

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Ross H. Fitzgerald, on February 23, 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. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Bob Phalen (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:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 468, 2/22/2021
Executive Action: HB 352

HEARING ON HB 468**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:08:38 Rep. Paul Fielder (R), opened the hearing on HB 468, Allowing hound hunting and chase seasons for black bears.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:13:36 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
15:14:53 Ross Feenstra, Montana State Houndsmen Association (MSHA)
15:17:36 Duane Hostetler, Northwest Montana Hound Association; Montana State Houndsmen Association (MSHA)

EXHIBIT(fih38a01)

15:20:05 Justin Duffy, Montana State Houndsmen Association (MSHA)
15:21:43 Scott Boulanger, self
15:22:41 Echo Thurston, Montana State Houndsmen Association (MSHA)
15:24:18 Michael Colpo, Montana State Houndsmen Associations (MOGA)
15:24:52 Jim Buell, Montana Trappers Association (MTA)
15:26:40 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:27:31 Ross Feenstra, Montana State Houndsman Association (MSHA)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:28:32 Bonnie Rice, Sierra Club
15:30:56 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
15:32:32 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
15:37:10 Jennifer Hickman, The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)
15:39:39 Dave Pauli, The Montana Animal Care Association (MACA)
15:41:13 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)
15:45:07 Stephan Capra, Footloose Montana
15:48:26 Jesse Tack, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:48:50 Terry Zink, self

Informational Testimony:

15:51:57 Quentin Kujala, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:52:34 Chris Servheen, self

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:54:12 Rep. Loge
15:54:38 Mac Minard, MOGA
15:55:18 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
15:55:48 Chris Servheen, self
15:59:52 Vice Chair Duram
16:00:04 Rep. Farris-Olsen
16:00:19 Vice Chair Duram
16:00:29 Chair Fitzgerald

16:00:31 Chris Servheen, self
16:01:14 Rep. Farris-Olsen
16:01:32 Chris Servheen, self
16:01:47 Rep. R. Knudsen
16:02:05 Chair Fitzgerald
16:02:14 Rep. France
16:02:43 Quentin Kujala, FWP
16:03:02 Rep. France
16:03:14 Quentin Kujala, FWP
16:03:30 Chair Fitzgerald
16:03:36 Quentin Kujala, FWP
16:03:43 Rep. France
16:03:57 Quentin Kujala, FWP
16:04:02 Rep. France
16:04:11 Quentin Kujala, FWP
16:04:20 Rep. Reksten
16:04:50 Rep. Fielder
16:05:40 Chair Fitzgerald
16:05:45 Rep. Reksten
16:05:52 Chair Fitzgerald
16:06:02 Scott Boulanger, self
16:08:44 Rep. Reksten
16:09:09 Scott Boulanger, self
16:12:04 Rep. Loge
16:14:28 Quentin Kujala, FWP
16:15:10 Rep. Running Wolf
16:15:59 Rep. Fielder
16:16:33 Rep. Farris-Olsen
16:17:03 Nick Gevock, MWF
16:17:54 Rep. France
16:18:22 Quentin Kujala, FWP
16:18:42 Rep. France
16:18:56 Quentin Kujala, FWP
16:19:49 Rep. Marler

Closing by Sponsor:

16:20:12 Rep. Fielder

Committee Business:

16:23:44 Chair Fitzgerald
16:24:32 Rep. Hinkle
16:24:35 Chair Fitzgerald
16:24:45 Rep. Hinkle
16:24:46 Hope Stockwell, LSD
16:24:52 Chair Fitzgerald
16:24:59 Hope Stockwell, LSD
16:25:03 Chair Fitzgerald

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 352

16:25:52 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 352 DO PASS.**

16:26:12 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 352 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fih38a02)

Discussion:

16:26:32 Rep. Hinkle
16:28:46 Rep. Loge
16:29:17 Rep. R. Knudsen

16:29:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. France, Rep. Marler, Rep. Novak, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Berglee, Rep. Phalen and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

16:31:15 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 352 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:31:30 Rep. Reksten
16:31:50 Rep. Hinkle
16:32:36 Rep. Loge
16:34:35 Rep. Marler
16:35:24 Rep. Hinkle
16:36:20 Chair Fitzgerald

16:37:06 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. Duram, Rep. Fielder, Rep. J. Hinkle and Rep. R. Knudsen voting aye. Rep. Berglee, Rep. Phalen and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

16:38:33 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 352 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berglee, Rep. Phalen and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

16:39:44 Rep. France
16:40:13 Chair Fitzgerald
16:40:36 Hope Stockwell, LSD
16:41:28 Chair Fitzgerald
16:41:34 Hope Stockwell, LSD
16:41:38 Chair Fitzgerald

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:42:18

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih38aad.pdf](#))