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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on January 11, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in Committee Room:

- Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Chair (R)
- Sen. Jason D. Small, Vice Chair (R)
- Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
- Sen. Bob Brown (R)
- Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
- Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
- Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
- Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
- Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

- Sen. Pat Flowers, Vice Chair (D)
- Sen. Mike Lang (R)
- Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lauren de Paepe, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch
Jacquie Simmons, 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: SB 20, 1/7/2021

HEARING ON SB 20

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:41 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB20, Clarifying use of river basin councils.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:07:30 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited

Informational Testimony:

15:10:10 Autumn Coleman, Resource Development Bureau chief, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(nas06a01\)](#)

15:10:54 Paul Azevedo, Water Management Bureau chief, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(nas06a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:11:50 Dan Rostad, Yellowstone River Conservation District Council (YRCDC)

[EXHIBIT\(nas06a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

15:15:12 Laura Rennick, Water Resources Division, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(nas06a04\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:16:01 Sen. Brown
15:16:30 Sen. Cohenour
15:17:54 Sen. Hoven
15:20:02 Sen. Cohenour
15:20:39 Mr. Azevedo, DNRC
15:21:16 Sen. Hoven
15:21:34 Mr. Azevedo
15:22:48 Sen. Hoven
15:23:22 Mr. Rostad, YRCDC
15:24:38 Sen. Gillespie
15:25:25 Mr. Azevedo
15:27:01 Sen. Hoven
15:28:46 Mr. Azevedo

Closing by Sponsor:

15:29:20 Sen. Cohenour

Committee Business:

15:30:51 Chair Welborn
15:31:50 Mr. Mohr
15:32:09 Chair Welborn

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:32 PM

Lauren de Paepe, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas06aad.pdf](#))