

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Bob Brown, on January 22, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Brown, Chair (R)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Zac Perry, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch
Hannah Winn, 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: HB 29, 1/15/2019; HB 161, 1/15/2019

HEARING ON HB 161**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:48 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 161, Establish requirements for fish and wildlife decision-making processes.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:06:33 Rep. White

Opponents' Testimony:

15:10:04 Chris Smith, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fih12a01\)](#)

15:13:28 Paul Sihler, Fish Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fih12a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih12a03\)](#)

15:21:04 Mark Lambrecht, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, (RMEF)

15:22:53 Vito Quatraro, Self

15:24:49 Mark Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies

15:26:36 Jim Posewitz, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fih12a04\)](#)

15:30:04 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance, (MSA)

15:33:47 Denny Haywood, Self

15:37:40 Gayle Joslin, Self

15:40:34 Rod Bullis, Self

15:41:54 Bill Geer, Montana Wildlife Federation, (MWF)

15:44:24 Jennifer Sherry, Natural Resources Defense Council

[EXHIBIT\(fih12a05\)](#)

15:46:54 Marlon Clapham, Montana Bowhunter's Association, (MBA)

15:49:07 KC York, Trap Free Montana Public Lands

15:50:44 Mack Long, Self

15:52:32 Rick Henry, Self

15:54:05 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting

15:54:15 Steve Platt, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

15:56:15 Wes Miles, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fih12a06\)](#)

16:00:27 Chris Marchion, Self

16:04:08 Rob Gregoire, Self

16:07:23 Jeff Hagener, Self

16:08:58 Marylis Filipovich, Self

16:10:56 Thomas Baumeister, Self

16:13:12 Tom Healy, Self

16:14:10 Tyler Felps, Self

16:14:49 Garret Visser, National Parks Consercation Association, (NPCA)

16:16:14 Dave Stone, Anaconda Sportsmen's Club

16:17:36 Jim Bjornemo, Anaconda Sportsmen's Club

16:18:23 Gary Ouldhouse, Anaconda Sportsmen's Club
16:20:02 Hunter Stier, Self
16:20:40 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
16:23:20 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Research Group
16:24:02 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters, (MCV)
16:24:16 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation (NWF), Greater Yellowstone Coalition,
Montana Wilderness Association, National Parks Conservation Association,
Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

EXHIBIT(fih12a07)

16:28:13 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited, (MTU)
16:28:35 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association, (MBA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:31:02 Rep. Loge
16:31:26 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:31:49 Rep. Farris-Olsen
16:32:08 Paul Sihler, FWP
16:33:07 Vice Chair Perry
16:33:32 Paul Sihler, FWP
16:36:17 Rep. Vinton
16:37:03 Chris Smith, Self
16:38:41 Farris-Olsen
16:39:01 Becky Dockter, Fish Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)
16:40:44 Rep. Vinton
16:41:11 Rep. Sweeney
16:41:32 Paul Sihler, FWP
16:43:58 Rep. Sweeney
16:44:12 Paul Sihler, FWP
16:47:09 Rep. Z. Brown
16:47:15 Rep Krautter joined the meeting
16:48:13 Rob Gregoire, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

16:50:09 Rep. Tschida
16:57:51 Rep. B. Brown

HEARING ON HB 29

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

17:03:50 Rep. Theresa Manzella (R), HD 85, opened the hearing on HB 29, Revise bird
hunting dog laws.

EXHIBIT(fih12a08)

Proponents' Testimony:

17:08:38 Chris Smith, Self

EXHIBIT(fih12a09)

17:10:26 Quentin Kujala, Fish Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fih12a10)

17:11:32 Al Gadoury, Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club
17:12:18 Carrie Payne, Environmental Quality Control, (EQC)
17:13:27 Kyle Barner, Self
17:14:19 Tana Kradolfer, Self
17:16:18 Linda Johnson, Self
17:18:20 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation, (MWF)
17:19:12 Larry Thompson, Self
17:20:13 Pat Howe, Self
17:21:20 Laurie Sweet, Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club
17:21:39 Ralph Sweet, Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club
17:22:11 Todd Breitenfeldt, Montana Brittany Club
17:22:58 Jeff Herbert, Helena Valley Gun Dog Club
17:25:10 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:30:06 Rep. Vinton
17:30:38 Quentin Kujala, FWP
17:30:59 Rep. Z. Brown
17:31:35 Rep. Manzella
17:31:53 Rep. Loge
17:32:19 Rep. Manzella
17:32:54 Rep. Duram
17:33:18 Chris Smith, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

17:34:48 Rep. Manzella

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:35:56

Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih12aad.pdf](#))