

## New Legislation!

**Important!** Please note that some of the bills here are about **proposed** bills that have not reached full bill status! Bills are denoted by a SB or HB.

### HB 144 – Revise FWP Licensing Laws Relating to Large Predators

- Originally proposed to remove permits for hunting mountain lion and wolf. Has been amended.
- Now reads: establish hunting season quotas for mountain lions and wolves
- Seeks to prevent the population of elk, deer, and antelope from decreasing beyond sustainable levels
- Has passed vote on House floor
- Has been submitted to Senate for hearing in committee and vote on Senate floor
- Committee: Fish, Wildlife & Parks
- Contact: Ted Washburn, Chair  
612 Candlelight Dr  
Bozeman, MT 59718-7255  
(406) 388-1901

### HB 289 – Provide For a Three-Year Waiting Period on Mountain Lion License

- Asks for a 3-year waiting period after receiving a special mountain lion permit
- Being voted on in committee
- Committee: Fish, Wildlife & Parks
- Contact: Ted Washburn, Chair  
612 Candlelight Dr  
Bozeman, MT 59718-7255  
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### SB 135 – Clarify Use of Dogs to Track Wounded Game Animals

- Hunter with a valid license and wounded game animal may use dogs to track
- Must use a 50-foot lead attached to dog's collar or harness to track
- Committee: Fish & Game
- Contact: John Brenden, Chair  
PO Box 970  
Scobey, MT 59263-0970  
(406) 783-8394

### HB 390 – Require Inspection for Dog Breeding Facilities

- Requires Dept of Livestock to set rules and require annual inspections of any facility that sells 30 or more dogs a year
- Set standards for housing, feeding, bedding, health, registration and inspection
- Committee: Agriculture
- Contact: Krayton Kerns  
1408 Golf Course Rd  
Laurel, MT 59044-3600  
(406) 697-6449

### Look Up Bills

Go to [www.leg.mt.gov](http://www.leg.mt.gov) and click on Bills on the left side of the page, then click on 2011 session. This will take you to a page where you can enter HB/SB and the number of the bill. Click Find to see what's going on with the bill (votes, committees, actions, etc.).

**Note!** The information on this page is about **proposed** bills. Please note the LC in front of the number. These have not made it to full bill status yet. They have not been assigned bill numbers or been assigned to committees for hearings.

### LC 1145 – Reclassify Mountain Lions as Predators

- To classify mountain lions as predators
- Eliminate the need for mountain lion hunting licenses
- Classifies mountain lion the same way coyote, weasel, and skunk are classified

### LC 1083 – Revise Dog Bite Laws

- Change current liability for dog owner from only regulating those within an incorporated city/town to anywhere in the state

### LC 2048 – Revise Animal Welfare Laws

- This proposal has not become available to read or print

### Contact a Committee

If you want to contact a committee to comment on a bill, you can also do that at [www.leg.mt.gov](http://www.leg.mt.gov). Go down the page past the links, in the middle and click on "Contact a Legislator." Then you can use the Online, During Session link, or you can call 406-444-4800 and leave a voice message.

**Important!** All General Bills (non revenue) have to pass from the originating chamber (House or Senate) to the other chamber by February 24, 2011. If they meet the deadline, and are amended in the second chamber, they must be transmitted back to the first chamber by April 1, 2011 for final resolution. If these deadlines are not met, the bill will die.

If you want help navigating the website, please contact Mable Deane at 406-285-4474 or Dacia Johnson at 406-580-7703

## Meetings

**What:** Region 3 meeting to discuss mountain lion quotas. Biologist and wildlife personnel from Region 3 will be present.

**Where:** Three Forks at the United Methodist Church Annex on March 2, 2011 at 7 PM to in.

**Why:** They have requested this meeting so they can take an agreeable proposal to the March FWP Commission meeting for 2011 Mountain Lion Quotas in Region 3.

Please take the time to gather your thoughts and attend this meeting to have meaningful discussions with the FWP Biologists in Region 3.

We did not hear from other regions about meetings. If you are interested, contact your region biologists to see if there is a meeting scheduled. Let the club know and we can get notices out to the houndsmen in your region.

## Membership Application

Yes, please register me/us as member(s) of MSHA.

Individual membership is \$6.00 per year. Family membership is Available to families at the same mailing address as follows:  
First member is \$6.00 – each additional family member, add \$1.00  
(Up to a maximum of \$10.00) Memberships expire June 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail your application and dues to:

Montana State Houndsmen  
Association  
c/o Dacia Johnson, Secretary  
PO Box 1246  
Three Forks, MT 59752



### Upcoming Events for 2011

White Sulphur Springs – June 4 & 5

Three Forks – August 20

More details to follow in spring newsletter.

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