

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ross H. Fitzgerald, on April 15, 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. 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. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)  
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)  
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (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:**

Executive Action: SB 153; SB 384

16:00:17 Rep. Hinkle joined the meeting.

16:00:35 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved to **RECONSIDER ACTION** on **SB 384**.

**Discussion:**

16:00:51 Vice Chair Duram

16:01:15 Rep. Fielder

16:02:32 Chair Fitzgerald

16:02:50 Rep. Fielder

16:02:05 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:02:26 **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. Running Wolf and Rep. Seekins-Crowe voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 384**

16:03:57 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **SB 384 BE CONCURRED IN**.

16:04:17 **Motion:** Rep. Putnam moved that **SB 384 BE AMENDED**.

**EXHIBIT(fih72a01)**

**Discussion:**

16:04:36 Rep. Putnam

16:05:04 Rep. Berglee

16:05:16 Rep. Putnam

16:05:30 Chair Fitzgerald

16:05:37 Rep. Putnam

16:05:56 Chair Fitzgerald

16:06:05 Rep. Duram

16:06:12 Chair Fitzgerald

16:06:18 Rep. Berglee

16:06:39 Rep. Farris-Olsen left the meeting.

16:06:40 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Novak, Rep. Putnam and Rep. Seekins-Crowe voting aye. Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Seekins-Crowe voted by proxy.

16:08:57 **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. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Seekins-Crowe voted by proxy. Rep. Berglee will carry the bill.

16:09:13 Rep. Fielder left the meeting.

16:11:09 **Motion:** Rep. Loge moved to **RECONSIDER ACTION** on **SB 153**.

**Discussion:**

16:11:30 Rep. J. Hinkle

16:12:10 Rep. Knudsen

16:12:39 Rep. France

16:13:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Duram, Rep. Fielder, Rep. J. Hinkle, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Mitchell and Rep. Phalen voting no. Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Fielder, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Seekins-Crowe voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 153**

16:15:38 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **SB 153 BE CONCURRED IN**.

16:15:59 **Motion:** Rep. France moved that **SB 153 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(fih72a02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

16:16:22 Rep. France

16:17:58 Rep. R. Knudsen

16:18:09 Rep. France

16:18:36 Rep. Loge

16:18:43 Rep. Farris-Olsen joined the meeting.

16:18:51 Rep. R. Knudsen

16:19:00 Rep. France

16:19:26 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Duram, Rep. France, Rep. Loge, Rep. Marler, Rep. Putnam, Rep. Reksten and Rep. Weatherwax voting aye. Rep. Fielder, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Seekins-Crowe voted by proxy.

16:21:08 **Motion:** Rep. France moved that **SB 153 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(fih72a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

16:21:20 Rep. Running Wolf joined to meeting.

16:21:31 Rep. France

16:24:38 Rep. Loge

16:25:42 Rep. J. Hinkle

16:26:00 Rep. France

16:26:45 Rep. J. Hinkle

16:27:08 Rep. France

16:28:17 Rep. Phalen

16:28:56 Rep. R. Knudsen

16:29:34 Rep. France

16:30:24 Rep. R. Knudsen

16:30:44 Rep. Loge

16:31:57 Vice Chair Duram

16:32:43 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. Duram, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. France, Rep. Loge, Rep. Putnam, Rep. Reksten and Rep. Seekins-Crowe voting aye. Rep. Fielder and Rep. Seekins-Crowe voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

16:34:13 Vice Chair Duram

16:35:13 Rep. J. Hinkle

16:35:28 Rep. Berglee left the meeting.

16:36:56 Rep. Marler

16:37:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Duram, Rep. Fielder, Rep. France, Rep. J. Hinkle, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Phalen and Rep. Seekins-Crowe voting no. Rep. Berglee, Rep. Fielder and Rep. Seekins-Crowe voted by proxy. Rep. Loge will carry the bill.

**Discussion:**

16:39:17 Chair Fitzgerald

16:39:51 Hope Stockwell, LSD

16:40:18 Chair Fitzgerald

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:40:36

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Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fih72aad.pdf](#))