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MONTANA SENATE
67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Steve Hinebauch, on January 12, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:
Sen. Steve Hinebauch, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)

Members Present via Zoom Video Conference
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

Members Excused:
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Alex Colafrancesco, 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 60, 1/7/2021; SB 61, 1/7/2021; SB 62, 1/7/2021

HEARING ON SB 62

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
15:01:40   Sen. Bob Brown (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB62, Revise unlawful possession laws.

Proponents' Testimony:
15:04:56   Mike Volesky, director, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
15:06:05   Dave Loewen, chief of law enforcement, FWP
15:08:25   Matt Leow, Montana Chapter Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
EXHIBIT(fis07a01)

15:10:51   Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation
EXHIBIT(fis07a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
15:13:35   Sen. Hertz
15:14:10   Mr. Loewen, FWP
15:15:25   Sen. Hertz

Closing by Sponsor:
15:15:45   Sen. Brown

HEARING ON SB 61

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
15:17:34   Sen. Pat Flowers (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB61, Allow free fishing on Mother's Day.

Proponents' Testimony:
15:19:50   Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation
EXHIBIT(fis07a03)

15:20:40   Emily Cooper, Licensing Bureau chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
15:21:44   Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimted
15:22:13   Noah Marion, Montana Wildness Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:
15:23:43   Sen. Flowers

HEARING ON SB 60

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
15:24:18   Sen. Pat Flowers (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB60, Requiring trapper
                education for certain resident trappers.

Proponents' Testimony:
15:28:08   Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation
EXHIBIT(fis07a04)

15:29:51   Matt Leow, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
EXHIBIT(fis07a05)

15:31:22   Quentin Kujala, chief of staff, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
EXHIBIT(fis07a06)

Additional written testimony received online:
EXHIBIT(fis07a07)

Opponents' Testimony:
15:34:34   Mark Cooke, Wolves of The Rockies
EXHIBIT(fis07a08)

15:37:10   KC York, Trap Free Montana Public Lands
EXHIBIT(fis07a09)

15:40:13   Michael Roddewig, self
EXHIBIT(fis07a10)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
15:41:58   Sen. Cohenour
15:42:19   Sen. Flowers
15:43:42   Sen. Cohenour
15:45:04   Mr. Kujala, FWP
15:47:55   Sen. Brown
15:49:03   Mr. Kujala
15:49:37   Sen. Brown
15:50:12   Sen. Flowers

15:51:08	Sen. Brown
15:51:41	Sen. Flowers redirect
15:52:21	Mr. Kujala
15:53:38	Sen. Brown
15:54:05	Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:54:55	Chair Hinebauch
15:55:13	Mr. Roddewig
15:55:49	Chair Hinebauch

Closing by Sponsor:

15:56:12   Sen. Flowers

Committee Business:

15:57:22   Chair Hinebauch
15:57:28   Dustin Temple, acting director, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
EXHIBIT(fis07a11)

15:59:33	Sen. Cohenour
16:00:09	Chair Hinebauch
16:00:35	Mr. Kolman, LSD
16:01:20	Chair Hinebauch
16:01:31	Ms. Spencer
16:02:03	Chair Hinebauch
16:02:06	Sen. Cohenour

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:02 PM

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis07aad.pdf](fis07aad.pdf))