

**Environmental Quality Council
Senator John Brenden; Chairman**

Dear Senator Brenden and Council members:

Laurel Rod & Gun Club and our 400 family members appreciate the opportunity to comment, we wish to add our comments to the official record. LRGC's family members are firm believers in the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and the Public Trust Doctrine being the cornerstone of the "Model". Having said that, we firmly believe that our public trust agency; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is in great need of the suggestions put forth by the Licensing and Funding Advisory Council.

This group of Montana citizens put forth a lot of effort to deal with this issue and we think they came up with good recommendations. What the group came up with is what was needed, that being a cleanup of the "too many" license classifications which total ~4.5 million \$\$\$. Our public trust agency has an outdated business plan on how/when they collect \$, 10 years is too many years to go without having firm financial upgrades. These recommendations go a long way towards righting those flaws.

Laurel Rod & Gun Club and our family members believe these changes should be instituted, they are a good beginning to changing a meddling Legislature in regard to our Montana outdoor traditions and who should benefit and what they pay to pursue those outdoor traditions. Again, thank you for allowing us to comment.

Respectfully submitted

Irv Wilke, President

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