

## HOUSE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

January 27, 1983, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Gary Spaeth in the Social Rehabilitative Services Auditorium at 7:00 p.m., with all members present except Representative Devlin, who was excused.

Vice Chairman Spaeth opened the meeting to a hearing on House Bill: 335.

CHAIRMAN LES NILSON, District 37, Great Falls, chief sponsor of House Bill 335, opened by saying Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, and sportsmen from Montana, my name is Les Nilson. Let me give you some of my background. I have enjoyed the hunting and fishing resources of Montana. I have hunted small game including licensed species as well as rabbits, and I have even shot a few pigeons. I've hunted upland and river grouse, pheasant, ducks, honkers, and snow geese. I hunted most of the species of big game our state has to offer. I've shot elk, deer, and antelope. I've hunted goats, sheep, and moose with my camera. I am an avid fisherman, who likes the Missouri, but I have fished a lot of the different types of water and fish species in our state. Just the same as many others in this room, I have had my share of disappointments. I've missed the easy shot, blundered into a herd of elk and not gotten any shot, set the hook with a little too much tension, and lost that two pounder. In short, I am a typical Montanan who never goes anywhere without my gun and fishing pole. I've even brought them to Helena with me. In early December, the Director of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Jim Flynn, called me and asked if I would sponsor the department bill, we have come to know as House Bill 335. As Chairman of the Fish and Game Committee, I agreed that I would, so the bill would receive a fair hearing. I also told him that I did not agree with all the increases the department was seeking. Since before the session opened and in the week after, I have received many phone calls, letters, and personal contact from sportsmen all over the state who are interested in this bill. Some are in support, many are in opposition. I wish to thank those people for their input into the process. House Bill 335 deals with the subject that is the most dear to the hearts of a large percentage of Montanans. Be very careful how you "mess around" with our fish and hunting. The obvious outcome of House Bill 335 is pass the bill, kill the bill, or amend the bill. Since there are some good and needed changes in the bill, I hope members of this committee will make reasonable amendments and give the bill a do pass. There are many people here tonight who want to be heard and as a member of this committee, I too want to hear what they have to say.

### PROPOSERS

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JIM FLYNN, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, submitted written testimony for committee members. (see exhibit 1)

SPENCE HEGSTAD, Montana Fish and Game Commission, submitted written testimony to the committee. (see exhibit 2)

JOHN GREENE, Governors Council on management, submitted a written copy of his testimony. (see exhibit 3)

JIM SPRING, Chairman of the Governors Council on Management, supported House Bill 335, for reasons stated in Mr. Greene's testimony. (see exhibit 3)

REPRESENTATIVE TED SCHYE, District 4, Glasgow, testified in support of House Bill 335. Rep. Schye submitted a statement from Representative Orren C. Vinger, District 3, Wolfpoint. Rep. Schye wished to go on record as supporting the statements made by Rep. Vinger. (see exhibit 4)

KEN KNUDSON, Montana Wildlife Federation, submitted written testimony to committee members. (see exhibit 5)

JENNIFER COTE, Western Montana Fish and Game Association, said we definitely support license fee increases. We support the ability to acquire fishing access sites, and recommend strong, vigorous programs of improvement. We get what we pay for. If we want a good wildlife program, we are going to have to put out the money for it. We would like to present the committee with the alternative to set the license fee increases in a staggered two, three, and four year payment plan. Ms. Cote presented the committee with two forms of testimony from her organization. (see exhibit 6 and 7)

ALLEN COOK, Gallatin Wildlife Association, submitted written testimony to committee members. (see exhibit 8)

DUNCAN B. GILCHRIST, Ravalli Co. Fish and Wildlife Association, submitted written testimony to the committee. (see exhibit 9)

TONY SCHOONE, Skyline Sportsmen, Butte, said our club is in favor of moderate license fee increases. We did agree to go along with the fishing fee increases, with the stipulation that the out-of-state two day license be dropped, and that a fifteen day license be included. We would agree to these increases if they were to go to the needed remodeling of the fish hatcheries.

L.F. THOMAS, Anaconda Sportsmen Club said we go along with moderate increases but not as the bill stands now. We would agree along Butte Skyline stipulations.

WILBUR RFHMANN, Helena, said I am a hunter, angler, and conservationist. I am here to support House Bill 335. I support this bill not because I want to pay higher fees, but because I want a strong, active, scientifically and ecologically sound Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department. I believe that Director Jim Flynn has proposed a fair and honest budget. Further, I believe that under his direction, the department has become more efficient and more effective. My only specific comment on the proposed budgets are that I hope the director will use this money to fund all of the current divisions. It is clear to me that centralized services, law enforcement, parks, fisheries, wildlife, information and education, and ecological services, are all vitally important to maintain our quality wildlife resource. I urge the passage of this proposed license fee increase.

RALPH HOLMAN, McLeod, said Mr. Chairman, no one likes fee increases. It costs money if we want an efficient and effective department to protect the invaluable resources of Montana. The director and the department are to be commended for proposing some worthwhile projects that unquestionably will improve the department's effectiveness. If we want perpetuation of our wildlife, and sportsman and landowner cooperation, this bill has to be supported. We want our deer, elk, fish in our streams, long seasons, enforcement of the law, etc. We want the landowner to supply the habitat and to stand still for game damage, but most of us can't see the trees for the forest. We think nothing of spending \$50. on a party, but we want our hunting and fishing for little or nothing. We utilize a few thousand dollars worth of four wheel drives, campers, gas, oil, and maintenance to get us to the hunting area, and then complain about a few dollars cost for a license. Mr. Holman submitted a written copy of his testimony, for greater detail, (see exhibit 10).

JAMES D. SILVA, Trout Unlimited, said we do endorse the bill and consider an amendment for the disposal of the two-day resident license, in lieu of the ten day \$15. license. We feel this would allow nonresidents coming into the state two weekends in Montana to fish, and compensation for the replacement of the fishing itself. This is the first time, under the leadership of Jim Flynn, that I have felt this department has treated us as constituents.

JERRY MANLEY, Trout Unlimited, stood in support of House Bill 335, for reasons stated in the testimony of James D. Silva.

NOEL ROSETTA, Missoula, said I support the fee increase, and I oppose the removal of the ecological division of the Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. I believe no decisions should be made unless public hearings are held.

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WILLIAM H. DUNHAM, Trout Unlimited, submitted written testimony on behalf of himself and his organization. (see exhibit 11)

ROBERT HOWARD, Montana Trappers Association, said trapping is Montana's pioneer industry. Today it is still a multimillion dollar industry, yet fur bearers that support this state industry have only a small management program. We recommend a \$5. increase in our trapping license fees to help get a state furbearer program going.

DUANE NEAL, Black Otter Guide Service, written testimony submitted. (see exhibit 12)

ROBERT BENNETS, University of Montana Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society, submitted written testimony. (see exhibit 13)

JOSEPH JESSEPE, Browning, presented written copies of his testimony to the committee. (see exhibit 14)

REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT PAVLOVICH, District 86, Butte, said it is going to cost 8 1/2 million dollars over the next biennium to repair seven fish hatcheries and seven regional headquarters. I would like to see some of this money come out of the long-range building fund.

JANET ELLIS, Montana Audubon Council, said it is important for Montana to have a healthy Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department.

TOM BILDAIRE AND PETE TEST testified in support of House Bill 335, for reasons previously stated.

OPPONENTS

ROBERT VAN DER VERE, Helena, said I really oppose this bill. Let's take the fish hatchery in Miles City. The federal government has no use for it at all. This is money down the drain. They want to spend money to move the hatchery over to the Bozeman campus. Why not sell the property first, then they won't need the money they are asking for. Why not ask the ranchers where the game is. They don't need to fly anyone around in a \$200,000. airplane.

SAM T. BABICH, Concerned Sportsmen of Butte, said in regard to the fee increases proposed by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, we the concerned sportsmen of Butte, are opposed to any increase on any of the fees. To ask for a 100% increase on fees at a time when our economy is in a slump is unjust. When we go out to hunt, we spend a lot of money in this state. There will be a great economic impact when people have to stop hunting because they can't afford it. We don't think that people during these times can afford the increase. There is no place for us to turn.

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Mr. Babich also read testimony from Mr. Pat CcClafferty, Concerned Hunters of Butte. (see exhibit 15)

FRANK WADDELL, Concerned Hunters of Butte, testified in opposition to House Bill 335, for the above-stated reasons.

GARY PROSTON, Concerned Hunters of Butte, said this proposed \$200,000. aircraft is a European product. I see a total disregard for the people of Montana by the Fish and Game Department. I would be totally in favor of every raise they are asking for, if I could see justification. I would like to see some more responsibility from these state people.

MARTIN CARLSON, Concerned Hunters of Butte, said the Wyoming elk license is \$22., but \$10. is earmarked to go to feeding elk in the central ranges. People see where their money is going and feel better about it. There is a 300% increase in the mountainlion license fee. If we are going to have a fee increase, I think there should be a certain part of that earmarked for acquiring winter range.

CHUCK BAER, Helena, said let's take a look at the 1980 legislative Auditors Reports. How much money is earmarked to what funds? We should have the Fish and Game Department account for where the money goes. The Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department is broken down into just that. These are reports that are submitted to the legislative auditor for the State of Montana by the Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department. Total expenditures equaled 40 plus million dollars. The department does not know where this money is going. 60% of the money that comes into the department is given to them by hunters and sportsmen. Perhaps we should find out where this money is going before we give them more. It is up to the committee to read these reports.

REPRESENTATIVE RAY JENSEN, District 25, St. Ignatius, said I am obliged to be here on behalf of about 300 of my constituents. I have given you a list of 219 signatures. (see exhibit 16) On behalf of these people and those from whom I have received letters and phone calls, I would like to agree with what has been stated by the opponents to this bill.

JERRY STRONG, Helena, said to do a good job of management, you manage the amount of money people give you. This is not being done. Let's find out where our money is, and let's let the outfitters pay the fees in perspective to the amount of money taken in by their industry.

BOB WEISNER, Bonner, submitted written testimony. (see exhibit 17)

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LORRAINE GILLIES, Missoula County Farm Bureau, said we ought to look at the economy and spend less money.

DELBERT PALMER, Charlo, stood in opposition to House Bill 335. (see exhibit 18)

ANTHONY McILVAIN OSTHEIMER, St. Ignatius, presented a copy of his testimony to committee members. (see exhibit 19)

REPRESENTATIVE GLENN SAUNDERS, District 72, Columbus, provided committee members with written copies of his testimony. (see exhibit 20)

LARRY D. WRIGHT, Broadwater Rod and Gun Club, said we oppose the fee increases, but we do propose that the increases should be at 50%, and that all fees should be increased proportionately. There is a question as to need of this much of an increase. They are talking about generating five million dollars over the next biennium. A lot of that is non-recurring costs. There would be no question over the fees if the people thought they were really needed.

REPRESENTATIVE BERNIE SWIFT, District 91, Hamilton, said my mail in the last two weeks has been running about 5 to 1. Five against and one for the increase. There probably is some need for a reasonable increase. There is a need in some areas, but I think we should look at it more from a priority standpoint. The amount of increase is excessive for many of the reasons you have heard tonight.

In closing, Chairman Nilson thanked all witnesses for attending the meeting, both proponents and opponents.

Questions from committee. Rep. Daily asked Mr. Flynn since some of the fee increases for remodeling hatcheries and for preparing buildings, this would become part of the long range building program, has your committee looked specifically at that? The response was we have not looked specifically at that.

Rep. Daily asked Mr. Flynn if any of the license fees that are collected go for the acquisition and operation of parks. The reply was a very small amount goes to the fishing access sites. As far as operating state parks or paying for parks personnel, no.

Rep. Daily asked Mr. Flynn if he would explain about the plane they plan to buy. The answer was this plane is not assembled in this country, however most of the parts are manufactured in the United States. The plane we are presently using is over 20 years old. This plane is used for a variety of purposes within

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the agency. Planting of fish in the mountain lakes, personnel transportation, and enforcement people use it for night patrol. The plane we have now has a single engine. It is now costing us approximately \$80 an hour to run. The airplane we are looking at is reported to have greater maneuverability than the plane we now have. It uses a shorter runway for takeoff and landing. It has a bubble nose similar to a helicopter. Outside of the initial cost, the operation costs will be similar to what we now have.

Rep. Daily asked Mr. Flynn if there is any talk of the Fish and Game Commission closing any of the fish hatcheries in future years. The answer was the whole discussion the department has taken on with respect to our hatchery system is to implement a program so we can keep these hatcheries functioning, there has been no talk of closing them.

Rep. Daily asked Mr. Flynn if in the land you lease for farming, is access guaranteed for hunting on those farms. The reply was I am relatively sure that we don't.

Mr. Flynn asked to make an additional comment about the airplane. The \$200,000. that would be expended for the airplane would be coming out of a revolving account. There is some reserve for the purchase of a new aircraft.

Rep. Hart asked Mr. Flynn if he had a response to the 1980 auditing report that was mentioned. The response was the auditing report is a comprehensive review by the legislative auditor. They were quite critical of the way the agency handled it's dollars. One of the steps we have taken to correct this opinion is to hire the man that did the review to run our accounting process. He is very aware of the shortcomings in the present system, and I am confident there will be a better accounting of the funds in the future.

Rep. Ream asked Mr. Flynn if the department would be receptive to a type of nonconsumptive license for mountainlion hunting. The reply was yes, we use a variety of thought processes in determining these increases. One consideration was to define the mountainlion as a trophy animal. Perhaps we ought to consider a lower fee and a trophy fee in addition.

Rep. Veleber asked the Butte delegation if they are totally opposed to any fee increase. Mr. Babich replied at this time we don't feel the people can afford it. I don't see any way to grant a fee increase. If the 5.7 million dollars was more justified, we could have a better chance of accepting the increases.

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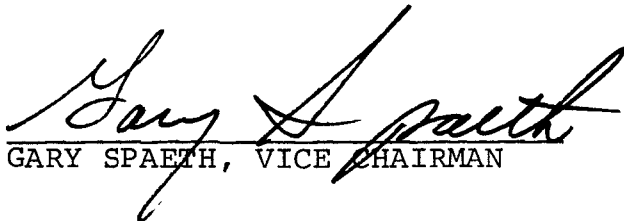
Chairman Nilson then appointed a subcommittee to work on House Bill 335. The committee consisted of Rep. Gary Spaeth, Chairman, Rep. Jensen, and Rep. Mueller.

