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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Vice Chair Rick Ripley, on March 12, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. John Brenden

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

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: HB 146, 2/24/2015, HB 450, 3/9/2015

HEARING ON HB 146**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:49 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 146, Revise distribution of block management funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:32 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:14:37 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:14:40 Sen. Vuckovich left the hearing.

00:16:00 Ed Grady, self

00:18:23 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

00:19:38 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:21:13 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:21:43 Sen. Fielder left the hearing.

00:22:16 Paul Sihler, chief of operations, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
[EXHIBIT\(fis51a01\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:24:43 Sen. Hinkle
00:25:12 Mr. Sihler, FWP
00:26:36 Sen. Phillips
00:27:01 Rep. Flynn
00:27:17 Sen. Vincent
00:31:26 Mr. Sihler
00:31:49 Sen. Facey
00:32:26 Mr. Sihler
00:32:47 Chair Ripley
00:33:52 Mr. Sihler

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:17 Rep. Flynn

HEARING ON HB 450

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:28 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 450, Allow suppressors for hunting of mountain lion and wolves.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:09 Gregg Trude, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:41:31 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:42:22 Marc Cooke, president & board member, Wolves of the Rockies

00:44:58 Jim Kropp, chief of law enforcement, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis51a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:08 Sen. Hinkle

00:48:38 Mr. Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies

00:48:48 Sen. Phillips

00:49:16 Mr. Trude, self

00:49:27 Sen. Phillips

00:49:40 Rep. Wagoner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:52 Rep. Wagoner

Committee Business

00:52:50 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:52 pm

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis51aad.pdf](#))