

## NONGAME, THREATENED, AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

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### Background Materials and Research

**Topic Summary:** Montana’s Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act was enacted in 1973, clarifying that the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) manages nongame and endangered wildlife in addition to game animals. The federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 recognizes the role of states as the traditional stewards in the protection and conservation of wildlife.

Since 2009, the primary legislative debates regarding threatened and endangered species in Montana have revolved around wolves, grizzly bears, and the Greater sage-grouse. Since being removed from the endangered species list by Congress in 2011, wolves are now classified as a “species in need of management” in Montana pursuant to [87-5-131, MCA](#). However, subsequent legislation regarding wolves is included in this primer. Likewise, in 2015, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined the Greater sage-grouse does not warrant protection under the ESA, but subsequent legislation about the bird is included in this primer.

### Other Materials:

- EQC evaluation of [Nongame, Threatened, Endangered, and Candidate Species](#) programs within the FWP Wildlife Division, Jan 2015
- [Montana Species of Concern](#), Montana Natural Heritage Program
- [Nongame species](#), FWP
- [Threatened species](#), FWP
- [Endangered species](#), FWP

## Introduced Legislation

### 2019

[House Bill No. 279](#) -- (S) Died in Process -- AN ACT ALLOWING FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS INCURRED WHILE HARVESTING WOLVES; ALLOWING REIMBURSEMENTS TO ETHICAL TRAPPERS; AND AMENDING SECTION 87-6-214, MCA.

[House Bill No. 280](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING HOW WOLF LICENSES ARE ISSUED TO RESIDENT HUNTERS; PROVIDING DISCOUNTS FOR CERTAIN LICENSE HOLDERS; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-523, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 291](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE VOLUNTARY WOLF MITIGATION ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR REVENUE COLLECTION AND USE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-7-502 AND 87-2-903, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 407](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING THE FEE FOR A RESIDENT WOLF LICENSE; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-523, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 432](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONUS POINTS FOR LIMITED FISHING LICENSES, TAGS, AND PERMITS; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-117, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 520](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT INCREASING A GENERAL FUND TRANSFER FOR LIVESTOCK LOSS PROGRAMS; AMENDING SECTION 15-1-122, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 551](#) -- (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT ALLOWING WOLVES TO BE HUNTED AT NIGHT ON PRIVATE LANDS; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 752](#) -- (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION; REQUIRING DEVELOPMENT OF A PREDATOR MITIGATION PLAN; ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATORY MITIGATION REVIEW FEE AND STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; REQUIRING RECONSIDERATION OF HUNTING REGULATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 76-22-105, 87-1-201, AND 87-1-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATES.

[Senate Bill No. 185](#) -- (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROHIBITING THE HUNTING AND TRAPPING OF WOLVES IN CERTAIN HUNTING DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-304 AND 87-1-901, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 186](#) -- (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROHIBITING CONTESTS FOR PREDATORY ANIMALS; AMENDING SECTION 87-6-214, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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[Senate Bill No. 187](#) -- (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO PURPOSELY INJURE OR KILL PREDATORY ANIMALS; AMENDING SECTION 87-6-405, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 299](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION; EXEMPTING CERTAIN LAND USES AND ACTIVITIES FROM REGULATION; REVISING MONTANA SAGE GROUSE OVERSIGHT TEAM AUTHORITY; REVISING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; REVISING COMPENSATORY MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 76-22-105, 76-22-111, AND 76-22-118, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Joint Resolution No. 6](#) -- Filed with Secretary of State -- A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT MONTANA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WORK TO RETURN MANAGEMENT OF MONTANA'S RECOVERED GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATIONS TO THE STATE OF MONTANA AND INITIATE FURTHER REVIEW OF MONTANA'S GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATIONS THAT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR DELISTING.

[Senate Joint Resolution No. 7](#) -- (S) Died in Standing Committee -- A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE ECONOMIC VALUE AND COSTS OF WOLVES AND GRIZZLY BEARS AS THEY RELATE TO AGRICULTURE, HUNTING AND TRAPPING, AND TOURISM; AND REQUIRING THAT FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 67TH LEGISLATURE.

### 2017

[House Bill No. 69](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee - AN ACT EXTENDING THE PADDLEFISH ROE DONATION PROGRAM; EXTENDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND AMENDING SECTION 87-4-601, MCA.

[House Bill No. 211](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO REPORT SAGE GROUSE POPULATION DATA ON AN ANNUAL BASIS; AND AMENDING SECTION 87-1-201, MCA.

