

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on March 24, 2005 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 422 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. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Don Ryan (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Annie Glover, Committee Secretary
Chris Lohse, 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: HB 514, 3/21/2005; HB 260,
3/21/2005; HB 172, 3/21/2005
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

HEARING ON HB 514

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. GAIL GUTSCHE (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 514, Increase restitution for illegal taking of grizzly bear.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:55 Mr. Sterling Miller, Wildlife Biologist, National Wildlife Federation

EXHIBIT(fis65a01)

00:05:58 Mr. Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT(fis65a02)

00:08:28 Ms. Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

EXHIBIT(fis65a03)

00:10:36 Mr. Don Judge, Montana Chapter, Sierra Club

00:11:12 Ms. Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

00:11:39 Mr. Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:12:15

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:55

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:45

HEARING ON HB 260

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. WILLIAM JONES (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 260, Water-based recreational access purchase and funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:52 **Mr. Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Fish, Wildlife
and Parks**

EXHIBIT(fis65a04)

00:24:10 **Mr. John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited**

00:24:24 **Ms. Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides
Association**

00:24:39 **Mr. Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:25:07

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:38

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:03

HEARING ON HB 172

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JILL COHENOUR (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on **HB 172,**
Revise certain resident & nonresident hunting and fishing license
fees.

EXHIBIT(fis65a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:21 **Mr. Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Fish, Wildlife
and Parks**

EXHIBIT(fis65a06)

00:47:37 **Mr. Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation**

00:48:07 **Mr. Sterling Miller, National Wildlife Federation**

EXHIBIT(fis65a07)

00:48:56 **Mr. John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited**

00:54:41 **Mr. Bob Gilbert, Executive Director, Walleyes
Unlimited**

00:57:01 **Ms. Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides
Association, also and behalf of Robin Cunningham**

EXHIBIT(fis65a08)

01:02:17 **Ms. Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

01:02:43

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

01:26:57

Closing by Sponsor:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:30 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis65aad0.PDF](#))