

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Ross H. Fitzgerald, on March 30, 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. 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. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch
Rachael Foe, 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 652, 3/29/2021
Executive Action: HB 647; HB 652; HB 160; SB 208

HEARING ON HB 652

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:36:04 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 652, Revise conservation licenses.

15:39:17 Rep. Seekins -Crowe joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:40:38 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited (TU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:43:31 Robin Graham, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:43:59 Rep. Fielder
15:44:17 Rep. Loge
15:44:40 Rep. Fielder
15:45:07 Rep. Loge
15:45:32 Rep. Knudsen
15:45:54 Rep. Loge
15:46:14 Rep. Phalen
15:46:38 Rep. Loge
15:47:19 Rep. J. Hinkle
15:47:42 Rep. Marler joined the meeting.
15:47:55 Rep. Loge
15:48:14 Rep. J. Hinkle
15:49:07 Rep. Loge
15:49:25 Rep. France
15:50:20 Rep. Loge
15:50:42 Rep. France
15:50:47 Rep. Loge
15:51:04 Rep. Reksten
15:51:21 Rep. Loge
15:51:39 Rep. Reksen
15:51:55 Rep. Loge
15:52:20 Rep. Marler
15:54:06 Rep. Loge
15:55:00 Rep. Marler
15:55:10 Rep. Loge
15:55:45 Rep. Putnam
15:56:15 Robin Graham, FWP
15:56:39 Lena Havron, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Closing by Sponsor:

15:57:21 Rep. Loge

Committee Business:

15:59:05 Chair Fitzgerald
15:59:15 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
15:59:33 Rep. France
15:59:52 Rep. Loge
16:00:12 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:00:37 Rep. France
16:00:46 Hope Stockwell, LSD
16:01:15 Rep. France
16:01:19 Rep. Loge
16:01:23 Rep. France
16:01:46 Rep. Fielder
16:02:31 Rep. J. Hinkle
16:03:13 Rep. Marler
16:03:25 Chair Fitzgerald
16:03:30 Rep. Loge
16:03:54 Rep. J. Hinkle
16:04:10 Rep. Berglee
16:04:52 Chair Fitzgerald
16:05:22 Rep. Berglee
16:06:31 Chair Fitzgerald
16:06:33 Rep. Berglee
16:06:39 Rep. France
16:06:52 Rep. Berglee
16:07:39 Rep. France
16:08:52 Chair Fitzgerald

16:09:22 Recessed
16:31:07 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 160

16:31:22 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 160 DO PASS**.

16:31:37 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Duram made a substitute motion that **HB 160 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with Rep. J. Hinkle and Rep. Mitchell voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 208

16:32:51 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **SB 208 BE CONCURRED IN**.

16:33:32 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Reksten made a substitute motion that **SB 208 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Marler, Rep. Novak, Rep. Putnam, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Weatherwax voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 647

16:35:06 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **647 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:35:45 Rep. Marler
16:36:26 Rep. France
16:36:44 Vice Chair Duram
16:37:21 Rep. Seekins-Crowe
16:37:49 Rep. Novak
16:39:14 Rep. R. Knudsen
16:39:44 Rep. Berglee
16:40:11 Chair Fitzgerald
16:40:39 Rep. Berglee

16:40:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Berglee moved that **HB 647 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED BY** segregating the amendments in subsection (2) of section 1. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

EXHIBIT(fih62a01)

16:43:00 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 647 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:43:16 Rep. Fielder
16:44:17 Rep. Loge
16:44:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. R. Knudsen and Rep. Marler voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 652

16:46:09 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 652 DO PASS.**

16:46:24 **Motion:** Rep. Loge moved that **HB 652 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(fih62a02)**Discussion:**

16:46:36 Hope Stockwell, LSD
16:47:40 Rep. Reksten
16:48:00 Rep. Loge
16:48:28 Rep. Reksten
16:48:48 Rep. Loge
16:48:57 Vice Chair Duram
16:49:34 Rep. J. Hinkle
16:50:13 Rep. Loge

16:50:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen and Rep. J. Hinkle voting no.

16:52:17 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 652 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:52:29 Rep. Loge
16:52:54 Vice Chair Duram
16:53:13 Rep. Berglee
16:53:55 Rep. Phalen
16:54:11 Rep. Marler
16:55:07 Rep. France
16:56:18 Rep. Seekins-Crowe
16:57:01 Rep. Marler

16:57:15 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. France, Rep. Loge, Rep. Marler, Rep. Novak, Rep. Putnam, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Weatherwax voting aye.

16:58:42 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Duram made a substitute motion that **HB 652 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:59:08 Hope Stockwell, LSD
16:59:16 Rep. Farris Olsen
16:59:20 Chair Fitzgerald

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:59:59

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih62aad.pdf](#))