[House Bill No. 228](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT REVISING FUNDING FOR THE MONTANA GREATER SAGE-GROUSE STEWARDSHIP ACT; DECREASING PREVIOUS TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING FOR FUTURE TRANSFERS AND STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS; ALLOWING FUNDING TO BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-122, 17-1-508, 17-7-502, AND 76-22-109, MCA, AND SECTION 18, CHAPTER 445, LAWS OF 2015; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[House Bill No. 367](#) – Veto Override Failed - AN ACT CREATING THE VOLUNTARY WOLF MANAGEMENT CHECKOFF; PROVIDING FOR USE OF THE FUNDS COLLECTED; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-7-502 AND 87-2-903, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Joint Resolution No. 15](#) – Filed with Secretary of State - A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT MONTANA'S

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CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION INTRODUCE FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO RETURN MANAGEMENT OF MONTANA'S GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATION TO THE STATE OF MONTANA.

[Senate Bill No. 73](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO LIVESTOCK LOSS; DELAYING TERMINATION OF THE STATUTORY APPROPRIATION FOR THE LIVESTOCK LOSS MITIGATION RESTRICTED ACCOUNT AND THE PREDATORY ANIMAL STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION FOR THE LIVESTOCK LOSS REDUCTION RESTRICTED ACCOUNT; DELAYING TERMINATION OF THE LIVESTOCK LOSS REDUCTION RESTRICTED ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-3114, 15-24-925, 17-7-502, AND 81-1-113, MCA, SECTION 13, CHAPTER 339, LAWS OF 2011, AND SECTION 8, CHAPTER 349, LAWS OF 2015; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 84](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT REVISING THE PADDLEFISH ROE DONATION PROGRAM; EXTENDING THE PROGRAM; NAMING THE PADDLEFISH GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND AMENDING SECTION 87-4-601, MCA.

[Senate Bill No. 110](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee - AN ACT ALLOWING FUNDS IN THE WOLF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-623 AND 87-5-132, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 284](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT REVISING THE MONTANA GREATER SAGE-GROUSE STEWARDSHIP ACT; REQUIRING PROJECTS TO IMPACT HABITAT AND POPULATIONS; REQUIRING CONSIDERATION OF APPLICABLE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE POLICIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 76-22-104, 76-22-110, AND 76-22-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

### 2015

[House Bill No. 145](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT CREATING A LIVESTOCK LOSS REDUCTION RESTRICTED ACCOUNT; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-3110, 15-1-122, 81-1-110, AND 81-1-112, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[House Bill No. 450](#) – Vetoed by Governor - AN ACT ALLOWING THE USE OF SOUND REDUCTION DEVICES WHILE HUNTING MOUNTAIN LIONS AND WOLVES; AMENDING SECTION 87-6-401, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 605](#) – Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal - AN ACT PROVIDING A DEDUCTION FROM INCOME FOR INVESTMENT IN MEASURES TO PREVENT DEPREDATION; PROVIDING THAT THE DEDUCTION IS AVAILABLE TO CORPORATE INCOME TAXPAYERS AND INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAXPAYERS WHO ITEMIZE DEDUCTIONS; DEFINING "QUALIFYING PROACTIVE PREVENTIVE MEASURE"; ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO REFER A DEDUCTION TO THE LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD OR THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS FOR THEIR ADVICE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 189](#) – Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal - AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT FUNDING FOR WOLF MANAGEMENT MAY BE USED FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION ABOUT WOLVES; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-623 AND 87-1-625, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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[Senate Bill No. 247](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee - AN ACT PROHIBITING SAGE GROUSE HUNTING; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-301 AND 87-1-304, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 261](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT CREATING THE MONTANA GREATER SAGE-GROUSE STEWARDSHIP ACT; ESTABLISHING THE MONTANA SAGE GROUSE OVERSIGHT TEAM; PROVIDING DUTIES AND RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FINDINGS AND DEFINITIONS; ESTABLISHING THE SAGE GROUSE STEWARDSHIP ACCOUNT; PROVIDING GRANT CRITERIA; ALLOWING FOR COMPENSATORY MITIGATION; CONDITIONING THE FUNDING OF LEASES OR CONSERVATION EASEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR MANAGEMENT OF CONVEYED LANDS; REQUIRING REPORTING; PROVIDING A CONTINGENT FUND TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 334](#) – Vetoed by Governor - AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "GAME ANIMAL" TO INCLUDE GAME BIRDS AND FURBEARERS; REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "PREDATORY ANIMAL"; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-3-1105, 7-3-1222, 7-31-4110, 50-50-401, 87-1-293, 87-2-101, 87-2-520, 87-2-702, 87-2-803, 87-3-128, 87-4-406, 87-4-414, 87-4-418, 87-4-427, 87-6-101, 87-6-202, 87-6-204, 87-6-205, 87-6-206, 87-6-207, 87-6-208, 87-6-214, 87-6-215, 87-6-301, 87-6-304, 87-6-305, 87-6-401, 87-6-403, 87-6-404, 87-6-405, 87-6-411, AND 87-6-904, MCA.

