

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Ross H. Fitzgerald, on January 26, 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. Seth Berglee (R)
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. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Brian Putnam (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Members Excused: None

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 202, 1/22/2021
Executive Action: HB 138; HB 147

Committee Business:

15:01:09 Chair Fitzgerald
15:02:42 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
15:02:52 Chair Fitzgerald

15:03:17 Recessed
15:28:49 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 138

15:29:08 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 138 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:29:31 Rep. Phalen

15:29:57 **Motion:** Rep. Phalen moved that **HB 138 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(fih17a01\)](#)

Discussion:

15:30:21 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
15:30:54 Rep. Fielder

15:31:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen and Rep. Marler voting no.

15:33:11 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 138 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

15:33:19 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:33:33 Chair Fitzgerald

15:33:52 **Motion:** Rep. Farris-Olsen moved that **HB 138 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(fih17a02\)](#)

Discussion:

15:34:09 Rep. Farris -Olsen
15:34:51 Rep. Fielder

15:35:59 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-15 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Weatherwax voting aye.

15:37:59 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 138 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:38:05 Rep. Berglee

15:38:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen and Rep. Marler voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 147

15:40:08 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 147 DO PASS.**

15:40:29 **Motion:** Rep. France moved that **HB 147 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fih17a03)

Discussion:

15:41:11 Rep. J. Hinkle

15:41:30 Rep. France

15:41:40 Rep. J. Hinkle

15:42:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:42:24 Chair Fitzgerald

15:42:28 Hope Stockwell, LSD

15:43:08 Vice Chair Duram

15:43:27 Rep. J. Hinkle

15:43:36 Vice Chair Duram

15:44:00 Hope Stockwell, LSD

15:44:20 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 147 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

15:44:35 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 147 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fih17a04)

Discussion:

15:44:42 Rep. J. Hinkle

15:45:35 Rep. France

15:46:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:46:26 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 147 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:46:37 Rep. Loge

15:47:02 Rep. Putnam

15:47:21 Rep. Berglee

15:47:50 Rep. J. Hinkle

15:48:15 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. France, Rep. J. Hinkle, Rep. Loge, Rep. Marler, Rep. Novak, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Weatherwax voting aye.

15:50:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 147 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON HB 202**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:50:47 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 202, Make certain special hunting licenses once-in-a-lifetime harvest.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:53:40 Garrett Bacon, self

Opponents' Testimony:

15:55:06 Brian Solan, Montana Wild Sheep Foundation (Montana WSF)

15:58:40 Mark Schwomeyer, Traditional Bowhunters of Montana (TBM)

16:00:29 Brian Koelzer, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)

16:02:43 Steve Kamps, self

16:08:53 Eric Clewis, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Informational Testimony:

16:10:27 Emily Cooper, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:10:58 Rep. Reksten

16:11:31 Rep. Loge

16:11:55 Rep. Reksten

16:12:05 Rep. Loge

16:12:21 Rep. Running Wolf

16:12:56 Rep. Loge

16:13:10 Jesse Tack, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)

16:13:16 Chair Fitzgerald

16:13:24 Rep. Loge

16:13:33 Chair Fitzgerald

16:13:40 Emily Cooper, FWP

16:13:46 Rep. Running Wolf

16:14:06 Emily Cooper, FWP

16:14:21 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:15:21 Rep. Running Wolf

16:15:40 Chair Fitzgerald

16:15:50 Rep. Running Wolf

16:16:00 Hope Stockwell, LSD

Closing by Sponsor:

16:16:52 Rep. Loge

Committee Business:

16:19:17 Chair Fitzgerald

16:20:14 Rep. Berglee

16:20:55 Chair Fitzgerald

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:21:10

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih17aad.pdf](#))