

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Neil Duram, on February 16, 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. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Brian Putnam (R)

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 352, 2/11/2021; HB 353, 2/11/2021

HEARING ON HB 352**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:52 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 352, Revise laws related to conservation easements.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:08:20 Steve White, self

Opponents' Testimony:

15:13:18 Glenn Marx, Montana Association of Land Trusts (MALT)

15:17:36 Commissioner Greg Chilcott, Ravalli County

15:19:52 Dennis Iverson, self

15:22:35 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:23:55 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSA)

15:25:56 Gavin Ricklefs, Bitterroot Land Trust

15:29:03 Cole Mannix, self

15:29:57 Darryl James, Trust For Public Lands (TPL)

EXHIBIT(fih32a01)**EXHIBIT(fih32a02)**

15:32:47 Robert Sanders, Ducks Unlimited

15:33:48 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited (TU)

15:34:20 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:36:43 Andrew Dana, self

EXHIBIT(fih32a03)

15:39:56 Rep. Berglee left the meeting.

15:41:53 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

15:44:57 George Olsen, Montana Land Reliance (MLR)

15:48:02 Heather Wills, self

15:50:12 Dick Dolan, Northern Rockies Trust for Public Land

15:51:21 Rep. Putnam joined the meeting.

15:52:15 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsman's Alliance (MSA-PAC)

15:55:51 Commissioner Juanita Vero, Missoula County

15:59:05 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

EXHIBIT(fih32a04)

16:00:18 Chet Work, Gallatin Valley Land Trust (GVLT)

16:03:24 Dan Kerlake, self

EXHIBIT(fih32a05)

16:05:56 Sherwin Leep, Leep Hay and Grain

16:10:44 Commissioner Dan Huls, Ravalli County

16:13:45 Sean O'Callaghan, self

EXHIBIT(fih32a06)

16:17:14 Vince Mattson, self

16:18:34 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

16:20:20 Tryg Koch, Montana Graingrowers Association (MGA)
16:21:50 Rep. Berglee joined the meeting.

Informational Testimony:

16:22:04 Bill Schank, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:22:49 Rep. Berglee
16:23:22 Rep. Hinkle
16:25:21 Rep. R. Knudsen
16:25:57 Rep. Hinkle
16:26:25 Steve White, self
16:30:05 Rep. R. Knudsen
16:30:25 Steve White, self
16:32:21 Rep. Phalen
16:32:54 Rep. Hinkle
16:36:03 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
16:36:34 Glenn Marx, MALT
16:37:27 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
16:38:08 Andrew Dana, self
16:40:38 Rep. Reksten
16:41:19 Rep. Hinkle
16:43:15 Rep. Loge
16:44:06 Rep. Hinkle
16:45:16 Rep. France
16:45:41 Rep. Hinkle
16:46:06 Rep. France
16:46:57 Steve White, self
16:48:41 Rep. France
16:49:02 Steve White, self
16:50:18 Rep. France
16:50:52 Raylee Honeycutt, MSA

Closing by Sponsor:

16:51:43 Rep. Hinkle

HEARING ON HB 353

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:55:58 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 353, Authorize replacement hunting license when harvested game unfit for consumption.

Proponents' Testimony:

17:00:06 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
17:01:05 Carmen Borchelt, Montana Audubon
17:03:01 Mayor Dallas Carr, Troy, MT

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

17:05:45 Aimee Hawkaluk, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:06:23 Rep. Marler

17:08:29 Rep. Gunderson

17:09:21 Rep. Marler

17:10:34 Aimee Hawkaluk, FWP

17:11:04 Rep. Loge

17:12:25 Rep. Gunderson

17:13:45 Chair Duram

17:13:50 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:

17:14:34 Rep. Gunderson

Committee Business:

17:15:46 Chair Duram

17:16:41 Hope Stockwell, LSD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:17:20

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih32aad.pdf](#))