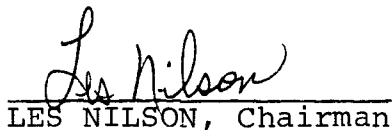
Petitions were submitted from the War Bonnett meeting, January 5, 1983, and from Butte Skyline Sportsmen. (see exhibit 21, 22)

Written testimony was presented by CHRIS CARSON, Whitehall. (see exhibit 23) BILL LONG, Helena. (see exhibit 24) FRED MELLOW, Missoula. (see exhibit 25) All were proponents of House Bill 35.

Written testimony was presented by PAT UNDERWOOD, Director, Information and Public Affairs, Helena. (see exhibit 26) Marion F. Waddell, Montana Hunters, Butte. (see exhibit 27) MIKE KOEHNKE, Townsend. (see exhibit 28) All were opponents of House Bill 335.

Vice Chairman Spaeth adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

  
GARY SPAETH, VICE CHAIRMAN

  
LES NILSON, Chairman

  
Cheryl Fredrickson, secretary

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED



VISITOR'S REGISTER

HOUSE Fish and Game

COMMITTEE

BILL HB 335

DATE January 27

SPONSOR Nelson

| NAME             | RESIDENCE                      | REPRESENTING        | SUP-<br>PORT | OP-<br>POSE |
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| Ralph Hol        |                                |                     |              |             |
| Garry L. Proctor | Butte                          | SELF                |              | XX          |
| Lambabesh        | Butte                          | Concerned Sportsman |              | X           |
| Mike McElafferty | Butte, Mont                    | Self                |              | X           |
| Tom Pierce       | Butte                          | Skyline Sportsman   |              |             |
| LOURVONES        | BUTTE                          | " " "               |              |             |
| Bob GRIFFIN      | BUTTE                          | " " "               |              | X           |
| JAY O'BRIEN      | BUTTE                          | " "                 |              | X           |
| Martin Carlson   | Butte                          | self                |              | X           |
| Owen Benda       | BUTTE                          | SELF                |              | X           |
| CHUCK BAER       | HELENA                         | SELF                |              | X           |
| FRANK WARE       | 1490 WATERLINE RD.<br>BUTTE MT | HUNTERS             |              | X           |
| L.G. Thomas      | Helena                         | Self                |              | X           |
| L.F. Thomas      | Maconda Sportsman              | Maconda             |              | X           |
| Leon Hall        | Walkerville                    | Self                |              | X           |
| John [unclear]   | Butte                          | Self                |              | X           |
| Lee Stinson      | Butte                          | Self                |              | X           |
| Flora [unclear]  | Butte                          |                     |              | X           |
| John Chahul      | Butte                          | Concerned Hunters   |              | X           |
| Earl B. Sholey   | Butte                          | Concerned Hunters   |              | XXX         |

IF YOU CARE TO WRITE COMMENTS, ASK SECRETARY FOR LONGER FORM.

WHEN TESTIFYING PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

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|------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Lorraine Gillies | Philipsburg | Missoula Co. Farm Bureau |         |
| Janet Ellis      | Helena      | MT Audubon Council       | - for   |
| Frank DeLeo      | Helena      | Hunter                   | OP      |
| Emmett Woodell   | Butte       | Hunter                   | OP      |
| Tony Maravien    | Butte       | Hunter                   | OP      |
| Robert J. Hall   | Butte       | Hunter                   | OP      |
| Paul Brissell    | Missoula    | Myself                   | FOR     |
| Joe Murphy       | Helena      | Self                     | FOR     |
| Luigi Bonanni    | "           | Self                     | FOR     |
| Bob Perrin       | "           | Self                     | FOR     |
| W. Ray Jensen    | St. Ignace  | Self                     | OP      |
| Larry Wright     | TOWNSEND    | BROADWATER ROAD HUN      | OPPOSE  |
| Frank Moore      | Condon      | Montana Trapper Assn.    | ?       |
| Robert Howard    | Martin City | " " "                    | NONE    |
| Anthony Steiner  | St Ignace   | Concerned Citizens       | OPPOSE  |
| Harold Sunlock   | St Ignace   |                          | OP      |
| Mike Haggerty    | Butte       | Concerned Hunters        | OPPOSED |

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Nilson

| NAME             | RESIDENCE                   | REPRESENTING                | SUP-PORT | OP-POSE |
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| <del>Bill</del>  | <del>MISSOULA</del>         | <del>W.MONT F+G ASSOC</del> |          |         |
| Jill Lemat       | 6555 Charlotte              | W. MONT F+G ASSOC           | ✓        |         |
| James Shaope     | Butte                       | Skyline Sportsmen           | ✓        |         |
| Al Luebeck       | Butte                       | Skyline Sportsmen           |          | ✓       |
| Jim Spring       | Butte                       | Gov. Coun. Monax            |          | X       |
| John Grooms      | And.                        | " " "                       |          | X       |
| Fred H. Webb     | Missoula                    | W. Mont Fish Assoc          | ✓        |         |
| Ralph M. Holman  | McLeod, Mont                | self                        | ✓        |         |
| Bob Wiesner      | + DIANN WIESNER<br>MISSOULA | SELF SELVES                 |          | X       |
| George Lee       | Helena                      | SELF                        |          | X       |
| Bill Dunham      | Helena                      | TU Unlimited                | ✓        |         |
| Kuan Neal        | Bozay mt.                   | Black Otter Guide           | ✓        |         |
| Duncan Gilchrist | Capvallis, Colo             | Ravall Co Fish Wildlife     | ✓        |         |
| Jordan Cota      | Henrieville, MT             | Western Montana Fish Game   |          |         |
| Debra Atropa     | Helena MT                   | self                        |          | ✓       |
| Ally Cord        | Bozeman MT                  | Gullatum Wildlife           |          |         |
| Carol Rosetta    | Helena Mt.                  | self                        | ✓        |         |
| Wilbur Rehmman   | Helena                      | Self                        | ✓        |         |
| M. E. Koehnke    | TOWNSEND                    | Self                        |          | X       |
| Linda Waddell    | Butte                       | self                        |          | X       |
| Leon D. Hall     | Butte                       | self                        |          | X       |

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PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.



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TESTIMONY PRESENTED BY JIM FLYNN, DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS  
January 27, 1983

Two years ago the department presented to this committee during the 47th Legislature a license fee increase proposal. That proposal consisted of a three step process whereby license fees would have been raised in the years of 1981, 1982 and 1983.

That proposal was presented to fund a budget request that dealt with the cumulative impacts of some four years of high inflation and the anticipation that inflation rates would continue for two more years at reduced rates. I would point out that the budget request then presented dealt primarily with operations and in fact was an operations budget that included a 15 percent reduction in full time equivalent employees.

After considerable discussion, the 47th Session approved a good share of our requests for 1981 and 1982 and indicated to the department that we should address any future increases to the 48th Legislative Session.

As a result I appear before you this evening to once again discuss the department's need with respect to license revenues.

The fee increase before you is presented to fund what we feel are the needs for the next two years for the department's operational program as well as our capital program.

These recommendations for expenditure were arrived at through a process this past two years that consisted of listening to public expressions of the service they expect from the department, determining within the agency the needs to carry out our statutory responsibilities, and reviewing our historic revenue sources.

This process has been over a year in developing and puts some hard questions before your committee that need to be addressed. However, we feel that these questions cannot be put off.

A portion of the fee increase is to cover our increased operational requests. Some of those items included are: an additional \$350,000 in the biennium for additional law enforcement effort, an additional \$300,000 in the biennium to assume the operation of the Federal Fish Hatchery at Miles City, and an additional \$2,000,000 in the biennium to offset the projected loss of federal dollars normally used to fund our existing programs.

There are other lesser items that you were presented a few weeks ago at our budget briefing.

In addition to these operational costs we are proposing a serious look at our capital program with the intent of embarking upon a program which, admittedly, should have been started long before now.

We are particularly concerned with two areas: our fish hatcheries and our regional headquarters. I have attached to my testimony a synopsis of both these areas for your review.

In addition to those two areas we are proposing that the department get back into the program of big game range acquisition as well as increasing our financial effort to the development and maintenance of our present holdings.

These proposals are costly, but necessary at this time. We feel that they should be addressed because further procrastination will only serve to jeopardize the programs involved or to require a drastic sum of money to address all needs at once and likely at a time of higher costs.

In assessing these needs and developing their proposal to you we are also responsible for indicating the method for paying for those needs.

In facing the anticipated cut backs in our income from the federal tax on sporting goods and in light of a 15 percent reduction in FTE's for this biennium our attention focused on increasing the fees for hunting and fishing licenses.

In arriving at the figures before you we took a number of factors into consideration. The system we used is not foolproof, but we believe has some validity.

One factor we used was to review the fees charged in other states. We not only looked at each fee, but looked at the relative value each state put on those fees. In addition, we made an effort to appraise and relate the quality and quantity of the hunting and fishing experience in those states, with that of Montana.

In addition, we looked at what could be considered as a value of the animals harvested. This past year we auctioned off 300 carcasses of deer at various locations in the state. These carcasses averaged a revenue of \$33.04. We auctioned off 124 carcasses of elk for an average of \$238 per carcass. We auctioned 13 moose carcasses for an average of \$303 per carcass. As you can see, these animals have some value as a meat source.

Another factor considered was the cost of other recreational activities in Montana. We looked at the cost of movies, the cost of skiing and other forms of recreation.

In addition we looked at the costs of the other normal aspects of a hunting or fishing trip. This included the cost of rod, reels, rifles and guns; the cost of tackle and ammunition; the cost of vehicles and fuel; as well as the cost of food and tents.

As an additional factor we referred to a report conducted by a group of citizens commissioned by the Governor to review state government and its operations. This Council on Management had its own recommendations on fees that we used as a reference point.

Another factor that we always need to consider in Montana is the amount of the nonresident license revenue. In arriving at the figures before you we took into account that in 1950 nonresident license sales accounted for 18 percent of the department's license revenue. In 1982 nonresident license sales accounted for 61 percent of the department's license revenue.

The result of this total process is the proposal before you. It does contain some large increases in some areas. These figures are a new experience for Montana's sportsmen.

However, I would emphasize that these revenue requests are based upon our expenditure program designed to serve the sportsmen and to benefit our fish and wildlife resources.

We would request your approval of HB 335.

Ex. 1

PRIORITY LISTING OF HATCHERY  
REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT

AND

HISTORY AND PRODUCTION OF MONTANA'S  
SEVEN STATE FUNDED FISH HATCHERIES

Prepared by: Arthur N. Whitney  
Emmett L. Colley  
Date: December 29, 1982



Ex. 1

Priority Listing of Hatchery  
Repairs and Replacement

1. Move Flathead Lake Salmon Hatchery operation to Creston flowing well site.  
\$ 455,000
2. Construct new hatchery building and increase rearing capacity at Big Timber.  
\$ 500,000
3. Rebuild the major portion of the raceway system at Great Falls.  
\$1,900,000
4. Repair 16 raceways at Anaconda.  
\$ 230,000
5. Replace four raceways at Lewistown and remodel the original hatchery building roof.  
\$ 90,000
6. Replace old, energy-inefficient residences, one each at Big Timber and Anaconda.  
\$75,000 each                      \$ 150,000

Ex. 1

HISTORY AND PRODUCTION OF MONTANA'S  
SEVEN STATE FUNDED FISH HATCHERIES

Flathead Lake Salmon Hatchery  
Somers, Montana

Ex. 1

The Flathead Lake Salmon Hatchery site was selected in 1911 and was the first state fish hatchery to be constructed with state funds. The Anaconda hatchery, which was the first state fish hatchery, was reportedly built by Marcus Daley and donated to the state.

This station has been the receiving station for many wild trout and salmon taken at different spawning stations throughout the Flathead River drainage. Up to eight rainbow, cutthroat, and grayling stations have operated during the spring months. During the fall and early winter months the Somers hatchery received as many as 10 to 12 million kokanee eggs that were taken from Flathead Lake and surrounding area. These eggs were eyed and many of them sent to other state hatcheries as well as neighboring states.

In recent years the land surrounding the spring area has been sold for private development. With new homes and land use the hatchery water supply has been disrupted, siltation has increased, and the flow has been reduced to 385 gallons per minute. Livestock trampling in the spring area cause a constant silt problem and we occasionally encounter losses on the green eggs due to silt smothering them. Recent management requests are for the kokanee to be reared to 1- to 2-inch size rather than being released as newly hatched fish. Rearing the fish to a larger size requires additional rearing ponds. This cannot be accomplished at the present site with decreasing water flows. It has been recommended in the long-range building program budget that the present hatchery be closed and the operation moved to a state-owned artesian well site south of Creston, Montana. This water supply will allow us to rear greater numbers of fish to a larger size.

The annual production of the Flathead Lake Salmon Hatchery is approximately 2,500,000 kokanee salmon and cutthroat weighing 1,200 pounds.

The entire production of this station is planted in lakes in Regions 1 and 2.

Jocko River Trout Hatchery  
Arlee, Montana

Funds were appropriated in 1947 to purchase the Jocko River Ranch from George Ripley. Only the earth type ponds and one residence remain of the original purchase. A new hatchery building, ten 100' by 10' raceways, two residences, and a four-stall garage were constructed. In 1963 five brood ponds and a spawning house were built. This unit was designed to protect the rainbow brood from vandalism and other problems that are encountered when brood fish are exposed to public viewing.

A new modular home was purchased in 1973 to replace the dwelling that was on the site when the state purchased the hatchery. All the buildings are in very good condition and only need routine maintenance. The furnace in the hatchery building is in need of repair. This item is budgeted for and recommended for replacement in 1985.

For many years the Arlee hatchery was the home of the westslope cutthroat and Arlee rainbow broodstocks. After completion of Corps of Engineers mitigation hatchery in Lincoln County in 1979 the westslope cutthroat brood were moved to the Murray Springs Hatchery. Only Arlee rainbow brood remain at this station. Between 6.5 and 7 million rainbow eggs are produced annually. Rainbow eggs from this stock have been shipped to state and national fish hatcheries throughout the United States and have received nationwide recognition as a quality product.

The entire production of the Arlee station is rainbow. The average annual production is about 200,000 to 250,000 fish weighing 24,000 pounds.

