

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Ross H. Fitzgerald, on January 7, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald, Chair (R)
Rep. Neil Duram, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Sara Novak (D)
Rep. Brian Putnam (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch
Jesse Tack, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 45, 12/30/2020; HB 48, 12/30/2020; HB 54, 12/30/2020
Executive Action: HB 45; HB 48; HB 54

15:01:09 Chair Fitzgerald
15:05:16 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:05:19 Chair Fitzgerald

HEARING ON HB 45

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:05:50 Rep. Brian Putnam (R), opened the hearing on HB 45, Revise come home to hunt license requirements.

Proponents' Testimony

15:07:26 Emily Cooper, Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
15:08:48 Eric Clewis, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:10:22 Rep. J. Hinkle
15:10:55 Rep. Putnam
15:11:01 Chair Fitzgerald
15:11:23 Emily Cooper, FWP
15:11:48 Rep. J. Hinkle
15:12:26 Emily Cooper, FWP
15:12:38 Rep. Putnam
15:13:00 Rep. J. Hinkle
15:13:24 Rep. Marler
15:13:51 Hope Stockwell, LSD
15:14:51 Chair Fitzgerald
15:14:50 Rep. Marler

Closing by Sponsor:

15:15:01 Rep. Brian Putnam

HEARING ON HB 48

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:15:36 Rep. Steve Gist (R), opened the hearing on HB 48, Remove occupation from hunting/fishing license application requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:16:59 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited
15:17:23 Emily Cooper, Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
15:18:44 Eric Clewis, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:20:11 Rep. Steve Gist

HEARING ON HB 54

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:20:45 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R) opened the hearing on HB 54, Revise who qualifies to accompany nonresident youth combination license hunters.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:22:06 Emily Cooper, Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

15:22:37 Eric Clewis, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:24:02 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe

15:24:30 Chair Fitzgerald

15:24:47 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen

15:25:15 Hope Stockwell, LSD

15:25:35 Chair Fitzgerald

15:25:43 Vice Chair Duram

15:25:59 Chair Fitzgerald

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 45

15:26:30 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 45 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:26:45 Rep. R. Knudsen

15:27:25 Rep. Duram

15:27:45 Chair Fitzgerald

15:27:57 Emily Cooper, FWP

15:28:18 Chair Fitzgerald

15:28:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

15:29:30 Chair Fitzgerald

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 48

15:29:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 48 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 54

15:31:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 54 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

15:31:44 Rep. Loge
15:31:52 Chair Fitzgerald
15:32:17 Rep. J. Hinkle
15:32:39 Rep. Duram
15:33:00 Chair Fitzgerald
15:33:04 Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Clerk
15:33:10 Chair Fitzgerald
15:34:12 Rep. France
15:34:20 Chair Fitzgerald
15:34:46 Rep. Reksten
15:34:00 Chair Fitzgerald
15:35:29 Rep. R. Knudsen
15:35:44 Chair Fitzgerald
15:35:56 Rep. J. Hinkle
15:36:06 Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Clerk
15:36:29 Hope Stockwell, LSD
15:38:19 Chair Fitzgerald
15:38:25 Rep. Loge
15:39:16 Rep. France
15:39:34 Chair Fitzgerald
15:40:04 Rep. Marler
15:40:29 Hope Stockwell, LSD
15:42:57 Vice Chair Duram
15:43:09 Chair Fitzgerald
15:43:14 Rep. Reksten
15:43:26 Chair Fitzgerald
15:43:33 Rep. Reksten
15:43:37 Chair Fitzgerald

ADJOURNMENT

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15:43:59

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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