

Senator LaFountain, Representative Landry and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee,

I am Steve Robinson, and am testifying in favor of LD 2194, "An Act to Clarify When a Wounded Game Animal May Be Dispatched by an Authorized Licensed Guide," .

Events this past fall, brought to light the fact the current wording of Title 12, allowing guides to dispatch mortally wounded big game, allows them to do so **ONLY** after legal hunting hours.

I attended a guide school before licensing. I was taught that guides had the ability to dispatch wounded game under certain situations. It has been common practice and understanding, within both guide community and our local warden service staff; that guides have the right to dispatch game as necessary.

There are many more opportunities requiring a guide to dispatch, during legal hunting hours than those that occur after legal hours.

This is a matter of ethical treatment of hunted game and safety for the hunting party. I urge you to vote ought to pass on LD 2194 to clarify when a wounded game animal may be dispatched by an authorized guide.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Steve Robinson