Jim Kropp  
01:03:28 Sen. Hamlett  
01:03:58 Jim Kropp  
01:04:07 Sen. Ripley  
01:04:28 Jim Kropp  
01:05:21 Chairman Brenden  
01:05:40 Jim Kropp

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:06:11 Rep. Washburn

01:08:51 Sen. Hamlett

01:09:08 Chairman Brenden

**HEARING ON HB 179****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:09:45 Rep. Lee Randall (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 179, Allow certain hunting licenses for disabled armed forces members.

01:11:10 Sen. Facey entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:11:36 Paul Sihler, Administrator, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis47a05\)](#)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:12:20 Sen. Ripley

01:13:14 Paul Sihler, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:13:42 Rep. Randall

**Committee Business:**

01:13:55 Chairman Brenden

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 179**

01:14:39 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. De. Barrett moved that **HB 179 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Jent and Sen. Thomas were excused. Sen. Fielder will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 142**

01:15:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. De. Barrett moved that **HB 142 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Jent and Sen. Thomas were excused. Sen. Ripley will carry the bill.

**Committee Business:**

01:15:30 Sen. Van Dyk

01:15:43 Chairman Brenden

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:55 P.M.

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Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fis47aad.pdf](#))**