

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Bob Brown, on February 12, 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. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (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)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Neil Duram (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch
Hannah Winn, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 224, 2/06/2019; HB 291, 1/29/2019; HB 281, 1/29/2019

Executive Action: HB 161, HB 243, HB 265, HB 275, HB 280

HEARING ON HB 224

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:43 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 224, Revise reporting requirements for certain fish pond licensees.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:03:05 Eileen Ryce, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
EXHIBIT(fih29a01)

15:05:53 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
15:06:25 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
15:06:45 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
15:06:55 Rep. Duram joined the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:07:24 Rep. White
15:07:43 Eileen Ryce, FWP
15:08:44 Rep. White
15:09:57 Eileen Ryce, FWP
15:11:30 Rep. White
15:12:15 Rep. Shaw
15:12:35 Eileen Ryce, FWP
15:13:14 Rep. Sweeney
15:13:38 Jay Pravecek, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
15:13:47 Rep. Sweeney
15:13:57 Jay Pravecek, FWP
15:14:01 Rep. Sweeney
15:14:06 Jay Pravecek, FWP
15:14:13 Rep. Sweeney
15:14:36 Rep. Loge
15:14:53 Rep. Shaw

Closing by Sponsor:

15:15:43 Rep. Shaw

HEARING ON HB 291

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:18:10 Rep. Becky Beard (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 291, Establishing the voluntary wolf mitigation account.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:20:50 Abigail St. Lawrence, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGGA)
EXHIBIT(fih29a02)

15:22:07 Brian Quigley, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGGA)
15:24:29 Paul Rossignol, Self
15:26:12 Bill Mitchell, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MTSFW)
15:27:13 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBBF)
15:28:38 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGGA), Montana Association of
State Grazing Districts
15:29:32 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
15:30:32 Matt Graveley, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGGA)
15:33:31 Joe Dippold, Self
15:35:40 Will Graveley, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:36:24 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
15:37:32 Mark Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies

Informational Testimony:

15:41:12 Hank Worsch, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
15:41:32 Mike Honeycutt, Montana Department of Livestock (DOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:41:54 Rep. Fuller
15:42:19 Brian Quigley, RMSGGA
15:42:35 Rep. Fuller
15:42:43 Brian Quigley, RMSGGA
15:43:02 Rep. Loge
15:43:32 Hank Worsch, FWP
15:44:04 Rep. White
15:45:10 Jim Brown, MWGA
15:47:15 Rep. White
15:49:22 Hank Worsch, FWP
15:50:21 Rep. Vinton
15:50:54 Mark Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies
15:51:41 Rep. Vinton
15:52:04 Mark Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies
15:53:19 Rep. B. Smith
15:53:39 Hank Worsch, FWP
15:54:01 Rep. B. Smith
15:54:10 Mike Honeycutt, DOL
15:54:38 Rep. B. Smith
15:54:51 Mike Honeycutt, DOL
15:55:19 Rep. Farris-Olsen
15:55:35 Mike Honeycutt, DOL
15:55:43 Rep. Farris-Olsen
15:55:47 Mike Honeycutt, DOL
15:55:55 Rep. Loge
15:56:42 Mike Honeycutt, DOL
15:58:07 Rep. Loge
15:58:31 Mike Honeycutt, DOL
15:59:04 Vice Chair Perry
15:59:21 Rep. Beard

16:00:26 Rep. B. Smith
16:00:57 Mike Honeycutt, DOL
16:01:57 Rep. Runningwolf
16:02:26 Rep. Beard
16:02:57 Chair Brown
16:03:31 Mike Honeycutt, DOL

Closing by Sponsor:

16:04:35 Rep. Beard

16:08:15 Recessed
16:20:37 Reconvened

16:20:37 Vice Chair Fitzgerald assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 281**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:21:12 Rep. Bob Brown (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 281, Revising laws related to how nonresident wolf licenses are issued.

[EXHIBIT\(fih29a03\)](#)**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:22:47 Ross Morgan, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGGA)
16:23:47 Bill Mitchell, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MTSFW)
16:24:34 Paul Rossignol, Self
16:25:24 Scott Boulanger, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
16:26:18 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:28:07 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
16:29:32 Mark Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies
16:31:22 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony:

16:32:11 Emily Cooper, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:32:38 Rep. B. Smith
16:33:05 Quentin Kujala, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
16:34:19 Rep. B. Smith
16:34:26 Quentin Kujala, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

16:35:11 Rep. B. Brown

16:38:18 Rep. B. Brown resumed the Chair.
16:38:37 Chair Brown

16:40:04 Recessed
17:01:54 Reconvened
17:02:05 Chair B. Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 161

17:02:32 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 161 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:02:59 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

17:03:12 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 161 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fih29a04)

Discussion:

17:03:31 Hope Stockwell, LSD
17:04:44 Rep. Z. Brown
17:04:59 Hope Stockwell, LSD
17:05:14 Rep. Z. Brown

17:08:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Perry, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. B. Smith, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Sweeney and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

17:08:25 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 161 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

17:08:46 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 161 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fih29a05)

Discussion:

17:08:56 Hope Stockwell, LSD
17:09:29 Rep. White
17:10:25 Rep. Sweeney
17:11:08 Rep. Fuller

17:11:45 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Duram, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Fuller, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Loge, Rep. Vinton and Rep. White voting aye. Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

Discussion:

17:13:24 Rep. Z. Brown
17:13:54 Rep. Sweeney
17:14:06 Rep. Krautter
17:14:39 Rep. Runningwolf
17:15:43 Rep. White
17:18:02 Rep. Berglee
17:19:58 Rep. Farris-Olsen
17:21:15 Chair Brown

17:22:37 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. B. Smith made a substitute motion that **HB 161 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Krautter, Rep. Perry, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. B. Smith, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Sweeney and Rep. Weatherwax voting aye. Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

17:24:30 Hope Stockwell, LSD

17:25:15 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Duram, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Fuller, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Loge, Rep. Vinton and Rep. White voting aye. Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

17:27:22 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Z. Brown moved that **HB 161 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 243

17:28:09 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 243 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

17:28:21 Rep. White
17:30:16 Chair Brown
17:30:50 Rep. B. Smith

17:31:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 265

17:31:42 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 265 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

17:31:57 Rep. White
17:34:06 Rep. Fuller
17:35:32 Rep. Loge
17:35:55 Rep. Fuller
17:36:16 Rep. Z. Brown
17:38:04 Rep. Berglee
17:38:33 Rep. Farris-Olsen
17:39:20 Rep. Krautter

17:39:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Perry, Rep. B. Smith, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Sweeney and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 275

17:41:26 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 275 DO PASS**.

17:42:05 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 275 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fih29a06\)](#)

Discussion:

17:42:20 Hope Stockwell, LSD

17:42:59 Rep. White

17:43:44 Rep. Fuller

17:44:04 Chair Brown

17:45:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

17:45:33 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 275 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 280

17:46:21 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 280 DO PASS.**

17:46:39 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 280 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fih29a07\)](#)

Discussion:

17:46:51 Chair Brown

17:47:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

17:47:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 280 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:49:08

Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih29aad.pdf](#))