

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

**Call to Order:** Chair Bob Brown, on February 14, 2019 at 4:00 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. 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)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Neil Duram (R)  
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (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 360, 2/8/2019; HB 397, 2/8/2019; HB 407, 2/8/2019

**HEARING ON HB 360**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:13:20 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 360, Provide discounted hunting and fishing licenses for first time resident buyers.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:15:10 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
16:15:46 Rep. Duram joined the meeting.

**Informational Testimony:**

16:16:31 Hank Worsech, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:16:51 Bob Gilbert, Self

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:22:21 Rep. White  
16:23:24 Hank Worsech, FWP  
16:23:46 Rep. White  
16:24:47 Marcus Strange, MWF  
16:25:10 Rep. Loge  
16:25:31 Hank Worsech, FWP  
16:25:42 Rep. Loge  
16:25:47 Hank Worsech, FWP  
16:25:53 Rep. Loge  
16:26:00 Hank Worsech, FWP  
16:26:07 Rep. Vinton  
16:26:36 Hank Worsech, FWP  
16:27:00 Rep. Sweeney  
16:27:24 Hank Worsech, FWP  
16:27:56 Rep. Sweeney  
16:28:24 Rep. M. Regier  
16:28:44 Chair Brown  
16:29:06 Hank Worsech, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:29:23 Rep. M. Regier

**HEARING ON HB 397**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:30:28 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 397, Revise nonresident preference points laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:31:54 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)  
16:34:21 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
16:35:00 Scott Boulanger, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

16:35:36 Emily Cooper, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:36:04 Rep. White  
16:36:36 Emily Cooper, FWP  
16:36:55 Rep. White  
16:37:08 Hank Worsch, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
16:37:27 Rep. White  
16:38:05 Hank Worsch, FWP  
16:38:15 Rep. White  
16:38:58 Rep. Runningwolf  
16:39:16 Mac Minard, MOGA  
16:40:57 Rep. Runningwolf  
16:41:08 Mac Minard, MOGA  
16:42:11 Rep. Runningwolf  
16:42:21 Mac Minard, MOGA  
16:43:20 Rep. B. Smith  
16:43:41 Emily Cooper, FWP  
16:43:53 Rep. B. Smith  
16:44:00 Emily Cooper, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:44:16 Rep. M. Regier

16:45:01 Vice Chair Fitzgerald assumed the Chair.

**HEARING ON HB 407**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:45:45 Rep. Bob Brown (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 407, Decrease fee for resident wolf license.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:47:17 Ross Morgan, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGA)  
16:49:39 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

16:50:49 Emily Cooper, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:51:07 Rep. Loge  
16:51:29 Emily Cooper, FWP  
16:51:46 Rep. Sweeney  
16:52:00 Emily Cooper, FWP  
16:52:17 Rep. Sweeney

16:53:09 Rep. B. Brown  
16:53:51 Rep. Sweeney  
16:54:16 Rep. B. Brown  
16:54:31 Rep. Sweeney  
16:54:40 Rep. B. Brown  
16:55:02 Rep. White  
16:55:34 Emily Cooper, FWP  
16:55:51 Quentin Kujala, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
16:56:02 Rep. White  
16:56:42 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
16:56:54 Rep. B. Smith  
16:57:18 Emily Cooper, FWP  
16:57:29 Rep. B. Smith  
16:57:38 Emily Cooper, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:58:00 Rep. B. Brown  
  
16:59:35 Rep. B. Brown resumed the Chair.  
  
16:59:50 Rep. White  
17:00:12 Chair Brown  
17:01:14 Rep. White  
17:01:34 Chair Brown  
17:02:28 Rep. White  
17:03:00 Chair Brown  
17:03:29 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
17:04:31 Chair Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:04:42

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Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fih31aad.pdf](#))**