

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on January 31, 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. Fred Thomas (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Larry Jent (D)
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 143, 1/28/2013

HEARING ON SB 143**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:16:24 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 143, Revise bison management.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:14 Bill Hoppe, self
00:27:48 Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
00:29:21 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:31:17 Charlie Rein, self
00:34:40 Frank Rigler, self

[EXHIBIT\(fis21a01\)](#)

00:44:42 Joe Sperano, self
00:48:50 Paul Ellis, self
00:49:06 John Robidou, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:50:34 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), SD 16
00:52:25 Reuben Mathias, Tribal Council Member, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
00:55:01 McCoy Oatman, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC)

[EXHIBIT\(fis21a02\)](#)

00:58:02 Germaine White, Information and Education Officer, Natural Resources Department, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

[EXHIBIT\(fis21a03\)](#)

01:01:15 John Harrison, Attorney, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
01:02:20 Jim Posewitz, self

[EXHIBIT\(fis21a04\)](#)

01:05:44 Mike Clark, Executive Director, Greater Yellowstone Coalition (GYC)

[EXHIBIT\(fis21a05\)](#)

01:06:42 Claudia Narcisco, Volunteer, Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club (SC)

[EXHIBIT\(fis21a06\)](#)

01:09:25 Kit Fischer, National Wildlife Federation-Missoula (NWFM)

[EXHIBIT\(fis21a07\)](#)

01:10:44 Craig Knowles, Bison Quest (BQ)

01:12:00 Pat Flowers, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis21a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis21a09\)](#)

01:14:55 Ervin Carlson, President, Blackfeet Tribal member and InterTribal Buffalo Council (ITBC)

EXHIBIT(fis21a10)

01:18:18 Dustin Monroe, Executive Director, Western Native Voice (WNV)

EXHIBIT(fis21a11)

01:20:11 Charles Walking Child, Native Americans

01:24:00 Glen Monahan, Wounded Warrior Project (WWP)

EXHIBIT(fis21a12)

01:27:10 Robert Magnan, Director of Fort Peck Tribes Fish and Wildlife Department, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes (FPAST)

EXHIBIT(fis21a13)

01:30:50 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

01:31:42 Burdette Birdinground, Apsaalooke Tribe

01:32:45 Ray Yazzie, Blackfeet Tribe

01:35:05 Wes Heustess, self

01:35:38 Vito Quatraro, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

EXHIBIT(fis21a14)

01:36:20 Patrick Dougherty, Bear Creek Council (BCC)

01:37:38 Mike Fox, Fort Belknap Tribal Council (FBTC)

01:38:24 Stephanie Gillin, Tribal Wildlife Biologist, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

01:39:03 Matt Skoglund, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

01:39:29 Terry Tanner, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

EXHIBIT(fis21a15)

01:40:34 Mark Azure, Director of Fish, Wildlife and Buffalo Program, Fort Belknap Indian Reservation

01:41:06 David Dittloff, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

01:41:52 Darrell Geist, Habitat Coordinator, Buffalo Field Campaign (BFC)

01:43:20 Ron Skates, President, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS)

01:43:46 Fred Matt, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS)

01:44:26 Christian Mackay, Executive Director, Board of Livestock, Department of Labor (DOL)

01:45:09 Mike Leahy, Defenders of Wildlife (DOW)

01:45:42 Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D), SD 21, American Indian Caucus (AIC)

EXHIBIT(fis21a16)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:46:49 Sen. Barrett

01:47:32 Ervin Carlson, ITBC

01:48:14 Sen. Barrett

01:50:58 Christian Mackay, DOL

01:51:15 Sen. Van Dyk
01:53:36 Sen. Brenden
01:54:22 Sen. Van Dyk
01:55:11 Christian Mackay
01:56:43 Sen. Hamlett
02:00:29 Robert Magnan, FFAST

Closing by Sponsor:

02:00:51 Sen. Brenden

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:55 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([fis21aad.pdf](#))