

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Ross H. Fitzgerald, on February 4, 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. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Sara Novak (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Brian Putnam (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Executive Action: SB 61, SB 62, HB 260, HB 242, HB 202, HB 160, HB 225, HB 224

Committee Business:

15:15:54 Chair Fitzgerald
15:16:13 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
15:16:15 Chair Fitzgerald
15:16:23 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen

15:16:27 Recessed
15:53:00 Reconvened with Vice Chair Duram as the Chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 62

15:53:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Farris-Olsen moved that **SB 62 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berglee, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Loge and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy. Rep. J. Hinkle will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 61

15:55:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Farris-Olsen moved that **SB 61 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berglee, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Loge and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy. Rep. Novak will carry the bill.

15:56:23 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
15:56:35 Chair Duram
15:56:45 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
15:56:59 Chair Duram

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 260

15:57:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Farris-Olsen moved that **HB 260 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berglee, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Loge and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 242

15:58:36 **Motion:** Rep. Farris-Olsen moved that **HB 242 DO PASS.**

15:58:52 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 242 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fih24a01\)](#)

Discussion:

16:00:37 Rep. Phalen
16:00:44 Rep. J. Hinkle
16:00:48 Rep. Fitzgerald joined the meeting.

16:00:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berglee, Rep. Loge and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

16:01:36 **Motion:** Rep. Farris-Olsen moved that **HB 242 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:01:54 Rep. France
16:04:35 Rep. J. Hinkle
16:06:35 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
16:07:42 Rep. Putnam
16:08:10 Rep. Bergee joined the meeting.
16:08:22 Rep. Fielder

16:08:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. France, Rep. Marler, Rep. Putnam, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Loge and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 202

16:10:55 **Motion:** Rep. Farris-Olsen moved that **HB 202 DO PASS.**

16:11:12 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 202 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fih24a02\)](#)

Discussion:

16:14:50 Rep. Marler
16:15:20 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:16:07 Rep. Marler
16:16:23 Chair Duram
16:16:35 Rep. J. Hinkle

16:17:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Loge and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

16:18:38 **Motion:** Rep. Farris-Olsen moved that **HB 202 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:18:53 Rep. R. Knudsen
16:19:23 Rep. J. Hinkle
16:21:27 Rep. Loge joined the meeting.
16:22:06 Rep. Loge

16:23:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Fielder, Rep. France, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 160

16:25:37 **Motion:** Rep. Farris-Olsen moved that **HB 160 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:26:05 Rep. Fitzgerald

16:27:08 Chair Duram
16:27:20 Rep. Marler

16:27:46 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen

16:28:14 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Berglee made a substitute motion to **PASS CONSIDERATION ON HB 160.**

Discussion:

16:28:44 Rep. Reksten
16:28:47 Chair Duram

16:29:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 225

16:30:31 **Motion:** Rep. Farris-Olsen moved that **HB 225 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:30:33 Rep. Putnam
16:30:58 Rep. Hinkle
16:31:15 Chair Duram
16:31:20 Rep. Fielder
16:31:55 Rep. Marler
16:32:17 Rep. Berglee
16:33:42 Rep. Loge
16:34:36 Rep. Reksten
16:37:24 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
16:39:53 Rep. Marler
16:40:38 Rep. J. Hinkle
16:41:07 Rep. Running Wolf
16:41:27 Rep. Fielder
16:42:23 Rep. Berglee
16:44:53 Rep. France
16:47:11 Chair Duram

16:47:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. France, Rep. Marler, Rep. Putnam, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 224

16:49:31 **Motion:** Rep. Farris-Olsen moved that **HB 224 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:49:49 Rep. Fielder
EXHIBIT(fih24a03)

16:51:37 Rep. Loge

16:52:39 Rep. France
16:54:19 Rep. Berglee
16:55:24 Rep. J. Hinkle
16:56:01 Rep. Fielder
16:57:18 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen

16:58:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. France, Rep. Marler, Rep. Putnam, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:00:11

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih24aad.pdf](#))