

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Ross H. Fitzgerald, on April 8, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald, 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)

Members Excused:

Rep. Neil Duram, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (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: HJ 33, 4/6/2021
Executive Action: HJ 33

HEARING ON HJ 33**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:05:26 Rep. Tom France (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HJ 33, Interim study to reduce inadvertent dog trapping.

15:06:32 Vice Chair Duram joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:09:03 KC York, Trap Free Montana Public Lands (TFMPL)

15:11:38 Jonathan Haufler, self

15:13:36 Carolyn Mehl, self

Opponents' Testimony:

15:15:15 Tim McKendrick, Montana Trappers Association (MTA)

15:19:29 Michael McKenrick, self

15:19:59 Fran Buell, Montana Trappers Association (MTA)

Informational Testimony:

15:22:52 Jessica Hoag, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:23:44 Rep. Fielder

15:24:10 Rep. France

15:24:47 Rep. Fielder

15:24:45 Chair Fitzgerald

15:25:01 Rep. Loge

15:25:28 Rep. France

15:26:42 Rep. Loge

15:26:54 Rep. France

15:26:59 Rep. Berglee

15:27:38 Rep. France

15:29:24 Rep. Berglee

15:29:37 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:30:00 Rep. Berglee

15:30:41 Fran Buell, MTA

15:33:36 Rep. Reksten

15:34:14 Rep. Fielder

15:35:41 Chair Fitzgerald

15:36:25 Fran Buell, MTA

15:37:41 Chair Fitzgerald

15:37:57 Jonathan Haufler, self

15:39:16 Rep. Fielder

15:40:53 Rep. France

15:42:45 Rep. R. Knudsen

15:45:03 Rep. France

15:45:12 Rep. R. Knudsen
15:45:22 Rep. Fielder
15:46:13 Rep. France

Closing by Sponsor:

15:47:03 Rep. France

Committee Business:

15:49:33 Chair Fitzgerald
15:49:43 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
15:49:55 Chair Fitzgerald

15:49:59 Recessed
16:03:25 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 33

16:03:42 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HJ 33 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:04:02 Rep. Marler
16:07:24 Chair Fitzgerald
16:08:11 Rep. Loge
16:09:39 Rep. Putnam
16:11:03 Rep. Marler
16:11:55 Vice Chair Duram
16:12:50 Rep. Seekins-Crowe joined the meeting.

16:13:26 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. France, Rep. Marler, Rep. Novak, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Seekins-Crowe and Rep. Weatherwax voting aye. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

16:15:02 Hope Stockwell, LSD

16:15:09 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Duram moved that **HJ 33 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

16:15:34 Hope Stockwell, LSD
16:15:37 Chair Fitzgerald
16:15:40 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
16:15:44 Hope Stockwell, LSD
16:15:51 Chair Fitzgerald

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:17:23

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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