

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chairman Gregory D. Barkus, on March 3, 2009 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gregory D. Barkus, Chairman (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. John Brenden, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lindsey Hern, Committee Secretary
Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 74, 2/25/2009; HB 172,
2/25/2009; HB 296, 2/25/2009

Executive Action: HB 296, HB 74

HEARING ON HB 74

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:55 Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 74, Authorize archery seasons for mountain lion, wolf, bear.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:40 Chris Smith, Deputy Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis47a01)

00:03:59 Marvin Drake, Montana Bow Hunters Association (MBHA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:04:51 Tim Ravndal, Self

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:19 Sen. Balyeat
00:08:40 Sen. Gallus came to the committee.
00:09:13 Mr. Smith, FWP
00:09:37 Sen. Balyeat
00:10:24 Mr. Smith, FWP
00:11:19 Sen. Balyeat
00:12:01 Mr. Ravndal, Self
00:14:16 Chairman Barkus
00:14:30 Mr. Drake, MBHA
00:15:24 Sen. Barrett
00:15:41 Mr. Smith, FWP
00:16:15 Sen. Barrett
00:16:36 Sen. Smith, FWP
00:16:41 Chairman Barkus
00:16:47 Sen. Balyeat
00:17:44 Mr. Smith, FWP
00:17:57 Sen. Balyeat
00:18:07 Mr. Smith, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:21 Rep. Van Dyk

00:20:48 Chairman Barkus
00:21:03 Sen. Shockley
00:21:10 Chairman Barkus

HEARING ON HB 296

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:20 Rep. Mike Menahan (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 296, Tribal fish and game wardens as ex officio wardens under cooperative agreement.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:00 Sarah Bond, Montana Attorneys Office
[EXHIBIT\(fis47a02\)](#)

00:25:07 Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(fis47a03\)](#)

00:26:39 Pam Bucy, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:32 Chairman Barkus
00:28:21 Ms. Bond, Montana Attorneys Office
00:29:10 Sen. Tropila

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:58 Rep. Menahan

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 296

00:30:44 **Motion:** Sen. Tropila moved that **HB 296 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:31:01 Sen. Balyeat
00:31:30 Chairman Barkus

00:31:42 Sen. Tropila
 00:31:54 Mr. Kropp, FWP
 00:32:04 Sen. Balyeat
 00:32:21 Mr. Kropp, FWP
 00:32:28 Sen. Schmidt came to the committee.
 00:32:51 Sen. Balyeat
 00:33:05 Mr. Kropp, FWP
 00:33:20 Chairman Barkus
 00:33:31 Sen. Tropila
 00:33:35 Chairman Barkus

00:33:49 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 296 BE CONCURRED IN** carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Balyeat voting no. Sen. Brenden voted by proxy. Sen. Tropila will carry the bill in the Senate.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 74

00:34:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gallus moved that **HB 74 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Tropila voting no. Sen. Brenden voted by proxy. Sen. Balyeat will carry the bill in the Senate.

HEARING ON HB 172

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:52 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 172, Provisional hunter safety certificate for persons with disabilities.

[EXHIBIT\(fis47a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis47a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis47a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:58 Mike Vinton, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fis47a07\)](#)

00:45:42 Sue Vinton, Self

00:47:21 Kirk Shinler, Self

00:49:08 Travis Hoffman, Montana Independent Living Centers

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:50:29 Mr. Smith, FWP

[EXHIBIT\(fis47a08\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:14 Sen. Schmidt
 00:51:29 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:51:39 Sen. Balyeat
 00:53:00 Rep. Arntzen
 00:53:35 Sen. Balyeat
 00:53:42 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:55:07 Sen. Balyeat
 00:56:37 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:58:22 Sen. Gallus
 00:58:34 Chairman Barkus
 00:59:13 Rep. Arntzen
 00:59:46 Chairman Barkus
 01:00:06 Rep. Arntzen
 01:00:08 Chairman Barkus
 01:01:01 Rep. Arntzen
 01:02:06 Chairman Barkus
 01:02:11 Sen. Schmidt
 01:02:34 Mr. Vinton, Self
 01:04:11 Sen. Schmidt
 01:04:22 Mr. Shinler, Self
 01:05:14 Sen. Schmidt
 01:05:39 Ms. Vinton, Self
 01:06:39 Sen. Jent
 01:07:23 Mr. Smith, FWP
 01:08:33 Sen. Balyeat
 01:10:26 Mr. Vinton, Self
 01:12:44 Sen. Balyeat
 01:13:15 Chairman Barkus
 01:13:19 Sen. Balyeat
 01:13:27 Mr. Vinton, Self
 01:13:32 Sen. Balyeat
 01:14:38 Mr. Smith, FWP
 01:15:01 Mr. Kropp, FWP
 01:15:36 Sen. Balyeat
 01:15:51 Mr. Kropp, FWP
 01:15:59 Sen. Shockley
 01:16:16 Chairman Barkus
 01:16:19 Sen. Shockley
 01:16:23 Sen. Gallus
 01:17:04 Mr. Smith, FWP
 01:17:17 Sen. Gallus
 01:18:27 Mr. Smith, FWP
 01:19:00 Sen. Schmidt

01:19:44 Mr. Smith, FWP
01:20:05 Sen. Shockley
01:20:18 Chairman Barkus
01:20:21 Sen. Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

01:20:32 Rep. Arntzen
[EXHIBIT\(fis47a09\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(fis47a10\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

Lindsey Hern, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([fis47aad.pdf](#))