

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DOUG WAGNER**, on March 9, 1999 at 3:25 P.M., in Room 312 - 1 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Doug Wagner, Chairman (R)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Shiell Anderson (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich (D)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)
Rep. Allan Walters (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mikell Johnson, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s): HB 626; SB 329; SB 293;
SB 381
Executive Action: NONE

HEARING ON HB 626

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Hal Harper

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Proponents' Testimony:

John Kober, Montana Wildlife Federation

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Dianne McDermant, Medicine River Canoe Club

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 196 - 259}

EXHIBIT(fih53a01)

Steve Gilbert, Self

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 260 - 274}

James Curtis, Self

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EXHIBIT(fih53a02)

Lisa Bay, Self

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 341 - 358}

Sanna Porte, Self

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 359 - 391}

Paul Roos, Self

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 393 - 419}

Pete Cardinal, Self

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 420 - 468}

Jim Ahrens, Self

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 470 - 499}

Jim McDermant, Russel Country Sportsmen Association

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 500 - 529}

EXHIBIT(fih53a03)

Tim Plasca, Self

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EXHIBIT(fih53a04)

Chris Strainer, Self

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Beverly Magli, Self

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 561 - 576}

Darrel Harris, Self

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 577 - 594}

Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 596 - 615}

Jerry Wells, Montana Trout Unlimited

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 616 - 631}

Dick Fort, Self

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 632 - 637}

Michael McNeilly, Lewis and Clark Expedition

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 638 - 640}

Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 641 - 647}

John and Linda Winnie, Self

EXHIBIT(fih53a05)

Opponents' Testimony:

Terry McFarlow, Self

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Virgil Binkley, Broadwater Rod and Gun Club

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 689 - 721}

Wilfred Olson, Ducks Unlimited, Broadwater Rod and Gun Club

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 722 - 746}

Bill Tronson, Self

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 747 - 782}

Tim Crowe, Self

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 783 - 814}

EXHIBIT(fih53a06)

Gary Eppers, Self

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 816 - 834}

Tim Johnson, One Way Marine

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 835 - 869}

Neil Severinson, Self

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 871 - 930}

Bob Spannagel, Self

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John Mieyr, Self

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Bill Fiegigel, Self

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EXHIBIT(fih53a07)

Bill Henderson, Self

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John Lawsen, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 53 - 63}

Jim Baker, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 64 - 74}

Mike Hilliard, Walley's Unlimited Great Falls Chapter

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 75 - 96}

Bruce Calvin, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 97 - 102}

Larry Howlk, Self

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EXHIBIT(fih53a08)

EXHIBIT(fih53a09)

Linus Wehri, Self

EXHIBIT(fih53a10)

Terry Tronson, Self

EXHIBIT(fih53a11)

Garve Gierke, Riverside Marine and Cycle

EXHIBIT(fih53a12)

Linda Henderson, Montana Power Boaters Association **EXHIBIT(fih53a13)**

Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers Petition:

EXHIBIT (fih53a14)

EXHIBIT (fih53a15)

Joe Uzelac, Self
Dana Warner, Self
Jim Devlin, Self
Ray Scozzari, Self
Ken Emineth, Self
Sue Nance, Self
Kent Ferris, Self
Karen Hochhalter, Self
Mike Ablott, Self
Randy Replogle, Self
Shannon Kirkpatric, Self
Rick Nickels, Self
Mary Holzinger, Self
Maureen Thompson, Self
Larry Demetriades, Self
Tom Hudak, Self

EXHIBIT (fih53a16)

Blair Jones, Jones Law Firm
Rod Lee, Self
Barb, Self
Dan Neiter, Self
Jim Lowe, Self
Ron Ford, Self
Doug Breuer and Paul Orth, Townsend Electric
Wayne Rottrup, Self
Dave Crosmer, Self
Greg Harris, Self
Bill Henderson, Self
Roman Gillitzer, Self
Mark Vinner, Self
Ronald Junkert, Ron Junkert Construction
Daniel Sayer, Self
William Lowe, Self
D. Charleson, Self
Joe Abarr, Self
Todd Gainan, Self
Meg Laird, Self
John Wise, Self
Mike Philips, Self
Ed Allen, Allen's Tool Repair
Business Properties
Phil Madden, Self
Barb Grove, Self
David Odermann, SISR Enterprises, Inc.

