

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

**Call to Order:** Chair Kelly Flynn, on March 17, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)  
Rep. Jean Price, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)  
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)  
Rep. Mark Noland (R)  
Rep. Andrew Person (D)  
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch  
Jennifer Petersen, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 333, 3/9/2015; SB 334, 3/9/2015; SB 230, 3/9/2015

00:00:01 Chair Flynn  
00:01:52 *Rep. Meyers and Rep. Smith arrives*

### **HEARING ON SB 333**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:10 Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 333, Clarify policy toward nonresident hunters.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:07 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(fih55a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih55a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih55a03\)](#)

00:09:11 *Rep. Jacobson arrives*

00:09:43 Bill Mitchell, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MT-SFW)

00:10:39 Paul Fielder, retired wildlife biologist, self

00:11:22 Chair Flynn

00:11:33 Brian McCullough, self

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

00:12:28 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

#### **Informational Testimony:**

00:14:53 Paul Sihler, Chief of Operations, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:15:19 Rep. Wagoner

00:15:40 Nick Gevock, MWF

00:16:18 Rep. Fiscus

00:17:19 Sen. Hinkle

00:18:30 Chair Flynn

00:18:52 Paul Sihler, FWP

00:19:09 Chair Flynn

00:19:38 Nick Gevock, MWF

00:19:59 Rep. Wagoner

00:20:24 Sen. Hinkle

00:20:52 Paul Sihler, FWP

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

00:21:44 Sen. Hinkle

00:23:06 Chair Flynn, Recess

00:24:36 Chair Flynn, Reconvene

**HEARING ON SB 230**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:44 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 230, Public scoping process for FWP land acquisitions.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:23 Paul Sihler, Chief of Operations, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**[EXHIBIT\(fih55a04\)](#)**

00:27:18 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:28:09 Sam Milodragovich, sportsman from Butte, MT, self

00:28:29 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

00:29:27 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:31:01 Rep. Lieser

00:31:28 Paul Sihler, FWP

00:32:29 Rep. Fiscus

00:33:06 Sen. Vincent

00:35:05 Rep. Fiscus

00:35:24 Sen. Vincent

00:35:48 Rep. Meyers

00:36:06 Sen. Vincent

00:37:00 Rep. B. Brown

00:37:59 Sen. Vincent

00:39:14 Chair Flynn

00:39:24 Sen. Vincent

00:40:10 Chair Flynn

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:40:24 Sen. Vincent

00:40:47 Chair Flynn, Recess

00:42:20 Chair Flynn, Reconvene

**HEARING ON SB 334**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:42:28 Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 334, Revise definitions of game animal, predatory animal.

**[EXHIBIT\(fih55a05\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:52:40 Bill Mitchell, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MT-SFW)

00:53:43 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

**[EXHIBIT\(fih55a06\)](#)**

00:54:59 Paul Fielder, retired wildlife biologist, self  
 00:59:16 Brian Gartner, Montana Trappers Association (MTA) and self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:00:11 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
 01:01:46 KC York, Chair, Trap Free Montana Public Lands (TFMPL)

**EXHIBIT(fih55a07)****EXHIBIT(fih55a08)**

01:07:09 *Rep. White leaves*  
 01:07:40 Chair Flynn  
 01:07:46 KC York, TFMPL  
 01:07:53 Chair Flynn  
 01:08:06 Wes Miles, Volunteer, Trap Free Montana Public Lands (TFMPL)

**EXHIBIT(fih55a09)**

01:13:54 Chair Flynn  
 01:14:01 Chris Marchion, Anaconda Sportsmen Club (ASC)  
 01:15:42 Sam Milodragovich, self  
 01:17:47 Rhonda Lanier, Wolves of the Rockies  
 01:19:06 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon  
 01:19:48 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies  
 01:20:16 *Rep. White returns*

**Informational Testimony:**

01:20:40 Becky Dockter, Chief Legal Counsel, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:21:02 Rep. Pinocci  
 01:21:37 Sen. Fielder  
 01:22:11 Rep. Pinocci  
 01:22:16 Sen. Fielder  
 01:22:31 Paul Fielder, retired wildlife biologist, self  
 01:23:21 Rep. Z. Brown  
 01:23:50 Becky Dockter, FWP  
 01:27:06 Rep. Z. Brown  
 01:27:35 Becky Dockter, FWP  
 01:29:31 Rep. Lieser  
 01:30:08 Becky Dockter, FWP  
 01:31:03 Rep. Noland  
 01:31:19 Paul Fielder, retired wildlife biologist, self  
 01:32:28 Rep. Noland  
 01:32:39 Paul Fielder, retired wildlife biologist, self  
 01:34:07 Rep. Court  
 01:34:57 Becky Dockter, FWP  
 01:35:04 Rep. Court  
 01:35:38 Becky Dockter, FWP  
 01:35:46 Rep. B. Brown  
 01:36:22 Sen. Fielder  
 01:38:03 Rep. Lieser  
 01:38:34 Becky Dockter, FWP  
 01:40:13 Chair Flynn

01:40:25 Paul Fielder, retired wildlife biologist, self  
01:40:27 Chair Flynn  
01:40:31 Paul Fielder, retired wildlife biologist, self  
01:41:17 Chair Flynn

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:41:26 Sen. Fielder

01:47:01 Chair Flynn

01:47:54 Rep. Lieser

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:48:23

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Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fih55aad.pdf](#))**