

MINUTES
FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 7, 1977

The first meeting of the Fish and Game Committee was called to order by Senator Frank Dunkle, Chairman, at 8:00 A.M. in Room 405 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

Senator Dunkle, Chairman, announced that the committee would hear Senate Bill 15, an act naming the blackspotted cut-throat trout as the state fish, on Wednesday, January 12. He also indicated that a hearing would be held on Friday, January 14, to discuss Senate Bill 47, an act to provide for the management of the bobcat as a game animal. Notices of these hearings will be posted with the Secretary of the Senate.

Chairman Dunkle introduced Mr. Wes Woodgerd of the Montana Fish and Game Department, who, in turn, introduced three members of the Fish and Game Commission: Leslie W. Pengelly, Missoula; Joseph J. Klabunde, Havre; and Spencer S. Hegstad, Dillon. Chairman Dunkle invited the commissioners to speak, if they so wished.

Dr. Robert F. Wambach, newly-appointed Director of the Montana Fish and Game Department, was introduced by Mr. Woodgerd. Dr. Wambach said Mr. Woodgerd would be assisting him with legislative matters.

Several members of the Fish and Game Department staff were introduced by Mr. Woodgerd.

Chairman Dunkle mentioned that everyone present was welcome to attend any and all meetings of the Senate Fish and Game Committee. He advised the Fish and Game Director that the Fish and Game Committee secretary would notify him of all meetings scheduled.

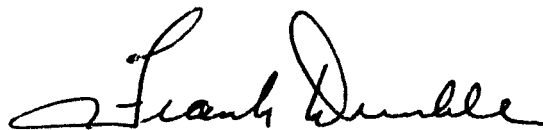
Chairman Dunkle announced that an invitation had been extended for both the House Fish and Game Committee and the Senate Fish and Game Committee to meet with Fish and Game Department personnel for a general get-together and tour of the new Fish and Game building. Everyone was in favor of such a meeting, and it was scheduled for 7:30 P.M., on Tuesday, January 11.

Chairman Dunkle set forth ground rules for presenting testimony and asked that anyone wishing to speak at a committee meeting address the chair. He stated there would be equal time allotted for opponents and proponents of bills.

Debbie Schmidt, researcher with the Legislative Council, was introduced by Chairman Dunkle. Debbie stated she would be working with fish and game legislation and offered her assistance in preparing amendments and drafting legislation.

Senator Margaret Warden spoke of a fund drive to raise money to purchase a piece of land near Giant Springs in Great Falls. She said a check for \$31,000 had been received and there would be some matching funds from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. Senator Warden was pleased with the success of the drive and said it was a momentous occasion for the City of Great Falls.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Dunkle adjourned the meeting at 8:30 A.M., suggesting that the people in attendance visit on an informal basis.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank Dunkle".

FRANK DUNKLE, CHAIRMAN

ROLL CALL

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
DUNKLE, Frank, Chairman	✓		
WARDEN, Margaret, V. C.	✓		
GALT, Jack	✓		
LENSINK, Everett	✓		
LOWE, Bill	✓		
MANLEY, John	✓		
SMITH, Richard	✓		
BERGREN, Ruselll	✓		

Each day attach to minutes.

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VISITOR'S REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	Check One	
		Support	Oppos
Don L Brown	Mt. Dept 7 & 90		
Wes Woodzard	Dept Fish & Game		
James Hegstad	" " "		
Art Hagerston	" " "		
James A. Forsvick	" " "		
Les Pengelly	" " "		
Robert F Wambach	" " "		
Fletcher Newby	" " "		
Ron Holliday	" " "		
Wynne Freeman	" " "		
Ron Zelen	" " "		
Mike Foster	Intern (Gen. Dunkel)		
Paul Lewis	Fish & Game		

(Please leave prepared statement with Secretary)