

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on January 8, 2019 at 3:01 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Mary Vandenbosch, 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: Organizational Meeting; Adopted Rules of Procedure

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF

15:02:18 Chair Fielder

[EXHIBIT\(fis02a01\)](#)

15:03:02 Sen. Hinebauch

15:03:35 Sen. Cohenour

15:04:43 Sen. Howard

15:05:14 Sen. Flowers

15:06:13 Sen. Lang

15:06:59 Sen. McClafferty

15:07:42 Sen. Jacobson

15:08:49 Sen. Smith

15:09:50 Sen. Ellsworth

15:11:05 Chair Fielder

15:12:08 Mary Vandebosch, committee secretary

15:13:01 Dave McCann, committee aide

15:13:43 Joe Kolman, staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

STAFF FUNCTION

15:14:27 Mr. Kolman, LSD

[EXHIBIT\(fis02a02\)](#)

RULES OF PROCEDURE

15:15:56 Chair Fielder

[EXHIBIT\(fis02a03\)](#)

15:16:45 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved **TO ADOPT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

SNACK FUND

15:17:10 Chair Fielder

FOLDERS AND REFERENCE

15:21:17 Chair Fielder

15:21:59 Mr. Kolman

[EXHIBIT\(fis02a04\)](#)

OVERVIEW OF INTERIM WORK

15:22:51 Chair Fielder

15:23:21 Mr. Kolman

[EXHIBIT\(fis02a05\)](#)

15:27:38 Chair Fielder

15:27:49 Sen. Smith

INTRODUCTION OF AGENCY

15:28:02 Chair Fielder

15:28:19 Paul Sihler, chief of staff, Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

15:28:57 Eileen Ryce, Fisheries Division administrator, FWP

15:29:18 Dave Loewen, Enforcement Division administrator, FWP

15:29:34 Hank Worsech, legislative liaison, FWP
15:29:55 Recess
15:31:30 Reconvened
15:31:59 Martha Williams, director, FWP
15:33:00 Becky Dockter, chief legal counsel, FWP
15:33:14 Jessica Plunkett, Technology Services Division administrator, FWP
15:33:20 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, FWP
15:33:29 Dustin Temple, chief of administration, FWP
15:33:35 Ron Jendro, assistant chief of law enforcement, FWP
15:33:54 Mike Volesky, chief of operations, FWP
15:34:32 Emily Cooper, License Bureau chief, FWP
15:34:41 Quentin Kujala, Wildlife Bureau coordinator, FWP
15:34:56 Beth Shumate, Parks and Recreation Division administrator, FWP
15:35:02 Greg Lemon, Communications and Education Division administrator, FWP

QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

15:35:20 Chair Fielder
15:35:52 Sen. Ellsworth
15:36:21 Ms. Williams
15:38:08 Chair Fielder
15:38:21 Ms. Williams
15:38:29 Ms. Dockter
15:39:26 Chair Fielder

PROCEDURE FOR INFORMATIONAL WITNESSES

15:39:36 Chair Fielder
15:40:14 Ms. Williams
15:40:38 Chair Fielder
15:40:52 Sen. Cohenour

INTRODUCTION OF LOBBYISTS

15:41:14 Chair Fielder
15:41:21 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation,
15:42:21 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
15:42:46 Colin Cooney, MTU
15:43:00 Chair Fielder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

15:43:19 Sen. Cohenour

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:45 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis02aad.pdf](#))