These trout are released in Region 1 and the northern part of Region 2.

Washoe Park Trout Hatchery  
Anaconda, Montana

Funds were appropriated by the legislature in 1907 to construct a fish hatchery located at Anaconda. In 1908 one residence, an ice house, and hatchery building were erected. All the original buildings have had some repair and remodeling over the years. This original residence does need to undergo major remodeling to make it energy efficient or be replaced. The ice house has been converted to a walk in freezer that has been used for fish food products that needed refrigeration. It is also used by law enforcement during hunting season to freeze confiscated game. The hatchery building has undergone major repairs and changes over the years. In general the hatchery building is good. It should be insulated to reduce heating costs.

All the concrete raceways have been badly damaged by frost and should undergo major repairs (a current cost estimate from the A & E Division is attached). Also some minor problems exist on the warm water intake and 150 feet of the water supply line at the Warm Springs Creek crossing.

All the remaining buildings are in fair to good condition and only need day to day maintenance.

The annual production of the Anaconda hatchery is about 550,000 fish weighing approximately 22,000 pounds. Rainbow and cutthroat are the major species reared. Grayling, golden trout, and brook trout are also reared at this station. The later are only raised when requested by regional fish managers.

The majority of the fish produced at this station are released in the western half of Region 3, all of Region 2, and the southernmost part of Region 1.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING DIVISION

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TED SCHWINDEN, GOVERNOR

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December 20, 1982

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FISHERIES DIVISION

Emmett L. Colley, Chief, Hatcheries Bureau  
Fisheries Division  
Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
1420 East Sixth Avenue  
Helena, Montana 59620

Re: Tank Repairs  
Anaconda Fish Hatchery

Dear Emmett:

This letter is in response to your December 20, 1982, request for an estimate of the cost to repair the tanks at the Anaconda Fish Hatchery.

We estimate the total cost of repairing the sixteen tanks to be \$230,000.00. This cost includes removing some deteriorated concrete around the perimeter of the tanks, and pouring new reinforced concrete tank bottoms and walls. It is assumed that no piping work would be required.

The above cost is based on our estimate of mid-1984 construction costs, and includes full architectural services.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George T. Nolan, Jr.", written over a printed name.

GEORGE T. NOLAN, JR., Mechanical  
Engineer  
Design Bureau

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Giant Springs Trout Hatchery  
Great Falls, Montana

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In 1922 Montana Power Company donated the land for a fish hatchery to the department. The Giant Springs Trout Hatchery water storage tank and residence were constructed in 1922. During the Public Works Administration six concrete circular ponds, four-stall garage, shop, residence, and pump house were constructed. In 1953 the old wooden stave water tank was replaced by a 50,000 gallon concrete water tank which was built in the city park. This property is now owned by the department. In 1971 one new residence was erected on newly acquired land east of the present hatchery site.

Monies have been requested in this biennium to replace some of the circular ponds with a system that would more efficiently utilize the area. With increased storage of water by Montana Power Company the present ponds do not have adequate drainage.

Rainbow trout is the major species reared at the Giant Springs Hatchery. Other species are also reared when requested by the regional fisheries managers.

The average annual production is 580,000 to 600,000 fish weighing 31,000 pounds.

These fish are stocked in Regions 4 and 6, in the Missouri, Sun River, Teton, and Milk river drainages.

Big Springs Trout Hatchery  
Lewistown, Montana

In 1921 the Montana Fish and Game Commission was authorized to enter into a 99 year lease with the City of Lewistown to erect a fish hatchery at the big springs south of Lewistown. At that time one residence and a hatchery building were constructed. Part of the original hatchery building is still being used. The original house was sold and moved off the hatchery property. During the depression years two large earthen ponds were excavated and rock retaining walls built. This work was accomplished by the Public Works Administration. After World War II the large hatchery building was erected to house indoor raceways, also four 8' by 100' raceways were constructed. In 1960 land was purchased about one mile north of the original hatchery site and 30 concrete raceways, two residences, a shop, and feed storage building were constructed. This increased the production of the Lewistown hatchery considerably, it became the largest production station in the state and continues to hold that distinction to date. One more residence was added to the hatchery in 1973.

The four concrete raceways built in the late 1940's have had extensive repairs due to settling and poor construction. The raceways need to be replaced with new structures. The original hatchery building should be tore down and replaced.

Rainbow, Yellowstone cutthroat, and kokanee are reared at the Lewistown hatchery with an annual production of 2 million fish weighing 110,000 pounds.

The Big Springs Hatchery has the greatest distribution of any state hatchery. Fish are released from there into lakes and reservoirs in all seven regions.



Yellowstone River Trout Hatchery  
Big Timber, Montana

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In June of 1921 the Big Timber Rod and Gun Club raised \$1,000 and acquired the land and residence at the present site of the Big Timber Hatchery. They donated this acquisition to the department. During that year a small hatchery was erected to house troughs for rearing fish; several years later the hatchery was enlarged to house more troughs. The hatchery was then capable of rearing 1½ to 2 million small fish. In 1930 the hatchery building was enlarged to its present size. During 1939 the Public Works Administration constructed a three-stall garage, ice house and shop building, residence, and large dirt type raceways. Only one of these ponds is in use at this time. The other dirt type ponds have been converted to concrete brood ponds.

During 1930 through 1950 the Big Timber Hatchery was an egg receiving station to incubate brown trout, rainbow, and cutthroat eggs. The eggs were taken at spawning stations in Yellowstone Park, West Yellowstone, Harrison, and Georgetown lakes.

In 1960 this station was converted to the only domestic source of Yellowstone cutthroat. This was due to the lack of available eggs from Yellowstone Park. During the 1960's this strain of fish contacted a bacteria known as kidney disease. Due to the persistence of this disease the closure of this station almost became a reality. In the early part of the 1970's as a result of a continued effort by a new manager a new strain of cutthroat from McBride Lake was collected to begin a new broodstock. These fish also contacted kidney disease. With the use of medication and two new concrete raceways, the kidney disease was eradicated. This strain of cutthroat is becoming a very popular fish in areas where it can be used.

The McBride Lake cutthroat is the only strain of fish reared at Big Timber. Over 1 million eggs were produced in 1982, approximately one-half these eggs were shipped to other Montana hatcheries for rearing and release at a later date.

The hatchery building is in need of major repairs. A proposal has been submitted to construct a new hatchery building, a pipe line for additional water, and rearing ponds to meet the increased demand for this strain of cutthroat.

The average annual production of the Yellowstone River Trout Hatchery is approximately 580,000 fish weighing 6,000 pounds.

These fish are released in Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Bluewater Springs Trout Hatchery  
Bridger, Montana

In June 1947 the Montana Fish and Game Commission bought the Bluewater hatchery site for \$3,000. In 1949 a contract for \$69,000 was let to build a residence, garage, cold storage plant, and ten 100' by 10' concrete raceways. During 1954 one more residence was added. In 1956 a larger cold storage plant, office, and feed room was constructed. This was needed to store great amounts of beef by products to meet the demand for greater numbers of fish. Nine dirt type raceways were added later, after several years of poor production in these ponds six were converted to concrete ponds. In 1973 one more residence, shop, and truck garage was added to house the large fish distribution equipment.

Rainbow trout is the major species reared at Bluewater. McBride Lake cutthroat, kokanee, and brown trout are other species reared as needed to meet regional requests.

All the buildings, pipe lines, and ponds are in excellent condition and no expenditures are needed for repairs.

The annual production of Bluewater is approximately 850,000 fish weighing 55,000 pounds.

These fish are stocked in lakes and reservoirs in southeastern, south central, and southwestern Montana.

## REGIONAL HEADQUARTER

Region - 1

Date of Construction - June, 1956

Original Construction Cost - \$38,981

Total Cost to Date With Remodeling - \$109,984

Original FTE - 1 secretary

Present FTE - 2 secretaries, 1 supervisor

Description - This is a steel building that is too small for present space requirements. It is not energy efficient. Two additional storage buildings have been constructed and a temporary office building (trailer house) have been added. Another temporary office building is planned for next year.

## REGIONAL HEADQUARTER

Region - 2

Date of Construction - January, 1955

Original Construction Cost - \$11,529

Total Cost to Date with Remodeling - \$19,026

Original FTE - 1 secretary

Present FTE - 2 secretaries, 1 supervisor

Description - This headquarter building was an automatic shop purchased by the Department and converted to a regional headquarters building. It is now being replaced by a new building due for completion in late 1983 at a cost of \$786,332

REGIONAL HEADQUARTER

Region - 3

Date of Construction - August, 1954

Original Construction Cost - \$27,878

Total Cost to Date with Remodeling - \$31,341

Original FTE - 1 secretary

Present FTE - 2 secretaries, 1 supervisor

Description - This is a steel building that is too small for the present staff. A hangar-shed is used for additional storage and a temporary office trailer is used for additional office space. This building is not energy efficient. A new building is planned in the University complex on land donated by the University. The present building and ground would be sold.

REGIONAL HEADQUARTER

Region - 4

Date of Construction - October, 1955

Original Construction Cost - \$30,255

Total Cost to Date With Remodeling - \$38,150

Original FTE - 1 secretary

Present FTE - 3 secretaries, 1 supervisor

Description - This is a steel building that is too small for the present staff. It is not energy efficient. An interstate off ramp is designed to partially encircle the site in the next few years. We are leasing the ground from State Lands. We own a new site at Heritage Park and can combine a new headquarters with the design and use of Heritage Park.

REGIONAL HEADQUARTER

Region - 5

Date of Construction - August, 1958

Original Construction Cost - \$29,280

Total Cost to Date With Remodeling - \$57,083

Original FTE - 1 secretary

Present FTE - 3 secretaries, 1 supervisor

Description - This is a steel building being used in conjunction with the houses and out buildings left from the old "pheasant" farm. While it is not energy efficient, it will probably be adequate for five to ten more years.

## REGIONAL HEADQUARTER

Region - 6

Date of Construction - October, 1955

Original Construction Cost - \$28,881

Total Cost to Date With Remodeling - \$31,616

Original FTE - 1 secretary

Present FTE - 1.5 secretaries, 1 supervisor

Description - This is a steel building that has serious heating and cooling problems and is very energy inefficient. A new office building is proposed. The old building would be maintained as a warehouse and shop.



REGIONAL HEADQUARTER

Region - 7

Date of Construction - August, 1957

Original Construction Cost - \$27,966

Total Cost to Date With Remodeling - \$42,283

Original FTE - 1 secretary

Present FTE - 2 secretaries, 1 supervisor

Description - This is a steel building that is not energy efficient, however, space is adequate for present staff requirements.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS  
BOZEMAN HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

Present Facility

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Date of construction               | August, 1954   |
| Employees at time                  | 5  |
| Size, including shop and warehouse | 50' x 80' = 4,000 sq. ft.<br>Approximately 900 sq. ft. of this was office space. |
| Construction                       | Steel quonset hut  |
| Insulation                         | None   |
| Other problems                     | Surrounding property is commercial.  |
| Other buildings                    | One trailer house-office; one hangar-storage                                     |

Proposed Facility

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Present personnel   | 42  |
| New building to include space for wildlife laboratory presently located at MSU. MSU wants space back. |   |
| Proposed location   | MSU   |
| Existing building to be sold.   |   |
| Planned facilities  |   |
| Office space  | 4,480 sq. ft.                               |
| Laboratory  | 4,500 sq. ft.                               |
| Conference rooms  | 600 sq. ft.                                 |
| Reception area  | 200 sq. ft.                                 |
| Shop  | 1,560 sq. ft.                               |
| Gas   | 50 sq. ft.                                  |
| Storage   | 1,150 sq. ft.                               |
| Equipment shed  | 1,200 sq. ft.                               |
| *Total  | 20,601 sq. ft. plus 1,200 sq. ft. for shed. |

Costs are estimated at an average of \$78.18 per sq. ft. This includes room for mechanical, corridors, restrooms, expansion, inflation, contract administration, site work, landscaping, equipment yard, furnishings, architect fees, etc.

\*Includes miscellaneous spaces.

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DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS  
GLASGOW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

Present Facility

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Date of construction               | October, 1955   |
| Employees at time                  | 4   |
| Size, including shop and warehouse | 50' x 63' = 3,150 sq. ft.<br>Approximately 1,200 sq. ft. of this<br>was office space. |
| Construction                       | Steel quonset hut   |
| Property                           | Department owned  |
| Insulation                         | None  |

Proposed Facility

|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| Present personnel  | 14                        |
| Proposed location  | Next to existing building |
| Property   | Department owned          |
| Planned facilities   |                           |
| Office space   | 1,605 sq. ft.             |
| Remodel existing building for<br>storage; site work to include<br>equipment yard, paving, etc. |                           |
| *Total sq. ft.   | 2,500 sq. ft.             |

Costs are estimated at \$88 per sq. ft. This includes restrooms, corridors, mechanical, expansion, site work, equipment yard, architect fees, remodeling, etc.

\*Includes miscellaneous spaces.

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DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS  
GREAT FALLS HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

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Present Facility

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Date of construction | October, 1955   |
| Employees at time    | 9   |
| Size                 | 50' x 80' = 4,000 sq. ft.<br>Approximately 900 sq. ft. of this<br>was office space. |
| Construction         | Steel quonset hut   |
| Insulation           | None  |
| Property             | State Land Board lease -- reverts.  |
| Other problems       | Security is poor. I-15 off ramp<br>is scheduled to be built near<br>present site.   |
| Other buildings      | One trailer house for office space.   |

Proposed Facility

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Present personnel   | 41  |
| Proposed location   | Giant Springs State Park. Property<br>is owned by department. |
| Planned facilities: |   |
| Office space        | 3,020 sq. ft.   |
| Conference rooms    | 1,680 sq. ft.   |
| Reception area      | 250 sq. ft.   |
| Autopsy room        | 225 sq. ft.   |
| Cooler              | 200 sq. ft.   |
| Storage             | 270 sq. ft.   |
| Shop                | 780 sq. ft.   |
| Gas                 | 50 sq. ft.  |
| Equipment storage   | 1,000 sq. ft.   |
| *Total              | 12,280 sq. ft.  |

Costs are estimated at \$71.66 per sq. ft. This includes room for mechanical, corridors, restrooms, expansion, contract administration, site work, landscaping, equipment yard, furnishings, architect fees, etc.

