

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Gunderson, on January 13, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Steve Gunderson, Chair (R)  
Rep. Willis Curdy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)  
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)  
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Tom France (D)  
Rep. Steve Gist (R)  
Rep. Marty Malone (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Brian Putnam (R)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Steven Galloway (R)  
Rep. Mark Noland (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch  
Rachael Foe, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)

**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 42, 1/11/2021

**HEARING ON HB 42****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:09 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 42, Clarify AIS management authority laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:08:09 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited

15:09:13 Kate Wilson, Upper Columbia Conservation Commission (UC3)

**EXHIBIT(nah08a01)**

15:12:52 Rep. Galloway joined the meeting

15:16:05 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

15:15:30 Tom Woolf, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:18:00 Rep. Gist

15:18:57 Tom Woolf, FWP

15:19:58 Rep. Malone

15:20:45 Committee stood at ease

15:22:00 Rep. Neil Duram

15:22:34 Rep. Malone

15:23:12 Rep. Neil Duram

15:23:39 Rep. Fielder

15:24:29 Cort Jensen, AGR

15:25:23 Rep. Fielder

15:25:55 Cort Jensen, AGR

15:26:59 Rep. Walsh

15:27:35 Cort Jensen, AGR

15:28:21 Tom Woolf, FWP

15:28:59 Rep. Walsh

15:29:53 Tom Woolf, FWP

15:30:57 Vice Chair R. Knudsen

15:31:39 Rep. Neil Duram

15:32:10 Rep. Fielder

15:32:44 Rep. Neil Duram

15:33:42 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)

15:35:07 Rep. Marler

15:37:07 Tom Woolf, FWP

15:38:07 Cort Jensen, AGR

15:39:02 Rep. Marler

15:39:19 Tom Woolf, FWP

15:39:31 Cort Jensen, AGR

15:39:52 Rep. Marler

15:40:34 Cort Jensen, AGR

15:41:08 Vice Chair Curdy

15:43:40 Rep. Fielder

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:44:55 Rep. Neil Duram

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:47:48

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Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([nah08aad.pdf](#))