

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

**Call to Order:** Chair Bob Brown, on January 31, 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. Seth Berglee (R)  
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. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

**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 279, 1/24/2019; HB 280, 1/24/2019

15:01:01 Chair B. Brown  
15:01:45 Vice Chair Fitzgerald assumed the chair.  
15:01:46 Chair Fitzgerald

### HEARING ON HB 280

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:20 Rep. Bob Brown (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 280, Add wolf license to resident sportsman license with bear tag.

[EXHIBIT\(fih19a01\)](#)

#### Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:04 Ross Morgan, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSA), Montana  
Wool Growers Association (MWGA)  
15:06:25 Paul Rossignol, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MTSFW)  
15:07:14 Paul Fielder, Montana Trappers Association (MTA)

#### Opponents' Testimony:

15:10:55 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
15:12:17 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies  
15:15:06 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

#### Informational Testimony:

15:16:26 Hank Worsech, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:16:56 Rep. Vinton  
15:17:15 Mark Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies  
15:17:41 Rep. Loge  
15:18:05 Hank Worsech, FWP  
15:18:17 Quentin Kujala, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
15:18:42 Rep. Loge  
15:19:00 Rep. Fuller  
15:19:25 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
15:20:01 Rep. Fitzgerald  
15:20:07 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
15:20:19 Rep. Fuller  
15:20:29 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
15:21:16 Rep. Farris-Olsen  
15:21:44 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
15:22:12 Rep. Sweeney  
15:22:27 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
15:22:47 Rep. Sweeney  
15:22:57 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
15:23:24 Hank Worsech, FWP  
15:24:11 Rep. Z. Brown  
15:25:05 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
15:27:24 Rep. Z. Brown  
15:27:49 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
15:28:50 Rep. Farris-Olsen

15:29:05 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
15:30:24 Rep. Farris-Olsen  
15:30:44 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
15:32:38 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:33:07 Rep. B. Brown

**HEARING ON HB 279**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:38:31 Rep. Bob Brown (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 279, Allow for wolf trapper expense reimbursement.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:41:41 Paul Fielder, Montana Trappers Association (MTA)  
15:44:09 Paul Rossignol, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MTSFW)  
15:47:08 Ross Morgan, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSA), Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:48:33 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

[EXHIBIT\(fih19a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih19a03\)](#)

15:51:17 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies  
15:54:13 Any Seaman, Montana Audubon  
15:56:16 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)  
16:00:54 Brooke Shifrin, Greater Yellowstone Coalition  
16:02:20 Russ Talmo, Defenders of Wildlife

[EXHIBIT\(fih19a04\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

16:04:52 Quentin Kujala, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:05:19 Rep. Sweeney  
16:05:45 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
16:06:23 Rep. Sweeney  
16:06:34 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
16:06:46 Rep. Runningwolf  
16:07:11 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
16:09:37 Rep. Runningwolf  
16:09:52 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
16:10:33 Rep. Runningwolf  
16:10:49 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
16:11:41 Rep. Vinton  
16:12:18 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
16:13:13 Rep. Loge  
16:14:47 Quentin Kujala, FWP

16:17:00 Rep. Loge  
16:17:15 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
16:17:45 Rep. Berglee  
16:18:19 Nick Gevock, MWF  
16:18:50 Rep. Berglee  
16:19:23 Nick Gevock, MWF  
16:19:55 Rep. Sweeney  
16:20:34 Nick Gevock, MWF  
16:21:06 Rep. Sweeney  
16:21:29 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
16:22:04 Rep. Fuller  
16:23:26 Rep. B. Brown  
16:25:13 Rep. Fuller  
16:25:28 Rep. Duram  
16:25:48 Rep. B. Brown  
16:26:22 Rep. Duram  
16:26:54 Rep. B. Brown  
16:28:24 Rep. Loge  
16:29:01 Paul Fielder, MTA  
16:30:30 Rep. Loge  
16:30:57 Paul Fielder, MTA  
16:32:37 Rep. Loge  
16:32:49 Paul Fielder, MTA  
16:33:34 Rep. Sweeney  
16:33:44 Paul Fielder, MTA  
16:33:49 Rep. Sweeney  
16:33:53 Paul Fielder, MTA  
16:34:06 Rep. Z. Brown  
16:35:00 Ben Lamb, NWF  
16:35:47 Rep. R. Knudsen  
16:36:35 Ross Morgan, RMSA, MWGA  
16:36:39 Rep. R. Knudsen  
16:37:09 Ross Morgan, RMSA, MWGA  
16:37:54 Rep. Berglee  
16:38:31 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
16:39:05 Chair Fitzgerald  
16:39:25 Quentin Kujala, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:40:20 Rep. B. Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:43:16

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Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fih19aad.pdf](#))**