\*Includes miscellaneous spaces.

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HB 335

TESTIMONY PRESENTED BY SPENCE HEGSTAD, MT FISH AND GAME COMMISSION  
January 27, 1983

My name is Spencer Hegstad and I am the chairman of the Fish and Game Commission of the State of Montana. I am here today to speak in support of HB 335.

The responsibilities of the Fish and Game Commission are several. Our legal role is to officially set policy for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and to overview the setting of the rules and regulations which are necessary to the management of the fish, wildlife and recreational resources of our state. Just as important, however, is the responsibility to identify the concerns of sportmen and see that proper programs are developed to address these. We also believe our responsibility lies with developing a broad based program that addresses the concerns of the private landowners who help provide for wildlife and allow many sportsmen the opportunity to hunt and fish in Montana. It is also recognized that our fish, wildlife and parks programs have a direct effect on our Montana lifestyle and contributes greatly to the long term economic vitality of the State of Montana.

We, as a Commission, have reviewed the department proposal and believe it to be a well balanced fish, wildlife and parks program valuable to all of us in the State of Montana.

This is the first time in several years that the serious problems of the physical plant that supports the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks have been addressed. Headquarters and hatcheries are in need of improvement. Facility improvements, as proposed are expensive, but they will only get more expensive. The renovation and improvements have been put off far too long.

Our Montana hatcheries are used to provide fishing opportunity from our prairie reservoirs to our high mountain lakes. It is vitally important to keep them in repair and capable of supplying our fish planting needs. The federal government will discontinue the warm water hatchery in Miles City as of March 31, of this year. If we want bass and pike to plant in eastern Montana, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks must have the people and dollars to assume immediate responsibility for the warmwater hatchery program.

If we want good competent people, we must provide them with at least a reasonable atmosphere in which to work. The headquarter improvements that are suggested will go a long way in providing this.

As we look at other programs that are proposed, I recall many discussions with individual sportsmen and landowners that support the kinds of programs that are suggested.

Of major concern is continuing the department game damage control efforts on private lands. I urge your favorable consideration of the request to increase this fund, from \$130,000 to \$200,000 in the next biennium.

The reward program and mobile check station would help increase our law enforcement capabilities tremendously.

In sitting in on discussions with the forestry, mining, and oil and gas industries, I am convinced we need bio-economic information that will help us to better understand and represent the values of the fish and wildlife resource of our state.

The Bighorn River which supports one of the most outstanding fishery resources in the United States has experienced a tremendous increase in use since the recent opening by the Supreme Court. We need proper biological data to maintain the quality that is being demanded by the sportmen. In addition, we need improved facilities and enforcement in order to accommodate the increased use.

In order to properly manage the exploding deer and antelope populations in eastern Montana, we need better data. The increased field surveys that are proposed should help reduce problems encountered by landowners by giving us better management options.

I have only highlighted a few of the programs and projects. The Commission believes the total proposal represents a balanced approach to ensure a strong fish, wildlife and parks program which will mutually benefit the thousands of sportsmen and the economy of our state. We urge your careful consideration of the proposal as submitted.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

John Greene - Private Citizen:  
Served on Governors Council on Management

1. Governors Council on Management recommendations were in part based on Survey <sup>Research</sup> done by a joint legislative committee.
2. That Committee & The Council found that Hunt was among the lowest of all Western states as to fees charged for hunting & fishing licenses.
3. The Council's recommendations raised Hunt to some where near the middle range of the states studied.
- A. Also both the joint legislative committee and the Council believe that the majority of Hunt sportsmen ~~would~~ support a fee increase.
5. Still with the increased <sup>fees</sup> licenses ~~are~~ are still a good bargain - A tank full of gas for my 4 wheel drive and the proposed cost of the new license are about the same.
6. Fish & Game has prioritized where the money should be spent during this boomtime. That's as

it should be. However I have read and heard people taking an adverse position to where the money is to be spent. Naturally every sportsman wants the most bang for his buck, - namely increased & improved recreation opportunities.

I still believe however, that the best judge as to priorities for expending the funds must lie with the Fish & Game.

I also believe that users of any State Service should pay for that service.

I know that without increases to keep Fish & Game at least equal to the <sup>increased</sup> cost of doing business; ~~then~~ that Hunting & Fishing opportunities are bound to suffer.

I urge this committee etc



CHAIRMAN NILSON  
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE  
FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

MY NAME IS REPRESENTATIVE ORREN C. VINGER, HOUSE  
DISTRICT NUMBER 3, WOLFPOINT, MONTANA.

WALLEYE UNLIMITED AND MYSELF ARE IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE  
BILL 335 RAISING LICENSE FEES.

I BELIEVE THIS EXTRA REVENUE IS NECESSARY TO HELP  
US IN EASTERN MONTANA TO STOCK FORT PECK RESERVOIR.

WE SUPPORT KEEPING THE WARM WATER HATCHERY OPEN IN  
MILES CITY TO HELP STOCK FORT PECK WITH WALLEYE PIKE.

WE ALSO SUPPORT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR OPENING A  
NEW WARM WATER HATCHERY AT FORT PECK.

AT THE PRESENT TIME MANY EASTERN MONTANAN'S ARE GOING  
TO NORTH DAKOTA TO FISH LAKE SACAJAWEA, CAUSING A GREAT LOSS  
OF REVENUE TO MONTANA.

REP. ORREN C. VINGER

DISTRICT NO. 3

WOLFPOINT, MONTANA

## MONTANA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Testimony on HB 335

January 27, 1983

Mr. Chairman, members of the Fish and Game Committee:

My name is Ken Knudson, representing the Montana Wildlife Federation.

As you probably know, we are the largest hunting and fishing organization in Montana, with over 2,000 members and 15 affiliate clubs throughout the state.

I would like to point out that several of our affiliate clubs are here tonight with their own statements about the bill, so I would request, Mr. Chairman, that you allow them to speak after I'm finished so you can have a total, continuous testimony from our organization.

The consensus of MWF, including the several affiliates not here tonight, is to definitely support the department's request for hunting and fishing license increases. We count on the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks to be the strongest and most essential agency supporting our concern for the protection, propagation and preservation of wildlife and wildlife habitat in our state. We feel that it is vital to maintain proper levels of funding to enable them to continue to get the job done in ways that address our interests as hunters, anglers and outdoor recreationists.

At the same time, we realize that these are troubled economic times and that some adjustments may need to be made in some of the department's requests. For example, we feel that the request to increase the elk license from \$9 to \$20 is too steep. We feel this request should definitely be lowered, and that other licenses, such as resident fishing and the two-day non-resident fishing licenses be raised above what is being suggested. Since fishing is a sport that we can enjoy 365 days of the year, we would suggest raising the resident fee to \$12.00 and that the non-resident fee be raised to \$13.00

for a ten day license. We would also recommend raising the non-resident yearly fishing license to \$35.00.

If these and any other adjustments to the fee increases end up totaling less than the \$5.7 million increase, and we hope that ways can be found to maintain this total, we would like to suggest to you our priorities on how the fees should be spent over the next two year period:

First and foremost, we would like to see all of the program requests for fish and wildlife management, protection and enforcement totally funded. This amounts to approximately \$2.6 million over the next two years for the divisions of Wildlife, Fisheries, Enforcement, Centralized Services, Conservation Education, Parks and Recreation, Administration, and, particularly, Ecological Services.

Second, we would like to see a strong and viable program for the acquisition of deer and elk winter range.

A third priority would be the capital expenditures request. Again, however, we hope that the total request can be approved with appropriate adjustments within the fee structure, since the time appears to be right for initiating building projects, with interest rates coming down and many construction, engineering and architectural firms looking for business and submitting truly competitive bids for projects. We also recognize that many of the department's facilities are in dire need of repairs or relocation.

With the aforementioned suggestions and priorities, MWF hopes that this committee will favorably consider the DFWP fee increase request. We would like to thank Representative Nilson for sponsoring this legislation, and hope that you will listen favorably as well to our affiliate clubs' testimonies.

I would like to close by saying that I realize there are people here tonight, some of them hunters, who will speak as opponents to this fee increase. In so doing, I hope they keep in mind what the DFWP stands for as far as quality hunting and fishing in our state.

# Western Montana Fish and Game Association

Box 4294  
MISSOULA, MONTANA 59806



## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

January 27, 1983

TO: House Fish and Game Committee members

RE: License fee increases proposed by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

POSITION: We support most of the license fee increases. Exceptions will be noted later.

Why, in spite of unemployment and layoffs, do we support increasing our hunting and fishing costs?

1. License fee increases over the last 15 years have not kept pace with the cost of providing services plus the buying power of the dollar has deteriorated at a much greater rate than income has increased for the Department.
2. We as sportsmen would like to see more fishing access sites, more work on habitat improvement, improvements to big game winter range, increased hunting access through special management and walk-in hunting areas.
3. We acknowledge a need to rejuvenate hatcheries which have been in use for some time.
4. Those of us who have been involved with requesting & lobbying for increased services and participated in wildlife management and fee increase hearings to the point that we have sought out facts and information; have come to the conclusion that we get what we pay for or conversly that we have to finance what we want.
5. The premise that Montanans have a right to cheap hunting and fishing could be self defeating eventually. Quality hunting and fishing does not equate with cheap hunting and fishing, neither does managing the resource to provide a maximum amount of opportunity to hunt and fish. If we wish to maintain good quality and maximum opportunity, especially if our children are to have this opportunity, we can't keep putting off the time when we improve the wildlife management situation. For the past several years, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks has been in sort of a holding pattern as far as we are concerned and we think it is time for a positive approach to financing a few improvements.

How can we accomodate those Montanans who are unemployed or on reduced incomes?

While hunting and fishing under increased license fees couldn't be classified as "cheap". It would still be a bargain compared to a number of other things we do for recreation. The increase if you purchased both a deer and elk license would be the same as going to movie four times or buying a couple cartons of cigarettes plus you have about thirty days of opportunity to enjoy yourself. The cost of a deer tag plus gas for one weekend still puts your cost of meat per pound under supermarket prices for meat.

Hunting is a voluntary activity, no one has to pay for a license unless he chooses to participate. Fishing is available in many parts of Montana 365 days a year. The cost is relative to the desire to hunt or fish, and while we can not tell people who want "'cheap'" hunting and fishing that we know better than them what is good for them, I think we can safely say that the license fee increases are minor compared to the benefits down the road.

What alterations would we recommend?

1. The elk license increase could be set back a year and graduated over a two - three (2-3) year period to give people time to adjust and hopefully hit better economic years.
2. Deer license increases should start immediately but also be graduated over a 2-3 year period.
3. Mountain Lion licenses which are often purchased by trappers as insurance could be set lower with a trophy fee attached .
4. Fishing fees should help cover the costs of administration as well as hatcheries and biologists. This fee should reach 15.00 over the next three years for resident fishermen and 5.00/2 day license and 20.00/season for non-residents,

We welcome your questions and thank you for the opportunity to address you,

Don Aldrich, Committee Chairman, 543-6945  
Jennifer Cote, 549-4719, 542-2129  
Bob Broyles, 549-8540  
Joe Rice, 549-0090  
Bill Nemeth, 251-4404

HEARING ON HB 335

1/27/83

Remarks of

**William G. Nemeth**

President, Western Montana Fish and Game Association, a sportmen's organization of some 300 members based in Missoula, Montana; an affiliate of the Montana Wildlife Federation.

The License Fee increases proposed for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks under HB 335 have been reviewed by the Directors and Officers of the WMFGA.

The general consensus seems to be that substantial increases in fees are necessary to meet the needs of the Department.

My personal feeling is that the Miles City Hatchery being discontinued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service leaves a void in fish propagation and management which the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks must make every possible effort to fill.

Just last Saturday night at a meeting of Back Country Horsemen, a neighbor -- a local auto dealer and boat owner -- asked me, "What is the Department doing to make sure we have Walleye to fish for?" I informed him that whatever they were doing would not be enough if we lose the production of the Miles City Hatchery because of insufficient funds.

Another disturbing factor is reduction in personnel. FY 1980 records indicate 520 full-time equivalent employees; that number was reduced in FY 1982 to 443.

We feel not only overall performance suffers, but also -- as importantly -- law enforcement. On May 6, 1982, our organization had Justice William Monger and Justice Janet Jensen Stevens as guests. I asked a list of prepared questions following which they fielded questions from the floor. Both Justices expressed surprise that anyone was interested in fish and game law enforcement! Region 2 personnel from the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks report much better response from the courts since our efforts to monitor court decisions.

We want fish and game laws enforced and penalties suitable to act as a deterrent.

While consensus of members present favored increasing license fees, it was by no means unanimous. One young man reported he was a full-time University student and had a part-time job at minimum wage. He tries to hitch a ride

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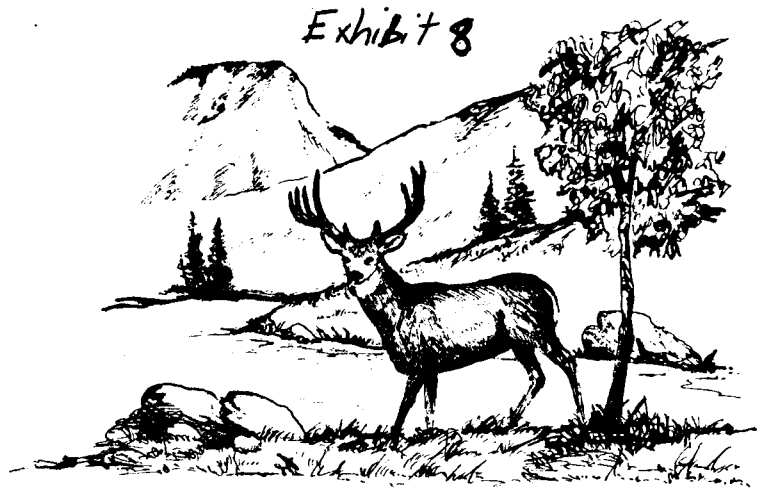
Remarks of William G. Nemeth (cont'd.)

when he can with a hunting companion and says it would be a hardship on him to pay a fee increase. We cannot ignore his problem or that of people on low or fixed incomes. We must strike a balance between the needs of the Department and the ability to pay of our citizen hunters and fishermen.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. G. Nemeth", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

# Gallatin WILDLIFE Association

Bozeman, Montana



January 27, 1983

Chairman and Members of the House Fish & Game Committee:

The Gallatin Wildlife Association supports the proposed hunting and fishing license fee increases at the levels requested by Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

We realize that if we are to continue to enjoy hunting and fishing, with the ever increasing demands on our resources, we are justly responsible to pay the costs.

