

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

**Call to Order:** Chair John Brenden, on February 7, 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. Fred Thomas (R)  
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

**Members Excused:**

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 200, 2/5/2013

Executive Action on: SB 118 DPAA; SB 197 DPAA: SB 155 Tabled

**HEARING ON SB 200****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:21:47 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 200, Generally revise laws related to wolf management.

[EXHIBIT\(fis27a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis27a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:38 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:27:28 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

00:28:50 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:29:23 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:29:59 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis27a03\)](#)

00:33:30 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:35:51 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies (WOR)

00:37:23 Justin Sakalis, Montana Audubon (MA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:38:08 Sen. Jent

00:40:22 Ken McDonald, FWP

00:40:30 Sen. Van Dyk

00:42:48 Ken McDonald

00:43:03 Sen. Ripley

00:43:23 Sen. Vincent

00:43:55 Sen. Fielder

00:44:15 Sen. Vincent

00:44:36 Sen. Fielder

00:44:40 Jay Bodner, MSGA

00:45:00 Sen. Thomas

00:45:21 Sen. Vincent

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:45:36 Sen. Vincent

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 118**

**Discussion:**

00:46:55 Chairman Brenden  
00:47:50 Sen. Thomas  
00:48:25 Chairman Brenden  
00:48:29 Sen. Van Dyk  
00:48:31 Chairman Brenden  
00:48:36 Sen. Thomas  
00:48:40 Chairman Brenden

00:48:43 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 118 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:48:49 Sen. Thomas  
00:50:18 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:50:26 Sen. Thomas

00:51:12 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 118 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(fis27a04)**

**Discussion:**

00:51:45 Sen. Fielder  
00:52:05 Chairman Brenden

00:52:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Facey voting no. Sen. Facey voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:52:38 Sen. Thomas  
00:53:15 Jason Mohr, LSD  
00:53:33 Sen. Thomas

00:53:50 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved **SECTION 4 OF AMENDMENT SB011801.**  
**EXHIBIT(fis27a05)**

00:54:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Facey voting no. Sen. Facey voted by proxy.

00:54:33 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 118 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:54:57 Sen. Peterson  
00:55:06 Sen. Thomas  
00:55:20 Sen. Ripley

00:55:45 Sen. Peterson  
00:56:00 Sen. Thomas  
00:56:17 Sen. Van Dyk  
00:57:36 Sen. Thomas  
00:58:22 Sen. Fielder

00:59:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Jent and Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Facey voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 155**

01:00:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 155 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Facey voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 197**

01:01:29 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 197 DO PASS**.

01:01:41 **Motion:** Sen. Fielder moved that **SB 197 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(fis27a06\)](#)

01:02:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Ripley voting no. Sen. Facey voted by proxy.

01:03:08 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 197 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

01:03:17 Sen. Van Dyk

01:04:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Barrett voting no. Sen. Facey voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 178**

01:05:02 **Motion:** Sen. Van Dyk moved that **SB 178 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

01:05:15 Sen. Peterson  
01:05:24 Sen. Van Dyk  
01:05:31 Chairman Brenden  
01:05:40 Sen. Van Dyk  
01:05:49 Jason Mohr, LSD  
01:06:05 Chairman Brenden

01:06:11 Sen. Van Dyk **WITHDREW MOTION SB 178 DO PASS**.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:07 P.M.

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Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fis27aad.pdf](#))**