### 2013

[House Bill No. 31](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO WOLF HUNTING; CREATING A STATEWIDE GENERAL WOLF HUNTING SEASON AND ESTABLISHING HUNTING SEASON DATES; CREATING A WOLF POPULATION MAINTENANCE LEVEL; CREATING A REQUIREMENT FOR A WOLF TRAPPING SAFETY AND EDUCATION COURSE; INCREASING THE NUMBER OF ALLOWED WOLF LICENSES; REVISING FEES FOR CERTAIN WOLF LICENSES; ALLOWING RECORDED OR ELECTRONICALLY AMPLIFIED CALLS OR SOUNDS IN WOLF HUNTING; EXEMPTING WOLF HUNTING OUTSIDE THE GENERAL DEER AND ELK HUNTING SEASON FROM REQUIREMENT TO WEAR HUNTER ORANGE; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-217, 87-1-301, 87-1-304, 87-2-102, 87-2-105, 87-2-523, 87-2-524, 87-6-401, AND 87-6-414, MCA.

[House Bill No. 33](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee - AN ACT REQUIRING CLASSIFICATION OF LARGE PREDATOR INCIDENTS; SPECIFYING DEPARTMENT RESPONSES TO LARGE PREDATOR INCIDENTS; REQUIRING WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM A LANDOWNER BEFORE A LARGE PREDATOR IS TRANSPLANTED ONTO PRIVATE PROPERTY; AND AMENDING SECTION 87-5-725, MCA.

[House Bill No. 73](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT REVISING WOLF HUNTING LAWS; CLARIFYING COMMISSION AUTHORITY TO CLOSE A SEASON; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF MULTIPLE LICENSES AND CLARIFYING THEIR USE; GRANTING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; REDUCING THE PRICE OF A NONRESIDENT LICENSE; ALLOWING USE OF RECORDED OR ELECTRONICALLY AMPLIFIED CALLS; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT HUNTERS WEAR ORANGE; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-304, 87-2-104, 87-2-523, 87-2-524, 87-6-401, AND 87-6-414, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.



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[House Bill No. 150](#) – Died in Process - AN ACT ALLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE FREE WOLF LICENSE FOR EACH BIG GAME HUNTER; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 322](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE LIVESTOCK LOSS PROGRAMS; CREATING A LIVESTOCK LOSS REDUCTION RESTRICTED ACCOUNT; TRANSFERRING GENERAL FUND MONEY ON AN ANNUAL BASIS; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; ADDING LIVESTOCK LOSSES DUE TO GRIZZLY BEAR PREDATION TO THE LIVESTOCK LOSS PROGRAMS; PROVIDING FOR A REVERSION OF FUNDS; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-3110, 2-15-3111, 2-15-3112, 2-15-3113, 15-1-122, 17-7-502, 81-1-110, AND 81-1-112, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[House Bill No. 323](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT ADDING LIVESTOCK LOSSES DUE TO GRIZZLY BEAR PREDATION TO THE LIVESTOCK LOSS PROGRAMS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-3110, 2-15-3111, 2-15-3112, 2-15-3113, AND 81-1-110, MCA.

[House Bill No. 580](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE GREATER SAGE-GROUSE HABITAT CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 200](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO WOLF MANAGEMENT; GRANTING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF MULTIPLE LICENSES TO HUNT AND TRAP WOLVES; AUTHORIZING LANDOWNERS AND THEIR AGENTS TO KILL WOLVES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT A HUNTING LICENSE; REQUIRING REPORTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL; REDUCING THE PRICE OF A NONRESIDENT WOLF LICENSE; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT HUNTERS WEAR ORANGE; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-104, 87-2-523, 87-2-524, 87-6-401, AND 87-6-414, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Joint Resolution No. 28](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee - A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT AN APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY THE BIOLOGICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF GRAY WOLF RECOVERY IN MONTANA.

