

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

**Call to Order:** Chair Bob Brown, on February 7, 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. Neil Duram (R)  
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. John Fuller (R)  
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (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 243, 1/25/2019; HB 287, 1/25/2019

**HEARING ON HB 243**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:18:53 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 243, Revise laws related to the off-highway vehicle grant program.

15:20:30 Rep. Fuller joined the meeting.

15:21:06 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:22:48 Russ Ehnes, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association

15:24:56 Bob Walker, Montana Trails Recreation and Parks Association (MTRPA)

15:27:18 Ben Erickson, Citizens for Balanced Use, Outdoor Heritage Coalition

**EXHIBIT(fih25a01)**

15:29:23 Todd Trotter, Five Rivers Trail Riders

15:30:06 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)

15:31:03 Austin James, Citizens for Balanced Use

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:36:34 Beth Schumate, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:37:12 Rep. White

**HEARING ON HB 287**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:40:52 Rep. Bridget Smith (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 287, Generally revise trap-checking requirements.

**EXHIBIT(fih25a02)**

15:40:55 Rep. Loge joined the meeting.

15:46:07 Rep. Weatherwax joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:46:46 Bruce Desonia, Self

15:48:37 Mark Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies

**EXHIBIT(fih25a03)**

15:51:24 KC York, Trap Free

**EXHIBIT(fih25a04)**

15:54:00 Wes Miles, Trap Free

15:56:02 Jane Madison, Self

15:57:46 Nancy Spagnoli, Self

**EXHIBIT(fih25a05)**

16:00:30 Gary Milner, Self

**EXHIBIT(fih25a06)**

16:03:10 Sue Kronenberger, Self

**EXHIBIT(fih25a07)**

16:05:38 Roger De Haan, Self

**EXHIBIT(fih25a08)**

16:08:03 Betsy Brandborg, Self

16:10:03 Wendy Hergenraeder, Humane Society of the United States

16:10:33 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

**EXHIBIT(fih25a09)**

16:13:12 Robin Layton, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:14:37 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

16:15:38 Tim Mckenrick, Self

16:16:46 Scott Blackman, Self

16:19:03 Tom Barnes, Self

**EXHIBIT(fih25a10)**

16:21:24 Sean Davis, Self

16:22:19 Rep. Krautter joined the meeting.

16:22:31 Dawn Sponholz, Self

16:24:32 Garret Bacon, Self

16:25:51 Michael Watson, Self

16:26:44 Dave Ellis, Self

16:27:37 Paul Rossignol, Self

16:30:15 Ben Erickson, Outdoor Heritage Coalition, Citizen for Balanced Use

16:31:44 Austin James, Citizens for Balanced Use, Wool Growers Association (WGA)

16:32:28 Bob Hodgskiss, Self

**EXHIBIT(fih25a11)**

16:35:15 JR Strand, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MSFW)

16:36:50 Mike Krings, Self

16:39:26 Jenny Roddewig, Self

16:41:15 Michael Roddewig, Self

16:42:24 Bill Mitchell, Self

16:43:06 Ross Morgan, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGGA)

16:44:04 Bert Wustner, Self

16:46:23 Paul Harris, Self

16:47:49 Shelley Gilkey, Self

16:48:53 Mike Birkoski, Self

16:49:14 Micheal Mckenrick, Self

16:49:39 Paul Antczak, Self

16:50:47 Guy Engebretson, Self

16:51:16 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
16:53:10 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)  
16:54:16 Scott Boulanger, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)  
16:54:55 Quentin Kujala, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**EXHIBIT(fih25a12)**

16:56:12 Royce Dake, Self  
16:58:07 Jim Helfrich, Self  
16:58:33 Travis Fetty, Self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:59:37 Rep. White  
17:00:38 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:00:46 Rep. Loge  
17:01:04 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:02:04 Rep. White left the meeting.  
17:02:08 Rep. Loge  
17:02:15 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:03:04 Rep. Fuller  
17:03:19 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:03:54 Rep. Fuller  
17:04:01 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:04:14 Rep. Vinton  
17:04:58 Shelley Gilkey, Self  
17:06:27 Rep. Stewart Peregoy  
17:07:08 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:07:42 Rep. Stewart Peregoy  
17:07:56 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:08:04 Rep. Stewart Peregoy  
17:08:08 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:08:42 Rep. Stewart Peregoy  
17:08:54 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:09:28 Rep. R. Knudsen  
17:09:47 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:09:56 Rep. R. Knudsen  
17:10:07 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:10:30 Rep. R. Knudsen  
17:10:43 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:11:06 Rep. R. Knudsen  
17:11:16 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:11:35 Rep. Berglee  
17:12:14 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:12:33 Rep. Farris-Olsen  
17:12:55 Paul Rossignol, Self  
17:13:33 Rep. Farris-Olsen  
17:13:48 Paul Rossignol, Self  
17:14:36 Rep. Loge  
17:15:10 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

17:15:47 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:16:00 Chair B. Brown  
17:16:34 Rep. Loge  
17:17:01 Rep. Farris-Olsen  
17:17:25 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:17:38 Rep. Duram

**Closing by Sponsor:**

17:18:13 Rep. B. Smith

**[EXHIBIT\(fih25a13\)](#)**

17:19:41 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**[EXHIBIT\(fih25a14\)](#)**

17:20:28 Chair B. Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:20:43

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Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fih25aad.pdf](#))**