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HOUSE BILL NO. 212

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AN ACT CLARIFYING THE TYPES OF FISH AND GAME HARVEST PROTECTED UNDER THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; REVISING DEFINITIONS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-101 AND 87-6-101, MCA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Right to harvest -- legislative intent. The legislature, mindful of its constitutional obligations under Article II, section 3, of the Montana constitution protecting the inalienable rights of a person to pursue life's basic necessities, enjoy the person's life and liberties, and pursue happiness in all lawful ways, and Article IX, section 7, of the Montana constitution protecting the opportunity for a person to harvest wild fish and wild game animals while not diminishing other private rights, has enacted the laws of this title pertaining to the lawful means of hunting, fishing, and trapping, as defined in 87-2-101 and 87-6-101, as adequate remedies for the preservation of the harvest heritage of the individual citizens of this state. See more [HB212 language](#)

- [Keep trapping out of Constitution](#) March 19, 2015- (Cathy Reich)
- [Trapping amendment ignores voters](#) March 17, 2015- (KC York)
- [Trapping is not hunting or fishing](#) March 02, 2015- Montana Standard (Barbara Booher)

- [Montana Senate to pass bill to redefine game animals](#) February 25, 2015- Bozeman Daily Chronicle (Laura Lundquist)
- [Trapping shouldn't be protected by constitution](#) February 17, 2015- Bozeman Daily Chronicle (Susanne Measure-O'Connor)
- [Trapping should not be protected right](#) February 17, 2015- Bozeman Daily Chronicle (Steve Barkley)
- [2015 Legislature: Time to end 'tradition' of trapping](#) February 15, 2015- Missoulian (Valerie Beebe)
- [Let the majority decide what is right](#) February 3, 2015- Independent Record (Robin Layton)
- [Bill to clarify constitution gets mired in trapping dispute](#) February 3, 2015- Missoula Independent (Alex Sakariassen)
- [HB 212: Montanans don't support trapping](#) February 3, 2015- Missoulian (Cheryl Kindschy)
- [Democrat Zac Perry votes with GOP on HB-212](#) February 3, 2015- Flat Head Memo
- [Injured eagle shows risks of trapping, Missoula raptor researcher says](#) February 3, 2015- Missoulian (Rob Chaney)
- [Trapping bill would be amending state constitution](#) January 30, 2015- Billings Gazette (Wes Miles)
- [Bill would specify trapping as constitutional right](#) January 20, 2015- Bozeman Daily Chronicle (Laura Lundquist)
- [Bill would include trapping in Montana Constitution](#) January 20, 2015- Billings Gazette (Brett French)