

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Bob Brown, on March 21, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Brown, Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
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. Ross H. Fitzgerald, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Zac Perry, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 355, 3/11/2019; SB 222, 3/12/2019; SB 256, 3/12/2019

15:01:54 Chair Brown, Rep. Krautter and Rep. R. Knudsen left the meeting.
15:02:01 Rep. Berglee assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON SB 222

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:34 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 222, Revise rulemaking authority of the Board of Outfitters.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:01 Rob Arnaud, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fih58a01\)](#)

15:09:11 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(fih58a02\)](#)

15:11:54 Austin James, Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:12:23 Hank Worsech, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:12:46 Rep. Duram

15:13:26 Hank Worsech, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

15:13:59 Sen. Cohenour

HEARING ON SB 256

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:14:45 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 256, Authorize transfer of harvested game animal.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:16:00 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(fih58a03\)](#)

15:18:30 Rob Arnaud, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fih58a04\)](#)

15:18:53 Rep. Stewart Peregoy left the meeting.

15:19:54 Wagner Harmon, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

15:21:03 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

15:21:32 Austin James, Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:22:07 Dave Loewen, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:22:28 Rep. Loge
15:22:49 Dave Loewen, FWP
15:23:03 Chair Berglee
15:23:26 Dave Loewen, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

15:23:48 Sen. Ellsworth

HEARING ON HB 355**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:26:03 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 355, Revise laws related to motorized recreation.

[EXHIBIT\(fih58a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:44:37 Rep. R. Knudsen returned to the meeting.
16:01:20 Russ Ehnes, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)

[EXHIBIT\(fih58a06\)](#)

16:07:11 Jason Howel, Montana Snowmobile Association (MSA)

[EXHIBIT\(fih58a07\)](#)

16:10:35 Bob Walker, Montana Trails Recreation and Park Association (MTRPA)
16:13:27 Austin James, Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU)
16:17:55 Vice Chair Fitzgerald joined the meeting.
16:20:40 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:21:45 Joanne Loehr, Department of Justice (DOJ)
16:23:53 Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. B. Smith left the meeting.
16:24:55 Paul Sihler, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:29:28 Rep. Loge
16:30:00 Rep. White
16:31:40 Rep. Sweeney
16:32:15 Rep. White
16:36:24 Rep. Sweeney
16:37:07 Paul Sihler, FWP
16:37:48 Rep. Sweeney
16:38:03 Paul Sihler, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

16:38:43 Rep. White

[EXHIBIT\(fih58a08\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:44:24

Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih58aad.pdf](#))