We urge the Legislature to earmark a sizeable portion of the funds from the fee increases for big game species, to be used in acquisition of critical habitat. We believe this will aid in alleviating conflicts with the agricultural community, relative to winter range areas.

We might reconsider our support, however, if we are appraised of the direction of the reorganization of Fish, Wildlife & Parks. While we support the fee increases, we cannot support the demise of the Ecological Services Division. We see this as a change in direction by the department and a deemphasis of a critical function and attitude by those who are stewards of our wildlife resources. We recognize that economic concerns are important, however they should not take precedence over the mission of the Fish, Wildlife & Parks Department.

*Allen Flood*  
President



From: Ravalli Co. Fish and Wildlife Assoc., Hamilton, Mt.  
Presented by: Duncan B. Gilchrist, President

We feel that Montana is the greatest state in the Lower 48 for the sportsman. Montana is not an outdoor paradise by accident. We feel that we have our bountiful opportunities, because of the concern of our citizens for the resource, and our enlightened programs of the Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. I do not think any of us like paying more for our licenses. What with inflation, what are the alternatives: reduced enforcement, reduction of current management programs and elimination of new programs, which could be further enhancing our resource. Like it or not, we the sportspeople must reach deeper into our pockets if we wish to maintain and even enhance our fish and wildlife populations.

Below is a portion of the minutes of our last general meeting, with an attendance of sixty plus persons. I believe all but three persons voted in the affirmative for the resolution.

January 24th meeting of Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife Association. Bill Thomas, Information Officer for Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks gave presentation on Proposal for fee increase for hunting and fishing. He stated this is just a proposal. The agency is asked by the Governor every two years about how things are going. Proposal has been introduced into the House of Representatives. Committee will hear testimony January 27th at 7 pm on what has been proposed. Senate will also hold hearings. Contact Thoft, Swift and Severson with your feelings. Not one penny of income tax dollar is channeled for fish and wildlife management. It is paid through license purchases and tax on equipment. Snowmobilers pay their own way through licensing. We receive a percentage from income tax dollar to be used for state parks and recreational sites. Inflation, declining federal taxes, new programs, all create need for additional dollars. Four reasons for proposed fee increase. (1) Inflation (2) Federal taxes have declined. We will lose about one million dollars during the next two years. (3) Sportsmen have been after us to buy up winter range for big game and to up-date our facilities. We will replace sportsmen facilities - like fish hatcheries. We will buy fishing access sites. We will fence. We will buy elk winter range. (4) New programs. Need an airplane for survey work. Need hydrologist. Check water filings before water is sold to other interests. Need economic survey about what wildlife is worth. Program to catch non-residents using resident licenses. More care of recreation sites. Send personnel to summer camps. Fight for water rights. Trap and relocate grizzly bears. Fishery study and access sites on the Big Horn River. Orphan wildlife program. Trapping elk.

Alan D'Agineau proposed that we accept the proposal as presented with possible modification in the lion fee increase. Seconded by Douglas Combs. Motion carried. Duncan Gilchrist will travel to Helena the 27th and take our resolution to the hearing.

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Ralph HOLMAN BILL No. H.B. 335  
 ADDRESS MCLEOD, MONT. DATE 1/27/83  
 WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT self.  
 SUPPORT yes OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

*statement attached.*

Mr vice versa

Ex. 10  
HB 335

no one likes increase in costs however  
if we want an efficient and effective Dept.  
to protect and manage the invaluable resources of  
Montana we have to fund the programs,

and the Department as  
The Director is to be commended for proposing  
some worthwhile projects that unquestionably  
will make a valuable contribution  
~~to the economy~~ improve Department  
effectiveness. He is telling us that if  
we want perpetuation of our wildlife  
and sportsman - landowner  
cooperation it has to be supported.

# We want our Deer, our Elk, Fish in our  
streams, long seasons, enforcement  
of law etc. We want the landowner  
to supply the habitat, to stand still  
for game damage and to permit  
trespass but most of us can't see  
the tree for the forest. We think nothing  
of spending 50<sup>00</sup> on a party but we  
want our hunting & fishing for little or  
nothing. We utilize a few thousand  
dollars worth of fuel 4 wh. Drives, Campers,  
gas, oil, maintenance and other equipment  
to get us to the hunting area and complain  
about a few dollars cost for a license. Most of  
us will spend more on one hunt than what is asked for in income  
tax. Some want land acquisition  
we may spend more on the way home than the increased cost asked.  
Some complain about game damage  
and yet oppose land acquisition designed to relieve landowner  
problems.

# I strongly recommend that you consider  
the benefits to the economy of Montana  
while you consider this legislation  
that you look to the number of jobs that

an accumulation of a few dollars from each of us will provide

# Consider tourism which according to studies rates nearly as important to the economy of Montana as does agriculture. It brings clean new dollars into our economy. ~~and benefit and~~ There are ~~for~~ few residents who do not benefit from tourism expenditure.

# Consider that the outfitting industry, as a result of our soliciting tourism to Montana and thru our clients makes a major contribution of close to thirty million new dollars <sup>annually</sup> into our economy.

# Consider that between sixty and seventy per cent of Dept. license revenue comes from Non Resident license sales.

# Consider that a ~~report~~ study of records over a 10 year period reflects that in return for the above the Non Resident only harvested approximately 15 per cent of our deer & elk. Not a bad trade off.

# Consider that the Department, who we have charged with the responsibility of Management, are telling us where the Bear went in the Buckwheat. Look to the benefits, look to what the Department have done to protect and preserve an extremely enviable state asset. I have hunted other states and seen what they have. I as a landowner, outfitter and sportsman fully support this increase as a very important step forward that will prove a valuable asset to our economy and urge that you in turn support passage of this legislation. Thank



Exhibit # 11

Jan. 27, 1983

House Fish & Game Committee  
Capital Building  
Helena, Mt.

Gentlemen:

The Missouri River Chapter of Trout Unlimited supports the proposed hunting and fishing license increases. Fishing license increases are particularly justified in light of the work being done by the Dept. on instream flows, water quality monitoring, stream bank protection activities, and river corridor management. When any Montana citizen can enjoy a full year of the finest trout fishing in the lower 48 states for the prices of two movies and a Coke, that's awfully inexpensive fun, a great bargain.

The Dept. has been hard hit by inflation. Among other things, its acquisition program has come to a virtual halt. Those of us who use Montana's fish and game resources are the logical ones to pay for continuing high quality recreation. For the sake of Montana sportsmen and to ensure the continued strength of our vitally important tourism industry, we must see to it that Fish, Wildlife, and Parks has the necessary funding to protect the habitat base upon which all fish and game depend.

With respect to habitat protection, we wish to emphasize that the continued existence and adequate funding of the Ecological Services Division is absolutely essential to the long range wellbeing of Montana's fish and wildlife resources. Over the last decade, this division has done an outstanding job, and it would be penny wise and pound foolish to eliminate Ecological Services and disperse its excellent personnel, thereby inevitably weakening their effectiveness.

Sincerely,

William H. Dunham  
V.P. Missouri River Chapter  
Trout Unlimited  
P.O. Box 355  
Helena, Mt. 59624

Members of the House Fish & Game Committee:

*Exhibit #13*

My name is Robert Bennetts. I am president of the University of Montana Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society. I am also a resident of Huson, Montana, and a sportsman.

There are several points regarding house bill # 335 that I feel need to be brought out:

--The proposed license fee increase will not result in major manpower increases; in fact the full time equivalent positions (FTE) will be below the 1981 level.

--Decreased buying power in combination with increased resource demands make increased revenues essential to maintaining quality in the management of our fish and wildlife resources.

--Montana's license fees are among the lowest in the western states, with among the highest resource potentials.

--Federal revenues in the form of Pittman-Robertson, and Dingel-Johnson funds are expected to decrease in the future, thus creating the need to fill the losses from these dollars.

To discuss the issue on a more philosophical level, I feel that when you look at the hunting opportunities in Montana compared to the other western states in terms of season lengths and success rates, it becomes clear that either we have a much greater resource potential or we have a much better management program. If we have the better management program then it certainly does not seem wise to reduce this effort and end up with the shorter, less successful hunting seasons exhibited by other western states. If it is a better resource potential that Montana has, then it certainly does not seem wise to reduce management and destroy this

WITNESS STATEMENT

Exhib. #12

NAME Ruane Neal BILL No. H 333  
 ADDRESS Box 43 Grayville DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Black Otter Guide Service  
 SUPPORT  OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

Mr. Chairman + Committee members

I want to thank this committee for the opportunity to testify.

I fully support an increase in license fees as laid out in this bill as long as the increases remain in the same proportion as presently set forth in regard to resident + non-resident hunters.

I fully concur with testimony set forth by Ralph Holman and as short points in favor of this bill have been covered I leave it to the discretion of your committee to do what you feel is justified.

Thank you

Ruane Neal

potential. It is clear that our fish and wildlife resource, unlike many of the other resources of Montana is truly renewable. With this in mind, a sound management effort is the only way of protecting this resource, and this can only be done with adequate funding.

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In conclusion, I would like to say that I have heard arguments from opposition to this bill that they would not be able to afford to hunt under the proposed increase. In regards to this argument, it is well known that the license is but a small part of the cost of hunting. The other costs associated such as transportation, lodging, etc. far outweigh the license cost. With this in mind, if we reduce our management efforts by not adequately funding our department, then the resulting poorer hunting conditions would likely cause the actual cost of hunting to increase. It seems to me then that we should ask ourselves not whether we can afford the license fee increase, but rather whether we can afford not to have it. I therefore ask that you support house bill #335 .

Thank You,



Robert Bennetts

1890 Ninemile Rd.  
Huson, Montana 59846



TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HOUSE BILL 335

Mr. Chairman and members of this committee, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to address this issue which is critical to the citizens of Montana. My name is Joseph T. Jessepe. I am from Browning, House District 14. I am a fourth-generation Montanan who intends to reside in this great state permanently. I am an avid hunter and fisherman, and am concerned about our state's wildlife resources.

I would like the committee members to be aware of the increasing pressures our wildlife resources are being subjected to. These include powerlines, pipelines, increased population, coal mines, and oil and gas development. Also, more federal lands in the state are being developed to raise the most dollars which is often at the expense of wildlife. At a time of increased demands on wildlife, the buying power of our dollars has continually decreased. This has placed us in the situation of trying to do more with less.

An examination of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks "new and expanded" programs reveals that many are actually programs which were once funded by the federal government and the state must now support to simply maintain necessary programs, so the title of "new and expanded" is a misnomer.


I believe the committee should realize that the time has long passed when hunters and fishermen alone can or should carry the burden for managing wildlife in this state. Almost every man, woman and child in Montana benefits from wildlife whether it be a sporting goods dealer, restaurant owner, or photographer. But not all segments of our state

This committee should seek additional funds from the sources contributing to the increased pressures put on wildlife. The coal tax trust fund should fund impacts caused by development in the southeast, the oil severance tax should fund impacts in the Williston Basin, Rocky Mountain Front, and Overthrust Belt. Funds from the general fund should be sought so all Montanans may help support a resource from which they derive so much pleasure and often reap great economic benefits.

With the recent layoffs in Butte and Columbia Falls it is highly probable that wildlife will play a greater role in the tourism industry which Montana will become more dependent on.

If other funding sources are not found, I am sure Montana's sportsmen, although begrudgingly, will once again support the proposed fee increases. We realize that it is not the future of hunting and fishing, nor wildlife which is at stake, but the future of Montana itself.

Once again, I thank you for allowing me to speak, and ask that you support this Bill.

  
Joseph T. Jessepe  
Box 36  
Browning, MT 59417

Pat McCaffery - 606 West Quartz - Suite #15  
Member of Concerned Hunters of Butte, Mont  
Against Bill 335.

Exhibit #13

If the Dept. of Fish & Game gets the proposed hike in Game licence fees from this legislature they will be damaging their dept more than they realize.

For Most Certainly - Rather than increasing revenue they will in fact Decrease Revenue.

With times the way they are - unemployment & Inflation at an all time high - how can they possibly expect the average working Sportsman - (Or Worse yet) the unemployed Sportsman to accept - let alone pay for such a hike increase. An increase of 100% on the average lacks Reason beyond belief at this time. It is ~~totally~~ <sup>very</sup> unacceptable to Montana Hunters and taxpayers.

If such an increase is granted, they will in fact Force the average Sportsman to quit Hunting Revenue Wise. By that I mean, there going to turn law Byding Montana Sportsman ~~into~~ into illegal Montana Pouchers, thereby hurting everybody involved.

We'll pay our fair share ~~of~~ ~~it~~, as all Sportsman in Montana have and would continue to do - But by ~~the~~ God - we won't pay it all. Some concessions will have to be made by Fish & Game as well.

They want 5 1/2 Million dollars to Relocate or renovate 3 Regional Headquarters and 3 Fish Hatcheries, which if needed, sportsman might be willing to accept thru moderate increased licence fees. But to expect Sportsman to pay 100% increased fees to accomplish this all at once is not acceptable at this time. A step by step approach will have to be taken, ~~at a time or two~~ - But or two at a time.

not all at once. We just can't afford it at this time.

I'd like to remodel my home all at once as I'm sure many of you would too — But if you're like me I've got to take it one room at a time, step by step. I just don't have the money to do it all at one time even though it needs it. Concessions Again — Just have to be made!!!

Sure we all want new + better things but right now who can afford them. We have to settle for a little at a time

~~Rome wasn't Built in a Day — But if it was it surely would have fell sooner than it did.~~

~~Rome wasn't Built in a Day~~ These are Words of Wisdom

~~should be heeded by all of us" If we are to succeed in our endeavors.~~

Rome wasn't Built <sup>in</sup> a Day — These are Words of Wisdom that should be heeded by all — Be heeded carefully!!! if we are to succeed in our endeavors.

Thank you.

January 10, 1983

We the undersigned appose the new license fee's , proposed by the Deartment of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Montana Fish And Game Commission.

