

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on March 26, 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. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

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 397, 3/21/2013

Executive Action: HB 147 - Be Concurred In As Amended
SB 143 - Do Pass As Amended
SB 380 - Do Pass As Amended
SB 381 - Do Pass
SB 397 - Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 397**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:35:55 Sen. Scott Boulanger (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 397, Establishing provisional hunting seasons for certain large predators.

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a10\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:57:10 Keith Kubista, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MSFW)

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a11\)](#)

00:59:58 Paul Rossignol, self

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a12\)](#)

01:02:27 C. K. Ripley, Billings Chapter of Safari Club International (SCI)

01:03:03 Mike Colpo, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MSFW)

01:04:00 Mike Murphy, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MSFW)

01:04:35 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

01:05:38 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

01:06:21 Leonard Wortman, Chairman, Jefferson County Commission (JCC)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:07:08 Rod Bullis, Bitterroot Valley Houndsmen Association (BVHA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a13\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a14\)](#)

01:09:26 Vito Quatraro, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a15\)](#)

01:14:01 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a16\)](#)

01:18:23 Steve Clevidence, self

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a17\)](#)

01:20:34 Justin Sakalis, Montana Audubon (MA)

01:23:02 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

01:25:56 Steve Platt, Montana Back Country Hunters and Anglers (MBCCHA)
01:26:19 Rob Gregoire, self
01:27:41 Mike Leahy, Defenders of Wildlife (DOW)
01:30:35 John Borgreen, Russell Country Sportsmen of Great Falls (RCSGF)
01:31:59 Ben Lamb, self
01:34:20 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers (HHA)
01:35:48 Quentin Kujala, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis65a18)

01:37:10 Zack Strong, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

Informational Testimony:

01:37:47 Rob Arnaud, self

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:38:24 Sen. Jent
01:39:42 Quentin Kujala, FWP
01:39:50 Sen. Thomas
01:41:41 Quentin Kujala
01:42:10 Sen. Peterson
01:43:21 Rob Arnaud, self
01:45:08 Sen. Ripley
01:46:58 Vito Quatraro, MSA
01:47:13 Sen. Ripley
01:47:51 Rob Arnaud
01:48:25 Sen. Ripley
01:50:02 Stan Frasier, HHA
01:50:33 Sen. Fielder
01:55:20 Quentin Kujala
01:55:28 Sen. Facey
01:55:43 Rob Arnaud
01:56:16 Sen. Facey
01:59:51 Sen. Boulanger
02:01:11 Sen. Barrett
02:02:51 Mike Leahy, DOW
02:03:26 Sen. Hamlett
02:04:24 Quentin Kujala
02:04:46 Chairman Brenden
02:04:57 Rob Arnaud
02:05:06 Chairman Brenden
02:06:51 Sen. Boulanger
02:07:13 Chairman Brenden
02:07:31 Rod Bullis, BVHA
02:07:38 Sen. Barrett
02:08:04 Quentin Kujala
02:08:30 Sen. Barrett
02:08:51 Rob Arnaud
02:09:54 Sen. Thomas

02:11:43 Sen. Van Dyk entered the hearing.

02:15:53 Quentin Kujala

02:17:04 Sen. Fielder

02:17:50 Sen. Boulanger

Closing by Sponsor:

02:19:20 Sen. Boulanger

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a19\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a20\)](#)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 147

02:24:56 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 147 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:25:00 Sen. Ripley

02:25:19 Sen. Thomas

02:25:39 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 147 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a21\)](#)

Discussion:

02:25:50 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:27:10 Sen. Thomas

02:28:24 Jason Mohr, LSD

02:29:13 Sen. Van Dyk

02:30:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote.

02:30:21 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 147 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:30:28 Sen. Thomas

02:31:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by roll call vote. Sen. Thomas will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 143

02:33:02 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 143 DO PASS.**

02:33:08 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 143 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(fis65a22\)](#)

Discussion:

02:33:19 Chairman Brenden
02:34:22 Sen. Barrett
02:34:28 Jason Mohr

02:34:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Van Dyk voting no.

02:35:18 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 143 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Jent and Sen. Van Dyk voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 380

02:36:18 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 380 DO PASS.**

02:37:03 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 380 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fis65a23\)](#)

Discussion:

02:37:25 Jason Mohr
02:38:50 Sen. Van Dyk
02:43:12 Sen. Ripley
02:43:41 Sen. Facey
02:44:22 Sen. Peterson
02:44:43 Sen. Vincent
02:47:25 Sen. Fielder
02:47:45 Sen. Vincent

02:48:00 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Jent and Sen. Van Dyk voting aye.

02:48:54 **Motion:** Sen. De. Barrett moved that **SB 380 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fis65a24\)](#)

02:49:00 Sen. Ripley left the hearing.

Discussion:

02:49:15 Jason Mohr

02:50:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Ripley voted by proxy.

02:51:35 **Motion:** Sen. De. Barrett moved that **SB 380 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fis65a25\)](#)

Discussion:

02:51:52 Sen. Peterson

02:52:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ripley voted by proxy.

02:52:35 **Motion:** Sen. De. Barrett moved that **SB 380 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:52:36 Sen. Barrett

02:53:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey and Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Ripley voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 397**Discussion:**

02:53:50 Chairman Brenden

02:54:10 Jason Mohr

02:54:18 Chairman Brenden

02:54:58 **Motion:** Sen. De. Barrett moved that **SB 397 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:55:18 Sen. Facey

02:56:32 Sen. Hamlett

02:57:35 Sen. Jent

03:02:35 Sen. Fielder

03:03:29 Quentin Kujala

03:04:30 Sen. Van Dyk

03:06:24 Sen. Peterson

03:08:36 Sen. Barrett

03:10:10 Sen. Ripley returned to the hearing.

03:10:44 Sen. Thomas

03:13:28 Chairman Brenden

03:16:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Jent and Sen. Van Dyk voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 381

03:17:10 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fielder moved that **SB 381 BE REMOVED FROM TABLED.** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Jent and Sen. Van Dyk voting no.

03:18:20 **Motion:** Sen. Fielder moved that **SB 381 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

03:18:30 Chairman Brenden
03:19:00 Sen. Vincent
03:19:28 Jason Mohr
03:19:40 Sen. Vincent
03:20:27 Sen. Ripley
03:20:40 Jason Mohr
03:21:24 Sen. Peterson
03:21:44 Sen. Thomas
03:21:48 Sen. Vincent
03:23:09 Sen. Van Dyk
03:23:56 Sen. Thomas
03:24:28 Sen. Ripley
03:24:38 Jason Mohr
03:25:18 Sen. Vincent
03:26:12 Sen. Hamlett
03:26:21 Sen. Facey

03:27:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Facey, Sen. Jent and Sen. Van Dyk voting no.

Committee Business:

03:27:50 Chairman Brenden
03:28:29 Sen. Thomas

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:56 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([fis65aad.pdf](#))