

Montana Constitution Article IX, Section 7 and MCA 87-1-107

Constitution of Montana -- Article IX -- ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Section 7. Preservation of harvest heritage. The opportunity to harvest wild fish and wild game animals is a heritage that shall forever be preserved to the individual citizens of the state and does not create a right to trespass on private property or diminution of other private rights.

MCA 87-1-107. 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.