

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on April 9, 2019 at 3:13 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. Cary Smith (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Mary Vandebosch, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 301, 4/1/2019; HB 311, 4/4/2019; HB 355, 4/4/2019

Executive Action HB 423 - Be Concurred In
HB 432 - Be Concurred In
HB 311 - Be Concurred In

HEARING ON HB 301**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:15:25 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 301, Establishing requirements for use of fishing access sites.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:20:56 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited
15:22:27 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation
15:23:09 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony:

15:25:44 Eileen Ryce, Fisheries Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:26:10 Sen. Ellsworth
15:26:35 Rep. Loge
15:28:35 Sen. Ellsworth
15:29:08 Ms. Ryce, FWP
15:30:50 Sen. Flowers
15:31:29 Rep. Loge
15:33:08 Sen. Flowers
15:33:44 Ms. Ryce
15:36:05 Sen. Hinebauch
15:36:28 Ms. Ryce
15:37:54 Sen. Howard
15:38:37 Ms. Ryce
15:39:47 Beth Shumate, Parks and Recreation Division administrator, FWP
15:40:07 Sen. Howard
15:40:19 Ms. Ryce
15:40:56 Sen. Howard
15:41:23 Chair Fielder
15:42:09 Ms. Ryce
15:42:53 Chair Fielder
15:43:02 Rep. Loge
15:44:07 Chair Fielder
15:44:16 Ms. Shumate, FWP
15:44:32 Chair Fielder
15:44:40 Ms. Shumate
15:45:01 Sen. Hinebauch
15:45:23 Ms. Shumate
15:45:54 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:46:11 Chair Fielder
15:46:16 Mr. Kolman, LSD
15:46:55 Sen. Jacobson
15:47:36 Ms. Shumate
15:47:47 Rep. Loge

15:48:47 Sen. Jacobson
 15:49:14 Ms. Ryce
 15:52:05 Rep. Loge
 15:52:58 Chair Fielder
 15:53:15 Sen. Jacobson
 15:53:26 Chair Fielder
 15:53:29 Rep. Loge
 15:53:39 Sen. Ellsworth
 15:54:14 Ms. Shumate
 15:56:38 Sen. Ellsworth
 15:57:46 Rep. Loge
 15:53:38 Sen. Ellsworth
 16:00:35 Chair Fielder
 16:00:45 Rep. Loge

Closing by Sponsor:

16:00:53 Rep. Loge

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 423

16:05:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **HB 423 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Lang and Sen. McClafferty were excused. Sen. Howard will carry the bill.

HEARING ON HB 355

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:06:25 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 355, Revise laws related to motorized recreation.

16:13:24 Sen. Cohenour entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:20:36 Russ Ehnes, vice president, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)
EXHIBIT(fis74a01)

16:28:36 Jason Howell, president, Montana Snowmobile Association

16:31:12 Bob Walker, Montana Trails, Recreation, and Parks Association

16:35:43 Austin James, Citizens for Balanced Use

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:39:11 Paul Sihler, chief of staff, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:39:30 Sen. Ellsworth

16:40:02 Mr. Ehnes, MTVRA

16:45:48 Sen. Jacobson

16:47:00 Rep. White

16:50:37 Sen. Cohenour
16:51:11 Rep. White
16:52:00 Sen. Ellsworth
16:52:43 Rep. White
16:53:14 Sen. Flowers
16:53:32 Rep. White
16:54:01 Sen. Flowers
16:54:53 Mr. Sihler, FWP
16:55:09 Sen. Flowers
16:55:24 Rep. White

Closing by Sponsor:

16:57:53 Rep. White

HEARING ON HB 311

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:58:19 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 311, Establish nonresident hound handler license for those hunting mt lions.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:59:33 Mac Minard, executive director, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

EXHIBIT(fis74a02)

17:01:17 Scott Cargill, MOGA

17:04:54 Mike Colpo, MOGA

EXHIBIT(fis74a03)

17:07:13 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation

17:07:55 Scott Boulanger, MOGA

EXHIBIT(fis74a04)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

17:09:14 Quentin Kujala, Wildlife Bureau coordinator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

17:09:36 Rep. White

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 432

17:10:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **HB 432 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Ellsworth voting no. Sen. Lang and Sen. McClafferty voted by proxy. Sen. Jacobson will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 311

17:13:01

Motion/Vote: Sen. Hinebauch moved that **HB 311 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lang and Sen. McClafferty voted by proxy. Sen. Jacobson will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:13 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis74aad.pdf](#))