### 2011

[House Bill No. 144](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee - AN ACT REVISING LICENSING LAWS RELATED TO THE HUNTING OF CERTAIN LARGE PREDATORS; GRANTING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-217 AND 87-1-304, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 172](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE HUNTING OF GRIZZLY BEARS; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-304, 87-2-701, 87-5-301, AND 87-5-302, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 177](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee - AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO CREATE A PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY, PREVENT, AND MONITOR

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DISEASES CARRIED BY WOLVES THAT MAY AFFECT HUMAN HEALTH; AND REQUIRING DISEASE REPORTING AND PUBLIC OUTREACH.

[House Bill No. 282](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee - AN ACT REVISING REGISTRATION FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN GRIZZLY BEARS; AMENDING SECTION 87-3-110, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 287](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO MAKE WOLF CARCASSES OR PARTS OF WOLF CARCASSES RETRIEVED DURING WOLF MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE TO THE LIVESTOCK LOSS REDUCTION AND MITIGATION BOARD; AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO SELL OR AUCTION THE CARCASSES OR PARTS OF CARCASSES TO BENEFIT THE LIVESTOCK LOSS REDUCTION AND MITIGATION PROGRAM; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-3113 AND 87-1-217, MCA.

[House Bill No. 321](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee - AN ACT NULLIFYING AND VOIDING THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT IN MONTANA; MODIFYING AND REPEALING STATE LAWS CONCERNING ENDANGERED SPECIES; PROVIDING PENALTIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 75-5-316, 77-1-804, 80-8-304, 80-8-306, 82-4-232, 82-4-335, 87-1-111, 87-1-201, 87-1-301, 87-1-621, 87-3-235, 87-3-236, 87-5-101, 87-5-102, 87-5-103, 87-5-108, 87-5-109, 87-5-112, AND 87-5-205, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 87-5-107 AND 87-5-131, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 363](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE USE OF FEES COLLECTED FROM THE SALE OF WOLF HUNTING LICENSES; ESTABLISHING THE WOLF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-601, 87-2-523, 87-2-524, AND 87-5-132, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 470](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee - AN ACT INCREASING CERTAIN HUNTING LICENSE FEES; ALLOCATING THE INCREASE IN FEES TO THE LIVESTOCK LOSS REDUCTION AND MITIGATION STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 81-1-110, 87-1-601, 87-2-501, 87-2-504, 87-2-505, 87-2-507, 87-2-508, 87-2-510, 87-2-523, AND 87-2-524, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 471](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE OBJECTIVE FOR A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF BREEDING PAIRS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF WOLVES; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-217, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 536](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT REPEALING THE REQUIREMENT THAT A GRIZZLY BEAR OR THE PARTS OF A GRIZZLY BEAR BE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS BEFORE THEY MAY BE SOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-3-111 AND 87-3-118, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 87-3-110, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 554](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee - AN ACT AUTHORIZING AN INTERSTATE WOLF MANAGEMENT COMPACT; DIRECTING THE GOVERNOR TO JOIN THE COMPACT; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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[House Joint Resolution No. 1](#) – Filed with Secretary of State - A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT TO APPROVE FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF THE GRAY WOLF FROM THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST IN MONTANA.

[Senate Bill No. 108](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT REQUIRING CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION WITH CERTAIN COUNTY AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS IN PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL POLICY DECISIONS REGARDING LARGE PREDATORS AND LARGE GAME SPECIES; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-217, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 115](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS FROM DISCLOSING INFORMATION THAT IDENTIFIES ANY PERSON WHO HAS LAWFULLY TAKEN A LARGE PREDATOR DURING A HUNT WITHOUT THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE PERSON AFFECTED; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 142](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee - AN ACT REVISING PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFICATION AND TRANSPLANTATION OF WOLVES, BEARS, AND MOUNTAIN LIONS; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO CONSULT WITH LAND AGENCIES AND LAND USERS; INCREASING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC NOTICE; REQUIRING ANNUAL REPORTS; AMENDING SECTION 87-5-725, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 143](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT REVISING MONTANA GRIZZLY BEAR POLICY TO AVOID CONFLICTS WITH HUMANS AND LIVESTOCK; AMENDING SECTION 87-5-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 313](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee - AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS SHALL RESPOND IF BEAVER ACTIVITY ON A PROPERTY RESULTS IN SEVERE DAMAGE TO OR MENACE TO ADJACENT PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT TO REMOVE BEAVER AND BEAVER DAMS; AND AMENDING SECTION 87-3-503, MCA.