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 Tom Blevins Box 48 Ronan mt.  
 Jeff Madinski RT 3 Mt Springs  
 Rev. James W. Holmberg Box 594 Ronan, MT 59864.  
 Tim Skinner Box 836 Ronan MT, 59864  
 Kelli McKay Box 262 Polson, mt. 59860  
 Mike Cote Rt. 1 Box 75B Ronan mt. 59864  
 Peggy Cote Route: Box 75-B Ronan, mt. 59864  
 Hail Luchan Box 8 Ronan  
 Gina Starbel Rt. 1 Box 83-20 Ronan  
 Galen J. Starbel Rt. 1 Box 102 Oulson, MT 59860  
 Frank G. McKay Rt 66 Ronan mt. 59860  
 Bill Ashe Box 721 Cole, MT 59847  
 ENARD Jennison Rte #1 Box 40-A Ronan, mt 59864  
 Jeff Cote Box 874 Ronan MT 59864

Douglas ... in ...

Michael Barton St. Ignatius

Paul 606 Roman Mt. 59164

Bernice R. Palmer - Charlo, Mont. Box 55  
59824

Suburb in Palmer Charlo, Mont Box 55

David n Lipscomb St Ignatius

Dick W Jangers Box 329 Roman Mt  
Box 339 Roman Mt

Kitz ... Roman Mt.

Ways ... Roman Mt.

Clark ... Roman, Mt.

David & Lockwood RT1 Box 17B Roman mt.

Frank ... St Ignatius  
John ... Roman Montana  
Henry ... Charlo mont.

David ... Charlo, mt.

Gordon ... Deer Lodge, Mt.  
Gary ... Pablo, Mt.  
Jack ... Roman, Mont.  
Bill ... Roman Mont.

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Bob Wiesner H.B. BILL No. 335  
 ADDRESS Box 579 BONNER DATE 1/27/83  
 WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT SELF  
 SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

- 1) Mr. Chairman -  
 My name is Bob Wiesner. I live near Missoula where I have <sup>enjoyed hunting</sup> ~~been an avid~~ mt. lion hunter for a <sup>good</sup> number of years. I would like as an individual to <sup>enjoyed hunting</sup> ~~be an avid~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~amend~~ the large increase in the mt. lion license.
- 2) Because there are less than 400 mt. lion license holders in the state and fewer lion hunters with their own tree hounds, and because <sup>the hunters</sup> ~~they~~ are loosely organized, you will not hear a large outcry concerning the fees. ~~we~~ must leave this assessment up to you and the small amount of information we assume you have available to you concerning mt. lion hunting. But rest assured, the houndsmen <sup>I know</sup> ~~in Montana~~ are extremely anxious about this large fee increase which would place an unfair share of the financial burden on one small group of sportsmen.
- 3) ~~I~~ <sup>I</sup> feel mt. lion licenses should not cost \$50.00 as compared with the \$5.00 license fee proposed for animals hunted by permit only. The populations and range of mountain lions have increased in Montana and any Montana resident can purchase a license, therefore there is no reason to restrict hunting as in the permit system. In fact, this ~~mountain lion~~ proposed fee increase may increase pressure on the mt. lion. Mt. lion hunting is an expensive activity. At \$5.00 a license the hunter feels little pressure to get his ~~money's~~ <sup>money's</sup> worth & will write off his expenses to a good experience but at \$50.00 some hunters will undoubtedly harvest lions yearly that would otherwise go unharvested to defray expenses.

2) The governors council on management has recommended a \$10.00 increase in the mt. lion license resulting in \$15.00 mt. lion license. Most lion hunters, I feel, would agree with this proposal. I question why lion hunters are being asked to accept a fee increase that is 29 times larger than the previous fee and the other big game hunters are only being asked to accept increases that are 2 or 3 times larger.

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3) The houndsman plays an invaluable role in the management of the mt. lion. Mt. lions are one of nature's most efficient predators and coexisting with them requires a balance in their numbers both for optimum big game management and successfully ranching and farming.

4) In closing, please remember that we are not discussing a management program that costs what other wildlife programs do or for that matter will even directly benefit from such a fee increase.





Unless there is improvement few farmers  
will become involved. We propose that  
all farm machinery be eliminated  
except for some small maneuverable  
tractor to cultivate shrubs and trees for  
cover. We feel that a blue collar  
worker the one presently employed  
could handle the needs of the project  
under the control of the Kalispell office.  
The savings of a manager position  
coupled with the elimination of the  
cost of equipment and operation would  
and could help reduce the budget.

With unemployment at its level  
and with land cost coming down  
there should not be a further hardship  
placed on the low income or unemployed  
at this time. The department size  
can still be reduced and <sup>if further</sup> the existing  
waste should be eliminated ~~before~~ rather  
than to increase license fees.

Coveralls Skirts & Vests.

Bill Palmer

Exhibit #19

ANTHONY MCILVAIN OSTHEIMER  
MOSS RANCH, BOX 145, ROUTE # 1  
ST. IGNATIUS, MISSION VALLEY, MT.  
TELEPHONE (406) 745-4125

JAMES FLYNN, DIRECTOR 1/10/83  
DEPARTMENT FISH, WILDFILE & PARKS  
STATE OF MONTANA, CAPITAL, HELENA, 59601

DEAR MR. FLYNN:

ANNOUNCED RESIDENT HUNTING FEE HIKES, AND YOUR DEPARTMENT'S SHOPPING LIST, APPEARS TO HIDE SOME BIG COSTS, SUCH AS THE COST OF "FARMING" THE FISH AND GAME LANDS AROUND NINEPIPE NATIONAL (WATERFOWL) RESERVATION AND MIGRATORY BIRD PRODUCTION LANDS JUST WEST OF OUR FAMILY RANCH IN LAKE COUNTY.

JUST A FEW YEARS AGO, LOCAL FARMERS USED THEIR OWN MACHINERY TO SUPPRESS WEEDS AND GROW GRAIN AND ALFALFA, PORTIONS OF WHICH WERE LEFT FOR THE GEESE, DUCKS, "CHINKS", ETC. WHAT DID THIS COST THE DEPARTMENT?

NOW, YOU HAVE A HIGHLY-PAID DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, SOME COSTLY MACHINERY, HOURLY TRACTOR OPERATORS, DIESEL FUEL AND REPAIRS BILLS, LITTLE TO NO CROP SALES, AND A HORRENDOUS WEED SEED RESERVOIR WHICH TORMENT THE NEIGHBORS EVERY WINDY DAY.

THIS IS NOT THE FAULT OF YOUR PERSONNEL HERE SO MUCH AS THE FAULT OF A BAD MANAGEMENT DECISION AT THE DEPARTMENT LEVEL. THE STATE HAS NO CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY TO BE IN THE "FARMING BUSINESS". YOU CAN LOSE MONEY FARMING JUST AS FAST AS WE CAN, WHICH IS NOT FAIR TO FEE-PAYING HUNTERS, OR OTHER MONTANA TAXPAYERS!

YOU COULD GET BETTER GRAIN, GRASS, AND COVER FOR WATERFOWL AND PHEASANTS, AND BETTER WEED SEED CONTROL, AT NO COST TO YOUR DEPARTMENT, BY RETURNING TO THE FORMER PRACTICE OF HAVING LOCAL FARMERS SUMMER FALLOW, SUPPRESS WEEDS, TILL/PLANT FOR SHARE OF THE CROP, AND USE SELECTIVE WILDFIRE IN MANAGED BURNS DURING OPPORTUNE SEASONS. YOU'D HAVE NO EMPLOYEE COSTS, NO MACHINERY CAPITAL/INTEREST/REPAIRS COSTS, NO FUEL BILL, FEWER NEIGHBORHOOD CRITICS, AND LESS REASON TO DUN MONTANANS WHO HUNT AND FISH.

FIRE IS NATURAL; EARLY SPRING BURNS WON'T KILL NESTING BIRDS. BUNCH GRASSES RECOVER FAST, WITH FEWER WEEDS. BURNING 1/6TH OF THE AREA EACH YEAR COULD ACTUALLY IMPROVE PRODUCTION OF BIRDS OVER THE LONG TERM, WHILE SUPPRESSING THE WEEDS.

THERE ARE AT LEAST 4 NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING ME AND MY SONS, WILLING TO UNDERTAKE FARMING, AND SUPERVISION OF MANAGED BURNS INSIDE HARROWED FIREBREAK AREAS IN COOPERATION WITH

FISH AND GAME, BISON RANGE, AND TRIBAL WILDLIFE STAFFS). NATURALLY WE'D ALL HOPE TO COVER COSTS WITH CROPS REMOVED IN EXCHANGE; AT PRESENT GRAIN AND ALFALFA PRICES, I CAN'T SEE ANY OF US DOING THIS TO BECOME OVERNIGHT MILLIONAIRES. BUT IF WE BROKE EVEN (WHILE PAYING TAXES!), AND IF YOUR DEPARTMENT SAVED A BUNDLE, WOULDN'T EVERYONE BE AHEAD?

WHAT IS YOUR DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE NINEPIPES AREA OPERATION, INCLUDING SUPERVISOR JERRY SALINAS, OTHER LABOR HIRED, MACHINERY, PARTS, FUEL, SEED, WEED SUPPRESSION, FENCING, POSTING/SIGNS, AND OTHER RELATED COSTS HERE IN LAKE COUNTY? WOULD YOUR STAFF PLEASE MAIL ME A "SPREAD SHEET" SHOWING 1981, 1982, AND (ESTIMATED) 1983 COSTS HERE?

TWO OTHER POINTS IN CLOSING, WHY ARE YOU SINKING SO MUCH IN FISH HATCHERIES WHEN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, SUCH AS HARRIMANS' HERE IN MISSION VALLEY, COULD HATCH AND GROW WHAT YOU NEED? (WHILE PAYING TAXES).

AND, IF YOU DUN NON-RESIDENTS THAT'S OK WITH ME; THEY BRING IN AS MANY PROBLEMS AS THEY LEAVE IN MONIES SPENT, IN MY OPINION. BUT THERE ARE GUEST RANCHES, GUIDES AND OUTFITTERS, AND MOTEL/HOTEL OPERATORS, ETC. WHO DON'T WANT YOUR EXCESSIVE FEES TO RUIN THEIR BUSINESS. PLEASE CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE EFFECT OF NON-RESIDENT FEE INCREASES ON VISITOR COUNT; IF HIGHER FEES DON'T CUT THE NUMBER MUCH, BUT DO UP-GRADE THE KIND OF VISITORS, GREAT! BUT IF YOUR FEE INCREASES CUT THE TRADE BY MORE THAN 10%, JUST SO THE STATE CAN FARM NINEPIPE FISH AND GAME LANDS FOR ONE EXAMPLE, THEN YOU HADDA BETTA ORTA SHARPEN DA PENCIL, BRUDDA!

SINCERELY YOURS,

*151*  
ANTHONY MCI. OSTHEIMER

CC: HAROLD GUNLOCK, GLEN BINGHAM, DON SHEPARD, DELBERT PALMER, NORMAN REUM, TOM STETSON, REX PIERCE, REP. RAY JENSEN, REP. CARL SEIFERT, SEN. JEAN TURNAGE, C.E. CAFFREY, CHM. LAKE CO. WEED BOARD, MIKE DONER, ET AL

Mr. Chairman:

My name is Glenn Saunders, Representative of House District 72.

Let me begin by stating that I am sympathetic with the Fish and Game's need for an increase in 1983 license fees to offset the costs that will be incurred under the pressures generated by inflation, additional services, and the ever increasing demands of the public.

However, you are undoubtedly aware that these are hard times for all of us. The Legislature will not be able to completely fund the requests made of them and everyone is going to have to operate on a lean budget. I feel the Fish and Game is no exception.

You are asking for over a 100% increase in some license fees for 1983 and to me this is unrealistic under the circumstances. Some increase is justified, but over 100%, no.

Out-of-State licenses for 1983 will not be increased at all due to the late date that these changes would take effect. Therefore, I feel some license fee for residents is justified, but not the amount you are proposing.

I suggest a compromise of 50% increase of each license fee which is bad enough but certainly not 100%, and I hope the Committee agrees.



Butte Chapter:

Ex. 21

HB 335

Non\*-Resident fishing Licience.

I977\_\_I54,576

I978\_\_I53,325

I979\_\_I27476

I980\_\_I34,949

I98I\_\_I47,723

I982\_\_I60,205

These are all I day liciences.

Cost I day \$2.00, From 77 to 8I.

This Is a 2 day licience, as of  
December I, 1982 Cost 2 day \$4.00

Non\*resident Season.

I977\_\_I3,250

78\_\_I4,100

79\_\_I4,396

80\_\_I4,903

8I\_\_I6,880

82\_\_I2,370-- As of Dec I 82.

Non-Resident 6 Day

I977\_\_2I,529

78\_\_22,838

79\_\_23,427

80\_\_22,358

8I\_\_25,004

Cost 6 day \$10.00 From 77 to 8I

82\_\_ No 6 day licience.

