

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Steve Hinebauch, on February 2, 2021 at 3:31 PM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Steve Hinebauch, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)

Members Present over Zoom Video Conference

Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Izmerai Alvarado, 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: HB 163, 1/28/2021; SB 143, 1/27/2021

HEARING ON HB 163

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:33:05 Rep. Paul Fielder (R), , opened the hearing on HB163, Revise fish and wildlife commission members.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:37:21 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited of Montana

15:38:36 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited

15:40:32 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation

[EXHIBIT\(fis22a01\)](#)

15:41:31 Dale Tribby

[EXHIBIT\(fis22a02\)](#)

15:42:31 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

[EXHIBIT\(fis22a03\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(fis22a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:43:51 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras

[EXHIBIT\(fis22a05\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:45:31 Sen. Cohenour

15:45:51 Rep. Fielder

15:46:09 Sen. Hertz

15:46:57 Rep. Fielder

15:47:38 Sen Hertz

15:48:01 Rep. Fielder

Closing by Sponsor:

15:49:24 Rep. Fielder

HEARING ON SB 143

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:51:44 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB143, Generally revise laws re Class B-10 and Class B-11 elk and deer licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:03:56 Rep. Scot Kerns, HD 23

16:05:13 Chuck Rein, president, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis22a06\)](#)

16:08:04 Mac Minard, executive director, MOGA

EXHIBIT(fis22a07)

16:09:59 Dusty Crary, Choteau

16:11:03 Donna McDonald, Upper Canyon Outfitters

16:12:35 Sen. Flowers entered the meeting.

16:13:30 Eric Albus, Milk River Outfitters

16:14:49 Garrett Hanson, Castle Reef Ranch

16:17:35 Richard Powell

16:18:24 Chris Gentry, Ennis

16:18:51 Sen. Jacobson entered the meeting.

16:21:25 John Way, Ennis

EXHIBIT(fis22a08)

16:23:04 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association

16:24:18 Roy Jacobs, Rocky Mountain Front

16:26:20 Sandy Sallee, Emigrant

16:27:33 Amy Mills, Augusta

16:28:22 Charles Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana

16:29:44 Craig Neal, Livingston

16:31:39 Joseph Haas, Choteau

16:32:29 Paul Ellis, Sunday Creek Outfitters

16:33:34 Rich Birdsell,

16:35:02 Scott Sallee, Black Mountain Outfitters

16:36:10 Cody Carr, western Montana

16:37:27 James Whitescarver, western Montana

EXHIBIT(fis22a09)

16:37:39 T. Phillip Bowers, Livingston

EXHIBIT(fis22a10)

16:38:07 Brett Landwehr, Jordan

16:38:30 Lennae Guyer, Dome Mountain Ranch

16:39:23 Dylan Johnson, Teton County

16:40:17 Skip Polmus, Cascade

16:41:24 Kenny Low, Lincoln

16:41:58 Wes Sargent, south central Montana

16:42:50 Cameron Mayo, Big Timber

16:43:03 Bryan Mills, Augusta

16:43:19 Charlie Rein

16:43:38 Lydia Sargent

16:44:00 Lisa Leyo

16:44:14 Turk Mills

16:44:30 Joel Leyo, Big Timber

16:44:43 Travis Barker, Augusta

16:45:41 Scott Vollmer

16:46:12 Rod Paschke, Jordan
16:46:30 Michel Beattie, White Sulphur
16:47:00 Sen. Butch Gillespie, SD 9

16:48:03 Wagner D Harmon
[EXHIBIT\(fis22a11\)](#)

16:50:23 Colter Heckman, Great Falls
[EXHIBIT\(fis22a12\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:
[EXHIBIT\(fis22a13\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:51:39 Jerry Davis
[EXHIBIT\(fis22a14\)](#)

16:54:19 Virgil Groom, non-resident
16:55:27 Colton Groom, non-resident
16:56:01 Andrew Posewitz, citizen

Additional Proponents' Testimony:

16:59:16 Tim Linehan, Yaak
[EXHIBIT\(fis22a15\)](#)

17:01:14 Todd France

Opponents' Testimony continued:

17:03:07 Nick Gevock, conservation director, Montana Wildlife Federation
[EXHIBIT\(fis22a16\)](#)

17:05:24 Bradley Wolcott, Concord, NH
[EXHIBIT\(fis22a17\)](#)

17:08:38 Dale Tribby, Miles City
[EXHIBIT\(fis22a18\)](#)

17:10:55 Tim Roberts, president, Traditional Bowhunters Montana

17:13:01 Patrick Schumacher, Dallas, Texas
[EXHIBIT\(fis22a19\)](#)

17:16:42 John B. Sullivan III, Missoula
[EXHIBIT\(fis22a20\)](#)

17:19:29 Amy Seaman, Helena
[EXHIBIT\(fis22a21\)](#)

17:20:15 Lawlor Coe, Bozeman
[EXHIBIT\(fis22a22\)](#)

17:21:23 Sam Milodragovich, Butte
17:25:04 Steve Doherty
17:29:17 Stephen LePage, president, Montana Bowhunters Association

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(fis22a23\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

17:30:45 Quentin Kujala, chief of staff, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
17:31:08 Dustin Temple, deputy director, FWP

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:32:11 Sen. Flowers
17:32:27 Sen. Ellsworth
17:33:21 Sen. Flowers
17:34:26 Sen. Ellsworth
17:35:22 Sen. Flowers
17:35:48 Sen. McClafferty
17:36:11 Sen. Flowers
17:36:41 Sen. McClafferty
17:37:19 Chair Hinebauch
17:37:38 Sen. Jacobson
17:38:06 Mr. Temple, FWP
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17:39:23 Sen. Ellsworth
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17:49:41 Mr. Minard
17:50:30 Sen. Brown
17:50:49 Mr. Minard
17:51:46 Sen. Brown
17:52:49 Mr. Minard
17:54:44 Sen. Cohenour
17:55:48 Mr. Posewitz, citizen
17:57:22 Sen. Jacobson
17:58:20 Sen. Ellsworth

Closing by Sponsor:

18:00:34 Sen. Ellsworth

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:22 PM

Izmerai Alvarado, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis22aad.pdf](#))