Gerald and Kathy Barta, Self

Petition of Letters: **EXHIBIT(fih53a17)**

Jerry Rudio, Self **EXHIBIT(fih53a18)**

Guy Davidson, Self

Jim Wise, Self

Jerry Rudio, Self

Adam Schaff, Self

Ronald Mackney, Self

Willis Kukes, Self

Guy Raidiger, Self

Brett Bates, Petitions:

David Johnson, Self

Larry Lowman, Self

Randy Tuhy, Self

Robert Wise, Self **EXHIBIT(fih53a19)**

Ronald Ford, Self **EXHIBIT(fih53a20)**

Robert Lowe, Self

Steve and Judy Bayless

Don Klein, Self

Steve Monson, Self

James Pickens, Big Horn River Fin and Feather Lodge

Michael Smith and Patrick Connolly, Self

Chuck Gainan, Gainan's **EXHIBIT(fih53a21)**

Todd Gainan, Gainan's **EXHIBIT(fih53a22)**

Terry McArdle, Self **EXHIBIT(fih53a23)**

Petition Letters From: **EXHIBIT(fih53a24)**

Dana Warner

Ray Scozzari

Sue Nance

Tom Hudak

Larry Demetriades

Shannon Kirkpatrick

Randy Replogle

Rick Nickels

Maureen Thompson

Karen Hochhalter

Ann Beaudry

Ken Emineth

Phone Calls Against: **EXHIBIT(fih53a25)**

Tex Janecek
Kurt Burris
Chris Peterson
Paul Ash
Arlen Blumhagen
Forest Ash
Rita Orr
Lee Ash
Jay Vermillion
Roger Holick
Andre Linwood
Mike Kloppel
Tom Putz
Richard Vaughn
Lee Ash
Larry Larsen
Steve Monson
John Welsh
Mark Vinner
Randy Tuhy

Phone Calls For:
Akra Halmer

EXHIBIT(fih53a26)

Informational Testimony:

Pat Graham, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

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EXHIBIT(fih53a27)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Hal Harper

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 285 - 352}

HEARING ON SB 329

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Jon Ellingson

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continued on tape 2 side B}***

EXHIBIT(fih53a28)

Proponents' Testimony:

Pat Graham, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

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EXHIBIT(fih53a29)

Robin Cunningham, Outdoor Fisherman and Trout Unlimited
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 634 - 641}

Diane McDermid, Medicine River Canoe Club
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 642 - 649}

Darrel Harris, Self
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 651 - 662}

Jim McDermid, Russel Country Sportsman Association
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 663 - 673}

Opponents' Testimony: NONE

Informational Testimony: NONE

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
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Closing Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Jon Ellingson
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HEARING ON SB 293

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Al Bishop
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 826 - 867}

Proponents' Testimony:
Pat Graham, Fish, Wildlife and Parks
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 871 - 891}
EXHIBIT(fih53a30)

Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 892 - 927}

Opponents' Testimony:
Ronald Mueller, Montana Chapter of Sierra Club
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 932 - 957}

Informational Testimony: NONE

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
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continued on tape 3 side B}

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Al Bishop

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HEARING ON SB 381

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Grimes

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Proponents' Testimony:

Maryellan Dchnur, Hunter Behavior Advisory Council

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EXHIBIT(fih53a31)

EXHIBIT(fih53a32)

Pat Graham, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

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EXHIBIT(fih53a33)

Stan Rauch, Montana Bowhunters Association

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 212 - 221}

Dustin Doane, Montana Wildlife Federation

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 223 - 238}

John Mundinger, Montana Stockgrowers Association

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 233 - 238}

Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 239 - 242}

Tom Palmer, Jim Posewitz, Orion The Hunters Institute and Hunter
Behavior Advisory Council

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 243 - 301}

Opponents' Testimony:

Darrel Harris, Self

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 307 - 365}

Informational Testimony: NONE

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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continued on tape 3 side B}*

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Grimes

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:30 P.M.

REP. DOUG WAGNER, Chairman

MIKELL JOHNSON, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (fih53aad)