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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Steve Hinebauch, on January 14, 2021 at 4:00 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 2, 1/8/2021

Executive Action: SB 61, Do Pass; SB 62, Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 2**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:01:06 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB2, Clarify the dissemination of fish and wildlife related information.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:06:17 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited

16:07:11 Matt Leow, Montana Chapter Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

[EXHIBIT\(fis09a01\)](#)

16:10:22 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation

[EXHIBIT\(fis09a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:11:52 Alan Olson, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association

[EXHIBIT\(fis09a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

16:14:33 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis09a04\)](#)

16:15:14 Rebecca Dockter, FWP

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:15:48 Sen. Hertz
16:16:06 Mr. Olson
16:16:22 Sen. Flowers
16:16:50 Sen. Cohenour
16:18:36 Sen. Brown
16:19:43 Sen. Cohenour
16:21:16 Sen. Brown
16:22:07 Sen. Cohenour redirect
16:22:25 Mr. McDonald
16:23:51 Sen. Brown
16:24:35 Mr. McDonald
16:26:02 Sen. Brown
16:27:09 Mr. McDonald
16:27:41 Sen. Flowers
16:28:42 Mr. Olson
16:29:13 Sen. Flowers
16:29:42 Mr. Olson
16:30:06 Chair Hinebauch
16:30:25 Sen. Cohenour
16:30:59 Chair Hinebauch
16:31:07 Sen. Cohenour
16:31:28 Sen. Brown
16:32:05 Mr. Olson

Closing by Sponsor:

16:32:24 Sen. Cohenour

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 61

16:34:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Flowers moved that **SB 61 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 62

16:35:35 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brown moved that **SB 62 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

16:37:00 Sen. Jacobson

16:37:20 Alex Colafrancesco, remote meeting coordinator

16:37:26 Chair Hinebauch

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:37 PM

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis09aad.pdf](#))