

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on February 14, 2019 at 3:01 PM, in Room 317
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. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Mary Vandebosch, 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: SJ 6, 2/8/2019; SB 185, 2/8/2019;

HEARING ON SJ 6**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:05:10 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SJ 6, Resolution supporting delisting grizzly bears from Endangered Species Act.

15:05:28 Sen. Flowers entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:14:02 Tom Rice, Beaverhead County commissioner, Montana Association of Counties (MACo) Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee

EXHIBIT(fis31a01)

15:15:40 Will Graveley, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGGA)

15:16:57 Tim McKenrick

15:17:49 Michael McKenrick

15:18:11 Charlie Decker, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

EXHIBIT(fis31a02)

15:20:15 Taylor Rose

15:21:47 Paul Rossignol

15:22:54 Bill Wallace, Sweet Grass County commissioner; chair, MACo Coalition of Wildlife Counties

15:23:21 Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County commissioner

15:23:50 Ralph Mannix, Powell County commissioner

15:24:23 Dan Ackerman, president, Libby Rod and Gun Club

15:25:02 Roman Zylawy, Mineral County commissioner

15:26:13 Austin James, Citizens for Balanced Use

15:28:03 Sen. Lang entered the hearing.

15:28:48 Keith Kubista, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

EXHIBIT(fis31a03)

15:31:11 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association

15:34:33 Don Clark, Libby Rod and Gun Club

15:36:48 Paul Bradford, Libby Rod and Gun Club

15:39:42 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association

15:42:38 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

15:44:16 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association; Montana CattleWomen

15:45:38 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

15:47:39 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association

15:48:16 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana

15:48:59 Miles Hutton, Blaine County commissioner

15:49:30 Paul Fielder

EXHIBIT(fis31a04)

15:55:15 Josh Letcher, vice president, Tobacco Valley Rod and Gun Club

15:56:39 Max Salisbury

15:59:54 Matt Graveley, RMSGGA

Opponents' Testimony:

16:00:23 Nick Gevock, conservation director, Montana Wildlife Federation
16:02:11 Erin Edge, Defenders of Wildlife
16:03:39 Bonnie Rice, senior representative, Sierra Club, Northern Rockies and Greater
Yellowstone regions
16:05:59 Chris Servheen

EXHIBIT(fis31a05)

16:09:42 Nancy Ostlie, volunteer leader, Great Old Broads for Wilderness
16:11:52 Brooke Shifrin, Greater Yellowstone Coalition
16:14:43 Zack Strong, Natural Resources Defense Council
16:16:26 Art Compton
16:17:42 James W. St. Goddard

EXHIBIT(fis31a06)

16:23:42 Natosi St. Goddard
16:24:14 Laura Pippin
16:27:02 Dagmar Riddle, Campaign for Yellowstone Wolves
16:30:13 Wendy Hergenraeder, Montana state director, Humane Society of the United
States (HSUS)

EXHIBIT(fis31a07)

16:30:57 Wes Miles
16:33:59 Whitney Tawney, program director, Montana Conservation Voters
16:34:43 Nathan Varley, Yellowstone Wolf Tracker
16:36:20 Daniel Anderson
16:37:38 Dave Pauli, HSUS
16:38:10 Rick Lamplugh, Bear Creek Council
16:39:22 Linda Thurston
16:40:27 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon

EXHIBIT(fis31a08)**Informational Testimony:**

16:40:47 Ken McDonald, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:41:29 Sen. Flowers
16:43:11 Mr. McDonald, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

16:46:23 Sen. Cuffe

16:53:53 Recess
17:01:10 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 185**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

17:02:06 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 185, Prohibit hunting and trapping of wolves near Yellowstone.

EXHIBIT(fis31a09)

Proponents' Testimony:

17:10:00 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies

EXHIBIT(fis31a10)

17:13:05 Nancy Ostlie, Great Old Broads for Wilderness

17:13:45 Linda Sandman, Clancy

EXHIBIT(fis31a11)

17:16:45 Wes Miles, Trap Free

17:18:56 Daniel Anderson

17:19:51 Rebecca Frucht

17:21:28 Bonnie Rice, senior representative, Sierra Club, Greater Yellowstone and Northern Rockies Region

17:22:41 Zack Strong, Natural Resources Defense Council

17:24:01 Mary Strickroth

17:25:43 Wendy Hergenraeder, Montana state director, The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)

EXHIBIT(fis31a12)

17:26:46 Dave Pauli, HSUS

17:27:24 Karol Miller

EXHIBIT(fis31a13)

17:29:06 Dagmar Riddle

EXHIBIT(fis31a14)

17:30:44 James St. Goddard

17:31:42 Laura Pippin

17:32:02 Casey York, president, Trap Free

17:32:15 Erin Edge, Defenders of Wildlife

EXHIBIT(fis31a15)

17:32:25 Thomas Baumeister, president, Orion - The Hunter's Institute

17:32:42 Brooke Shifrin, Greater Yellowstone Coalition

17:32:59 Nathan Varley, Yellowstone Wolf Tracker

EXHIBIT(fis31a16)

17:33:27 Linda Thurston, Yellowstone Wolf Tracker

EXHIBIT(fis31a17)

17:33:52 Jeremy SunderRaj

17:34:00 Rich Lamplugh, Bear Creek Council

EXHIBIT(fis31a18)

17:34:21 Rep. Bridget Smith, HD 31

Opponents' Testimony:

17:34:42 Keith Kubista, Montanans for Fish and Wildlife
17:35:47 Nick Gevock, conservation director, Montana Wildlife Federation
17:36:46 Steve Platt, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
17:37:38 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association; Montana CattleWomen
17:39:15 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
17:40:05 Sen. John Esp, SD 30
17:41:42 Miles Hutton, Blaine County commissioner
17:42:20 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association
17:44:26 Cody Hoover
17:44:48 Matt Graveley, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association
17:45:31 Paul Fielder, Montana Trappers Association (MTA)
17:47:02 Tim McKenrick, MTA, District 3
17:48:42 Michael McKenrick, MTA
17:49:04 Paul Rossignol

EXHIBIT(fis31a19)

17:49:42 Max Salisbury
17:51:54 Rep. Denley Loge, HD 14

Informational Testimony:

17:52:35 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:52:53 Sen. Flowers
17:53:24 Mr. Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies

Closing by Sponsor:

17:55:24 Sen. Phillips

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:57 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([fis31aad.pdf](#))