Would like to see a IO day Licience for \$15.00 and a season

for \$30.00

Please sign in

Exhibit 21

Thank you

Test INCREASE Fees 1983

| Name             | Address               | Telephone     |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Tom Lubick       | 1505 Carolina         | 782-1743      |
| Pat Gordon       | 1964 Lowell           | 782-9578      |
| Jim Wonnacott    | 1825 Thomas           | 723-7215      |
| Don Wonnacott    | 1954 Grand            | 782-6111      |
| Cheryl Wonnacott |                       | 723-8360      |
| John Wonnacott   | 20577-Ave             | 563-8084      |
| Harry Wonnacott  | Box 7 Divide          | 267-3369      |
| Colman Spragg    | 102 E Cedar           | 723-6264      |
| Garry Preston    | 4034 WYNNE            | 494-4390      |
| Duane Johnson    | PO Box 761            | 782-3852      |
| George Jowers    | 1821 A St             | 723-9578      |
| Donald Kiefer    | 15 W Summit           | How.          |
| Blue Manday      | 2811 Kossuth          | 782-4623      |
| Leo Bennette     | 3205 W Harton         | 494-4117      |
| Richard Nix      | 76 W Okemum           | 782-7738      |
| Laurie Ray       | 1523 Coe St           | 494-3189      |
| Tom Dinton       | 3649 HANCOCK          | 494-4078      |
| Charles Parby    | 1810 Buford Ave       | 723-6994      |
| Harvey Ambrose   | 3209 PHILLIAS ST      | 494-7689      |
| Jimmy Van Gelder | 3209 PHILLIAS ST      | 494-7689      |
| Dee Bizz         | 1119 1/2 YALE AVE     | 494-7566      |
| Roy Hastie       | 1119 Yale Ave.        | 494-7566      |
| John Larsen      | 1938 Harrison Ave.    | 723-7105      |
| Jack Millure     | 4400 LAUREL LN, DIXON | 683-6391      |
| BYD TATE         | 1600 WHITMAN          | 782-9257      |
| Ken Berthel      | Dell                  | MOVA          |
| Jack Dehner      | 1100 Waterford Rd     | Belk 494-7053 |
| Leon Hall Jr.    | 728 North St.         | 782-1910      |
| Robert J. Hall   | 804 Zarelda           | 723-3805      |

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## PROTEST INCREASE FEES

| <u>Name</u>  | <u>Address</u>     | <u>Telephone</u> |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Ray to Martin P.O. Box 16, Divide Apartment - none |                    |                  |
| Donald Sheehy                                      | 506 So. Dakota     | 782-6977         |
| Ernest Kruse                                       | 4035 Wynne         | 484-5535         |
| Mike J. Swanson                                    | 1968 Phillip Ave   | 782-6539         |
| Georgia Tanby                                      | 1912 N. Monroe     | 782-7412         |
| Frank Rust   | 3405 N. Hillcrest  | 782-2883         |
| MARK Wilcox  | 725 1/2 Solway     | 782-5667         |
| Florence Hall                                      | 728 North St.      | 782-1910         |
| Luon O'Hall  | 728 North St.      | 782-1910         |
| FRANK BALKOVETZ                                    | 2820 Arroyo        | 782-1555         |
| Harold Rodgers                                     | 2510 N. Ann        | 782-7034         |
| David Mark   | Box 23 Divide, Mt. | 267-3345         |
| Francis Padrotti                                   | 120 Milky Way      | 494-5336         |
| Fred M. Lamb                                       | 3205 Waulter       | 782-5001         |
| John Swan  | 2304 Hancock       | 782-6003         |
| Mike Haggerty                                      | Alex Del Divide    | 494-3808         |
| Ray Healy  | 1725 Lowell        | 723-4282         |
| Pan Healy  | 1725 Lowell        | 723-4282         |
| Don Emott  | 1409 Boulton       | 723-6421         |
| Eloy Garcia  | 2065 Cordova       |                  |



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| Name               | Address            | Telephone |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| DANNY McCLAFFERTY  | 1303 STUART Butte  | 782-2700  |
| Jaymee Miller      | " " "              | " " "     |
| DAN KRZAN          | 2900 Hecla Butte   | 782-0953  |
| Rick Wash          | Rocher,            | 782-9239  |
| Frank Weitzel      | Rocher             | 782-9239  |
| Linda [unclear]    | 1490 waterline Rd  | 494-3181  |
| Lloyd H. [unclear] | 3924 Carter        | 494-5002  |
| Albert Zolynski    | 5100 Warren Bor 55 | 494-5729  |
| EARL B. Staley     | 1321 schley        | 494-8084  |
| Dan [unclear]      | 1909 Banks         | 723-6921  |

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NAME

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|                 |                 |          |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Michael Rivines | 1417 Sunrise    | 494-8210 |
| Martin Carlson  | 1638 S. Gaylord | 723-4590 |
| Mel McWhorter   | 212 NEVERSOME   | 782-8140 |
| Dave Hawk       | 1901 Carolina   | 732-3201 |
| Wayne Stodden   | 541 Bonim       | 494-4402 |
| Frank Cook      | 6095 Albany     | 494-4630 |
| Colette Cook    | "               | "        |
| TONY LANCH      | 3620 GLADSTONE  | 474-3844 |
| BERNARD HAYFORD | 406 So. MONTANA | 782-0555 |
| CARON HAYFORD   | 406 So MONTANA  | 782-0555 |

MIKE RIVINES -

Will help on Committee

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| Butt Agnes                 | 2527 Locust St           | 723 8955         |
| Robert Fournier            | 2503 Elm St              | 723-5916         |
| <del>Robert Fournier</del> | <del>1110 Locust</del>   |                  |
| FRANK WADDELL              | 1490 WATERLINE           | 494-8181         |
| Frank Waddell              | 1490 Waterline rd        | 494 8181         |
| Willie Johnson             | 2626 Moulton             | 723-6871         |
| Burton & Kinyon            | 2111 Mass Butte          | 723-5534         |
| Charles Hansen             | 1814 A St Butte          | 723-4627         |
| Lucas M. Lythall           | Box 227 RAMSAY           | 782-4759         |
| Bonny R. Maki              | 2804 Yale ave            | 494-7757         |
| Jane Beulch                | Box 10 DELL MT           | 276 3494         |
| Larry Buckley              | 2010 Gaylord Butte       | 723-7031         |
| Jim Heason                 | 3011 Carter Butte        | 494-2501         |
| John City                  | 3020 Kuschel Butte       |                  |
| Dick Solam                 | 1146 W. Diamond Butte    | 782-5386         |
| Ray Jensen                 | Box 491 Divide,          | 267-5717         |
| Fred Hayes                 | 3451 Sanders             | 494-5169         |
| Andr O. Mays               | 529 South Colo. Butte    | 723-7379         |
| John Canavan               | 1003 Waukesha Butte      | 782-5425         |
| <del>John Canavan</del>    | <del>1638 Waukesha</del> | <del>Butte</del> |
| Owen Penala                | 1701 Marcia              | Butte            |
| GARY BENTON                | 2670 GUNSTONE            | Butte            |
| Martin Vapky               | Box 3873                 | Butte            |
| James Kahr                 | Box 3893                 | Butte            |
| Jerry McWhorter            | 4800 Harrison            |                  |
| Bob McWhorter              | 4800 Harrison            |                  |
| John Chebel                |                          |                  |
| Lee (Ask John)!!!          |                          |                  |

Committee who will help Members

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ZANE BERTHELSON PO Box 10 Dell Mt. 59724 276-3494

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Donna Dymus 1831 2nd. 723-9578

Donald Kiefer 15th Fremont.

Leon Hall → 728 Walk & Walkville 782-1910

Flora Hall - " " " " " "

Mike Shogren ~~PO Box 3073~~ #3073 494-3808

Egbert Schley 1321 Schley 494-8084

Lee Stringer 3009 Great Butte 782-4716

John Chebul 2639 Harvard. 494-4490

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Tom Lubich 1805 Carolina 782-1745

John Eltz 3020 Bush. →

Bob Bytorovich - Sheriff

John Chebul

Lee Stringer

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| JERRY MANLEY     | 1640 WILSON      | Butte T.V.                           |
| Jim Disher       | 3409 Negley      | Butte T.V. Butte                     |
| Tony Schooner    | Box 2            | Primosky Skyline                     |
| Tom Brown        | 3400 St. Ann     | Butte Skyline                        |
| Al Liebeck       | 2415 Elm         | Butte Skyline                        |
| Ray Cecconi      | 1114 East 5th    | Anaconda, MONT                       |
| S. F. Thomas     | #2 CHERRY ST     | Anaconda Sportsman<br>ANACONDA, MONT |
| L. G. Thomas     | 520 Breckenridge | Helena, MT Self                      |
| D. J. THOMAS     | 1101 Heather Dr. | ANACONDA, MT.                        |
| Jim Flynn        | Helena, MT       | DEPT FWP                             |
| DUANE NEA        | Box 68 Pray      | MT Self                              |
| Napht M Holman   | Box 33 McLeod    | MT Self                              |
| Don Bailey       | Forsyth          | Mont.                                |
| Paul B. Schusta  | Glasgow          | mont COMMISSIONER                    |
| Tom Lacey        | 3113 Hannibal    | -Butte Skyline                       |
| Bob GRIFFITH     | 1731 ELM         | " " "                                |
| LOU RIVENES      | 2035 CALIFORNIA  | " " "                                |
| JAY O'BRIEN      | 2718 FLORAL      | " " "                                |
| Bill Parkish     | 3005 Yale        | " " "                                |
| Bee Demeth       | 6555 CHAIRITT    | MT SLA                               |
| Jennifer J. Cote | 3314 Pajson      | Missle, MT                           |
| Duncan Gilchrist | Stevensville, MT |                                      |
| Joe H. Mello     | 2110 SIESTA      | MISSOULA W.M.P.A.                    |
| David Caswell    | Helena           | Leadership                           |
| Narry Dwyer      | Box 7 Divide     | MT                                   |
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| JAMES B. SPRING  | Billings         | Gov. Council Mont                    |
| John Greene      | Anaconda         | Private citizen                      |

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| DAVE EWENSON      | Helena                      | Self  |
| FRED W. HOLDORF   | 2610 STATE BUTTE            | SKYLINE SPORTSMAN                                     |
| Martin Carlson    | 1638 Gaylord, Butte         | self  |
| OWEN PERALA       | 1701 MARCIA, BUTTE          | SELF  |
| Joseph T. Jessepe | Box 36 Browning MT.         | Self  |
| Robert Bennett    | 1890 Ninemile Rd Helena, MT | Univ. of M. Student Chapter -<br>The Wildlife Society |
| Nancy Kraft       | Helena                      | DFWP  |
| Sam Korman        | Helena                      | MTN   |
| Kevin Broske      | HELENA                      | Self  |
| West Orix         | Helena                      | Self  |
| GLEN BRISSE       | Helena                      | Self  |
| Jerry Dupler      | Boulder Mt.                 | Self  |
| Bruce Highland    | Augusta MT                  | Self  |
| Art Wikum         | Augusta MT                  | Self  |
| Alan Clark        | Bogman 303 N E Ave          | Gallatin WF   |
| Irene Ruzette     | 1100 Missouri - Helena      | Self  |
| Jim Stepiich      | Helena                      | Self  |
| Joe Sicate        | Helena                      | Self  |
| J.P. Murray       | Bogman                      | Self  |
| Louise Kelley     | Gallatin Gateway            | Self  |
| John Morse        | Condon, MT                  | Montana Trappers                                      |
| Robert Honey      | montain city                | ASSN  |
| William M Paul    | 2511 OTTAWA                 | MONTANA TRAP. ASS                                     |
| ERIC Kellner      | Bogman                      | SELF  |
| Emily Stonington  | Bogman                      | Self  |
| Larry D Wight     | Townsend                    | MWF   |
| Neil Shaffer      | Townsend                    | Broadwater Radio Club                                 |
| Bob Montanys      | Townsend                    | " " " " Self  |
| Cliff Nelson      | Townsend                    | " " " " Self  |
| Chris Deveny      | Helena                      | self  |

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|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Tom Daubert        | Box 1184, Helena, MT       | MT Environ Info Ctr  |
| Gerald K Clay      | 1145 Cheyenne Rd Helena MT | Self                 |
| Frank DeLeo        | Helena MT                  | Self                 |
| Jerry Strogg       | Helena, MT.                | Self                 |
| Chuck Baca         | Helena, MT                 | Self                 |
| Shelton Bennett    | Helena MT.                 | Self                 |
| Hunter S. Thompson | Las Vegas                  |                      |
| Joe Murphy         | Helena                     | Self                 |
| Loel Bisset        | Missoula                   | Self                 |
| Juni Richard       | E. Helena                  | MT Wildlife Fed      |
| Mike KOEHNKE       | TOWNSEND                   | Self                 |
| Anne Black         | Helena                     | Homeaide             |
| James Wood         | Helena                     | Self                 |
| DAVID MARSHALL     | Helena                     | Self                 |
| DAN MARSHALL       | Helena                     | Self                 |
| Graig Blevins      | Bonner, Mt.                | Self                 |
| Lewis Palmer       | Charlo Mt.                 | Self                 |
| Clark Blevins      | Bonner Mt.                 | Self                 |
| Bob Wiesner        | Box 579 Bonner Mt.         | self                 |
| Diann Wiesner      | Box 579 BONNER, MT.        | Self                 |
| Peg Phillips       | Great Falls                | Self                 |
| Del Palmer         | Charlo                     | Self & ady neighbors |
| David W Palmer     | Charlo                     |                      |
| Kenneth Esterby    | Charlo Mt                  | Self                 |
| Spiggy Jones       | Charlo Mt                  | Self                 |
| David J. King      | Manhattan, MT              | Self                 |
| Teddy Thompson     | Big Timber                 | Wool grower          |
| John Hobson        | Columbus                   | self                 |
| Lorraine Gillies   | Rock Cr. W. of Philipsburg | Missoula Farm Bureau |
| Mock McClaflerty   | 2001 Mass. Butte           | o self               |
| Pat McClaflerty    | 606 West Quartz            | Self                 |

| <u>Name</u>      | <u>Address</u>             | <u>Representing</u> |
|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Leon O'Hall      | 728 North St Walkerville   | Self                |
| Florence Hall    | 728 North St. Walkerville  | Self                |
| Robert J Hall    | 804 Janelle Buell          | Self                |
| Leon Hall Jr.    | 728 North St Walkerville   | Self                |
| Anthony O'Heuer  | Box 145 RT Mission         | "Others"            |
| Wayne Hornum     | RR 1 Moon Mt. 5900         | self<br>Missoula    |
| Vince Vannore    | Box 5 Star Rt. Clancy MT   | Self                |
| Bob Gibson       | Helena MT                  | Self                |
| John Chebul      | 2629 Harvard-Butte         | Self                |
| Mike Zappety     | PO 3073 Butte              | Concerned Hunters   |
| Frank Holley     | 2013 THOMAS                | Concerned Hunters   |
| EARL B Stokely   | 1321 Schley                | Concerned Hunters   |
| Pete Test        | 344 CLAUCE ST. HELENA      | SELF                |
| Janet Ellis      | Box 464, Helena            | MT Audubon Council  |
| Patricia Daan    | 303 Skyline Dr Missoula MT | Self                |
| JIM FORD         | 9450 Buell, Ceh            | Missoula            |
| Bill LaFramboise | 1979 Aspen                 | Helena Mayor        |
| Harry J. Mandel  | 1129 Ruff                  | Ex Helena City      |
| CHUCK BUEHLER    | Butte                      | TU                  |
| PAUL ROSENTNAL   | Butte                      | TU                  |
| Chris Carson     | Whitehall                  | Self                |



# Witness Statement

Exhibit 23

House Bill 335

My name is Chris Carson. I am a rancher from south of Whitehall, and I am in favor of the fee increases for licenses in Montana.