[Senate Bill No. 348](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT CLARIFYING THE FUNDING OF WOLF MANAGEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF STATE FUNDS FOR COLLARING AND CONTROL OF WOLVES; AMENDING SECTION 87-5-132, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 402](#) – Veto Override Failed - AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SPRING WOLF HUNTS; ESTABLISHING FEES FOR SPRING WOLF HUNTING LICENSES; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-304, 87-2-523, 87-2-524, AND 87-5-131, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 414](#) – Died in Process - AN ACT REVISING THE STATE WOLF POLICY; CREATING THE MONTANA WOLF CONTROL ACT; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; ASSERTING STATE RIGHTS; ESTABLISHING WOLF MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES BEFORE AND AFTER DELISTING; LIMITING SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS; REQUIRING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PURSUE LITIGATION FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM WOLF PREDATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-523, 87-2-524, AND 87-5-131, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.



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[Senate Joint Resolution No. 13](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee - A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA STATING THAT GRAY WOLVES IN MONTANA ARE BEST MANAGED ACCORDING TO A STATE PLAN AND THAT WORKING WITH WYOMING AND IDAHO IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO ENSURING THAT THE GRAY WOLF IS REMOVED FROM THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST.

### 2009

[House Bill No. 90](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT TO INCLUDE LLAMAS AS ANIMALS FOR WHICH MONTANA LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE FOR LOSSES CAUSED BY WOLVES; AMENDING SECTION 2-15-3112, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 203](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC WHEN INTRODUCING OR TRANSPLANTING WOLVES, BEARS, AND MOUNTAIN LIONS ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY; PROHIBITING THE TRANSPLANTATION OF ANY ANIMAL ONTO PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION FROM THE LANDOWNER; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 443](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO MANAGE CERTAIN SPECIES; REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "MANAGEMENT"; AMENDING SECTION 87-5-102, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 183](#) – Died in Process - AN ACT REVISING THE STATE WOLF POLICY; CREATING THE MONTANA WOLF RECOVERY ACT; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; ASSERTING STATE RIGHTS AND CHALLENGING FEDERAL AUTHORITY; VOIDING THE MONTANA WOLF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN; VOIDING THE COOPERATIVE WOLF MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE MANAGEMENT PLANS AND AGREEMENTS; ALLOWING LETHAL ACTION AGAINST WOLVES; DEFINING ADDITIONAL DUTIES FOR THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR AND ATTORNEY GENERAL; ESTABLISHING LIABILITY AND PENALTIES FOR INJURY OR DEATH OF A HUMAN BECAUSE OF A WOLF ATTACK; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-3110, 2-15-3113, 87-3-102, 87-5-103, AND 87-5-107, MCA, AND SECTION 8, CHAPTER 415, LAWS OF 2007; REPEALING SECTION 87-5-131, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 228](#) – Chapter Number Assigned - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO WOLF MANAGEMENT; PLACING PRIORITY ON THE PROTECTION OF HUMANS, LIVESTOCK, AND PETS; ALLOWING THE REMOVAL OF PROBLEM WOLVES FOR LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION; DEFINING "PROBLEM WOLVES"; PROVIDING THAT FOLLOWING DELISTING SPECIAL KILL PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED TO LANDOWNERS AND PUBLIC LAND PERMITTEES; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-217 AND 87-5-131, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 344](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee - AN ACT PROHIBITING THE FUTURE OWNERSHIP, BREEDING, AND SALE OF WOLF HYBRIDS; REQUIRING THE REPORTING, IDENTIFICATION, AND TATTOOING OF PRESENTLY OWNED WOLF HYBRIDS; DEFINING "WOLF HYBRID"; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REPORT A WOLF HYBRID; PROVIDING THAT A PERSON WHO HOLDS A WOLF HYBRID IN CAPTIVITY IS LIABLE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT IS CAUSED BY

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THE WOLF HYBRID; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-231 AND 87-1-233, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Joint Resolution No. 15](#) – Filed with Secretary of State - A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DECISION BY THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TO DELIST THE GRAY WOLF AND URGING THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO DEFEND THE DECISION TO DELIST THE GRAY WOLF AGAINST ANY LEGAL CHALLENGE.

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