

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on January 16, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 126, 1/12/2007; SB 115,
1/12/2007
Executive Action: SB 58; SB 126, SB 112; SB 77

00:00:02 Chairman Tropila

HEARING ON SB 126

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:12 **SEN. STEVEN GALLUS (D), SD 37**, opened the hearing on **SB 126**, Eliminate termination of future fisheries/bull trout/cutthroat programs, funding.

Proponents:

00:02:15 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT(fis10a01)

00:05:12 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

00:08:30 Bob Gilbert, Executive Director, Montana Walleye Unlimited

00:09:27 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:09:53 Robin Cunningham, Fisheries

00:10:16 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

Opponents:

00:10:52 Tim Ravndal, Montana Multiple Users Association

EXHIBIT(fis10a02)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:04 Sen. Hansen to Mr. Ravndal, Montana Multiple Users Association

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:01 Sen. Gallus

HEARING ON SB 115

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:39 **SEN. LARRY JENT (D), SD 32**, opened the hearing on **SB 115**, Revise allocation of wildlife crime restitution penalties to Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP).

Proponents:

00:25:15 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitter and Guide Association

00:26:36 Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement, FWP

[EXHIBIT\(fis10a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis10a04\)](#)

00:30:14 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:30:49 Kelly Flynn, Montana Outfitters and Guide Association

00:31:16 Robin Cunningham Montana Outfitters and Montana Association of State Grazing Districts

00:31:43 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:31 Sen. Hansen to Jim Kropp, FWP

00:34:11 Sen. Bales to Jim Kropp, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:38 Sen. Jent

Presentation:

00:36:09 Joe Moriea, Park Administrator, FWP

00:41:41 Sen. Tash to Joe Moriea, FWP

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 58

00:49:10 Motion: SEN. HANSEN moved that SB 58 DO PASS.

EXHIBIT(fis10a05)

Discussion:

00:49:37 Sen. Barkus

00:51:03 Sen. Balyeat

EXHIBIT(fis10a06)

00:54:35 Vote: Motion carried 5-4 by roll call vote with SEN. BALES, SEN. BALYEAT, SEN. BARKUS, and SEN. TASH voting no.

The standing committee report for SB 58 was not signed by the Chairman, and brought back into committee on January 24, 2007 to be tabled. The interested parties reached an agreement and no longer needed the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 126

00:56:13 Motion/Vote: SEN. GALLUS moved that SB 126 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 112

00:56:47 Motion: SEN. BARKUS moved that SB 112 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:57:02 Motion: SEN. JENT moved that SB011201.ADS BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT(fis10a07)

Discussion:

00:59:20 Sen. Jent

00:59:55 Chairman Tropila to Chris Smith, FWP

01:00:39 Sen. Barkus to Chris Smith, FWP

01:01:14 Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:01:22 Motion/Vote: SEN. JENT moved that SB 112 DO PASS AS
AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 77

01:02:24 Motion: SEN. LARSON moved that SB 77 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:02:39 Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

01:02:59 Sen. Gallus

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:05 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

JT/cj

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis10aad.pdf](#))