I feel the most significant factor in wildlife, and fisheries populations increases or declines is changing land use patterns. The increased problems with intensified agriculture, increased grazing use, and of federal soil bank programs, higher taxes, and inflated land values have done more harm than any other thing to affect fish and game populations.

The state of Montana will seriously regret not having taken steps to procure more game range for big game populations, and more improved fishing access and stream preservation. The hunters and fisherman of Montana should not be the only parties contributing to improvement of our fish, wildlife, and parks. Every person and business in the state benefits from the dollars spent by hunters and fisherman. Costs should be shared by more ~~businesses~~ businesses benefitting.

If these increased fees are needed for building improvements, fine. Do it now. And in the future use the increased income to directly improve habitat of wildlife and fish populations. Montana has

been fortunate to be on the outer edge of suburban expansion as most other states have already been subjected to. This will not last for long. When the range is ~~substantially~~ eliminated, the state will suffer - both the people and the animals. Once the land is parcelled out to small interests it will never be available again to the state and people of Montana and the rest of the country.

Chris Carson

R.#1, Box 1656

Whitchell, MT. 59759

1-27-83

I represent the 138 members of the Broadwater Rod & Gun Club. We oppose the licence increases in the amounts now proposed by F.W.P.

We propose that the rate increases be held at 50% of that proposed by the F.W.P. and that all fees should be increased proportionately in a two year period.

We would strongly object to an increase in the number of out of state licences issued if it were to be proposed later.

If the fee increases now proposed by the F.W.P. were to be accepted we would like to see them increased over a two year period.

Broadwater Rod & Gun Club

Larry D. Wright  
Sec/Treasurer

January 27, 1983

House Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee  
Capitol Station  
Helena, Montana

Dear Commitee Members:

I want to go on record of support for the proposed increases in fishing and hunting fees. I would like to stipulate that my interest is in maintaining existing programs and any cuts should come at the expense of building improvements.

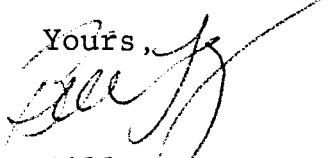
The work the Fish, Wildlife and Parks does is important not only to the residents of Montana but also those who come to Montana to recreate and visit. The cornerstone of the proposed BUILD MONTANA program is tourism. Inorder to insure that people want to come to Montana we must maintain those reasons why they come. Excellent fisheries, big game hunting second to none, are two reasons why they come. Many of our rural communities are directly tied to these resources. Hikers, backpackers, boaters, all depend upon the resources that the Fish, Wildlife and Parks support and strengthen.

On a personal note, I live in Montana because I fish and hunt and my wife is a photographer. We could be making double what we do in Montana by living elsewhere but we chose to live in Helena because of the ammenities. As a sportsman I am willing to pay for the work of the department and what it means to my lifestyle. If people don't support the work of the department they simply don't have to purchase the liscences. The new proposed rates are niminal whan compared to other recreation and the amount people spend on guns, fishing gear, vechicles, clothing the list is endless. For the quality of the expereince the new proposed rates are miminal.

It is my department supported by my money and I would appreciate your support to see that it remains strong and viable not only for myself and family but for the economy of Montana.

Thank you for allowing my testamony.

Yours,



Bill Long  
1012 Peosta  
Helena, Montana 59601

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Fred Mello BILL No. H.B. 335  
 ADDRESS 7110 Siesta Dr Missoula DATE 1-27-83  
 WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT W MT Fish & Game Assn  
 SUPPORT  OPPOSE  AMEND

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments: *costs have not been concurrent with rate of inflation. I would like to be able to continue to fish, hunt and enjoy the flora and fauna of Mont. I do not feel that ~~th~~ without the raise in lic. fees ect that wildlife programs ect. would suffer dearly in the process.*

Opposition to HB 335

Exhibit 26

MISSOULA COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
2100 OXFORD  
MISSOULA, MONTANA  
59801

25 January 1983

Pat Underwood  
Dir. Info, and Public Affairs  
Farm Bureau Office  
Jorgensens Motel  
P.O. Box 857  
Helena, Montana 59601

Missoula County Farm Bureau is opposed to any increase of hunting and fishing licence fees at this time.

The economy is at it's lowest level in recent times; as bad as 1932. The thought of an increase is outrageous. We feel sure that there are a number of families that do not have any meat to eat at all. The timing is bad.

We feel that if the Fish and Game would stay out of lawsuits, they could use that money to better advantage.

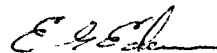
We believe this drastic increase would encourage poaching and more animals would be killed and left in the hills.

We oppose buying land for parking lots.

We are in favor of extending seasons to keep our herds in line. Live trapping and relocation of game animals is a very expensive business.

If this becomes a bill, Governor Schwinden, we urge you to veto it.

Sincerely,



E. G. Edens  
President  
Missoula County Farm Bureau

cc. Bob Thoft  
Elmer Severson

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME MARION F. WADDELL BILL No. 325  
 ADDRESS 1490 WATERLINE RD. BATE, MT. DATE JAN 27 1982  
 WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT MONTANA HUNTERS  
 SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE POSITIVELY AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments: ① THIS BILL IS NOT REALISTIC BECAUSE IT DEMANDS MORE FROM CITIZENS OF MONTANA THAN FROM CITIZENS OF OTHER STATES;

② THIS BILL IS TOO INFLATIONARY AT A TIME MONTANAS ARE UNEMPLOYED BY THE THOUSANDS AND CAN ONLY LOOK FORWARD TO WORSENING EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS.

③ THIS BILL IS TRYING TO GAIN MONEY FOR THE COMFORT OF OFFICIALS AND STAFF AND IS AIMED AT FISHING INTERESTS - THE FEES TARGETED FOR THE MAIN INCREASES ARE GAME FEES AND NOTHING IS PROPOSED TO BETTER GAME HABITAT OR HUNTING CONDITIONS.

④ THIS BILL DOES NOTHING FOR THE HUNTERS WHO WILL HAVE TO PAY IT AND NOTHING FOR THE GAME ANIMALS THAT ARE THE BREAD AND BUTTER OF THE GAME COMMISSION.

(5) IN 20 YEARS OF HUNTING IN MONTANA  
I HAVE SEEN BUILDING RENOVATION - LAKESIDE  
AND TIMBERLAND FEE PARKS - AND INCREASED  
POLICE CONTROL BY WARDENS. THE COMMISSION  
COMPLAINS THAT EASTERN MONTANA DEER AND  
ANTELOPE POPULATIONS ARE EXPLODING. IF THE  
COMMISSION DID <sup>MORE</sup> IN THE BIOLOGICAL AREA  
AND LESS POLITICS THEY WOULD NEED LESS INCREASES.



WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME MIKE KOEBNKE BILL No. HB 335  
 ADDRESS Bx 506, TOWNSEND, MT DATE JAN. 27, 1983  
 WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT SELF  
 SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE X AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

As a budget analyst for the Office of Budget & Program Planning (Gov. Off.) ~~throughout~~ during ~~the~~ both the 45<sup>th</sup> & 46<sup>th</sup> Legislative Sessions, I was assigned the Fish & Game Dept. budget.

The fee increases proposed under HB 335 is excessive and not necessary. In fact, the Fish & Game Dept. is a big <sup>spender</sup> ~~spender~~ and ~~one~~ one of the fastest budget growth agencies in State government. The Dept. does not need additional \$5.8 million to spend. Too much money leads to waste & inefficiency.

Please, either kill or largely amend down the fee increase.

Thank you.

# Spokesman for Concerned Sportsmen

## WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Sam T. Babick BILL No. 335  
ADDRESS 626 EVANS BUTTE DATE 1-28-83  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Concerned Sportsmen of Butte  
SUPPORT Hunting & Fishing  OPPOSE  AMEND

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments: In regards to the fee increases proposed by the Department. We the Concerned Sportsmen of Butte are opposed to any increase on any of the fees. To ask for a 100% increase on fees at a time when our economy is in a slump is unjust.

Brief Outline

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WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Thel Rosetta BILL No. Fee Increase

ADDRESS 1100 Mississippi DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Self

SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

Support fee increase, oppose  
~~the~~ removal of ecological courses w/  
FWCP. ~~I~~ believe no decision should be  
made unless public hearings are held.

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME James H. Difwa BILL No. \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS 3409 Meighley Dr DATE 1/27/82  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT T.U. 183  
SUPPORT  OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND With

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

*Amend 2 day leave to 10 days  
\$15.00*

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME JERRY MANLEY BILL No. 335  
ADDRESS 1640 WILSON DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT TU  
SUPPORT YES OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

IN FAVOR AS PROPOSED  
EXCEPT NON-RESIDENT 2 DAY  
FISHING

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME PAUL ROSENTHAL BILL No. H 335  
ADDRESS 1145 So. MONTANA BUTTE DATE 1/27/83  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT TROUT UNLIMITED  
SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND X

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

SUPPORT RESIDENT FISHING FEE FROM ~~7~~ TO \$10  
WOULD LIKE TO SEE NON-RESIDENT 10 DAY  
FOR \$15.00

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Charles E. Buehler BILL No. \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS 3447 Hannibal St., Butte DATE 1-27-83  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Skyline Sportsmen, Trout Unlimited  
SUPPORT  OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

In favor of bill except would like  
to do away w/ 2 day fishing license.

oooooooooooooooooooooooooooo

Martin Carlson  
Butte, MT

Representing  
myself

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WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Joseph T. Jessepe BILL No. 335

ADDRESS Box 36 Browning Md 59417 DATE Jan 27

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Joseph T. Jessepe

SUPPORT X OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Jennings J Cote BILL No. Fee Increase  
ADDRESS 3314 Papson DATE 1/27/83  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Western MT Fish & Game Assn.  
SUPPORT X OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME GARRY L. PROSTON BILL No. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS 4034 AYNAC DATE 1-27-83

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE X AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

Will Testify /

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME John Greede BILL No. 335  
ADDRESS Star Route East Alacorda mt DATE 1-27-83  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Private Citizen -  
SUPPORT X OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Larry D. Wright BILL No. 335  
ADDRESS Townsend MT 09644 DATE 1-27-83  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Broadwater Rod & Gun Club  
SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME William H. Dunham BILL No. \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS PO Box 355, Helena, MT DATE 1/27/83  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Missouri River Chapter Trout Unlimited  
SUPPORT  OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

*see written testimony*

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME William G. Nemeth BILL No. H B335  
ADDRESS 6555 Charrett - Missoula DATE 1-27-83  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Western Montana Fish + Game Assoc.  
SUPPORT X OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Robt. Van Oort BILL No. \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS Albion DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Self  
SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:



WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Thomas Percy BILL No. \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS 3113 Hannibal - Butte DATE 1-  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT SKYLINE SPORTSMAN  
SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE X AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

Opening DAY on Oct 25<sup>th</sup>

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME LOUIS RIVENS BILL No. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS 2035 CALIFORNIA ST DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT SKYLINE SPORTSMAN

SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME MURRAY J. O'BRIEN BILL No. 335

ADDRESS 2718 FLORAL DATE 1-27-83

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT SKYLINE SPORTSMAN

SUPPORT X OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND OUT OF STATE  
RAISED SAME  
%

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Bob GRIFFITH BILL No. 335  
ADDRESS 1731 ELM DATE 1/27/83  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT SKYLINE  
SUPPORT X OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND X

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

AMEND TO THE OUT OF STATE  
SPORTSMEN LICENCE INCREASES THE  
SAME PERCENTAGE AS IN STATE  
LICENCE,

OPENING DAY

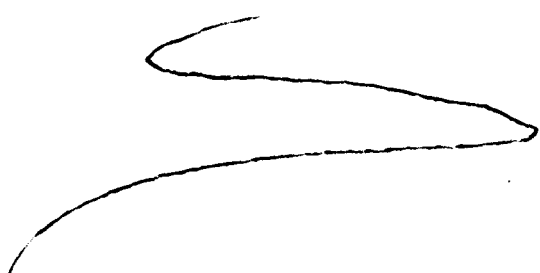
WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME JERRI Dupler BILL No. AB 335  
ADDRESS PO Box 615 DATE 1-27-83  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT \_\_\_\_\_  
SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE XXX AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

*Please under these circumstances  
of the economy have no dissent.*



WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME KEVIN BRUSKI BILL No. 335

ADDRESS 1425 VALLEY Forge DATE 1-20-83

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Self

SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE X AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Olen Brice. BILL No. HB 335  
ADDRESS 2995 Prospect DATE 1-27-83  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Self.  
SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE XXX AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Walt Bries BILL No. 335  
ADDRESS 2996 Prosper 23 DATE Jun 27 83  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Self  
SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE X AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

Price to High  
will sell Less



WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Robert Bennett BILL No. 335

ADDRESS 1890 Ninemile Rd. Huson, MT DATE 1/27/53

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT University of Montana Student Chapter, The Wildlife Society

SUPPORT X OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments: written testimony also sent to committee

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME L F Thomas BILL No. HB 335  
ADDRESS #2 Cherry Anaconda DATE 1-27-83  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Anaconda Sportsmen Club  
SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND XX

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

~~Will~~ Will go along with moderate  
increase → not as it stands ~~now~~

Will go along Butte skyline stipulations.  
1. Keep Anaconda fish hatchery in future  
2. <sup>5</sup>100 elk increase +

WITNESS STATEMENT

Name FLOYD WOOD Committee On 291  
Address 925 N F Old Cavalry Pl Date Jan 25th  
Representing Bunny Swift Council Support Yes  
Bill No. 291 Oppose \_\_\_\_\_  
Amend \_\_\_\_\_

AFTER TESTIFYING, PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments: It is our right to be able to  
1. use our will life. Some may  
2. enjoy shooting migratory birds  
and foul we in the overculture  
3. enjoy rearing them and learning  
how to care for them in case  
4. they get scarce in the wild  
we will be able to reintake  
them back into the wild  
we have been helping out many  
of the bird species by learning  
how to keep them in captivity

Itemize the main argument or points of your testimony. This will assist the committee secretary with her minutes.