

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Steve Hinebauch, on February 16, 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. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)

Members Present by 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: Izmerai Alvarado, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Heather Vande Sandt, 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: SR 61, 2/5/2021; SB 208, 2/11/2021

Vice Chair Brown assumed the position as Chair.

HEARING ON SR 61

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:34 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SR61, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

[EXHIBIT\(fis32a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:02:10 Andrew McKean, Governor's appointee

[EXHIBIT\(fis32a02\)](#)

15:04:44 Eric Melson, Montana Chapter Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

15:07:26 Mike Bias, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana

15:09:34 Noah Marion, Montana Wildness Association

[EXHIBIT\(fis32a03\)](#)

15:10:47 Dale Tribby, Montana Sportsmen Alliance

[EXHIBIT\(fis32a04\)](#)

15:12:23 Steve Schindler, Glasgow

[EXHIBIT\(fis32a05\)](#)

15:12:54 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation

[EXHIBIT\(fis32a06\)](#)

15:15:14 Justin Schaaf, Glasgow

15:16:52 Scott Laird, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

[EXHIBIT\(fis32a07\)](#)

15:18:30 William Spahr, Great Falls

Additional Testimony Received :

[EXHIBIT\(fis32a08\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

[EXHIBIT\(fis32a09\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

15:21:28 Liane Taylor, governor's appointments advisor

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:22:02 Sen. Cohenour

15:22:30 Mr. McKean, appointee

15:23:52 Sen. Hertz entered the meeting.

15:24:02 Sen. Cohenour
15:24:14 Mr. McKean
15:24:52 Sen. Cohenour
15:24:57 Mr. McKean
15:25:11 Sen. Flowers
15:25:39 Mr. McKean
15:27:50 Sen. Flowers
15:28:54 Mr. McKean

Closing by Sponsor:

15:30:16 Sen. Hinebauch

Sen. Hinebauch resumed the position as Chair.

HEARING ON SB 208

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:30:56 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB208, Allow donations to hunger and habitat programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:32:06 Joe Cohenour, Helena

15:33:25 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation

[EXHIBIT\(fis32a10\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:34:48 Jennifer Thompson, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:35:14 Sen Hertz
15:35:34 Sen. Cohenour
15:35:53 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:36:18 Sen. Hertz
15:36:29 Mr. Kolman, LSD
15:36:34 Sen. Hertz
15:36:47 Mr. Kolman
15:36:59 Sen. Brown
15:37:35 Ms. Thompson, FWP
15:37:50 Sen. Brown
15:38:04 Ms. Thompson
15:38:13 Sen. Jacobson
15:38:35 Ms. Thompson
15:38:50 Sen. Jacobson
15:39:14 Ms. Thompson
15:39:27 Chair Hinebauch
15:39:38 Mrs. Thompson
15:39:48 Chair Hinebauch

15:40:39 Sen. Cohenour
15:40:58 Mr. Kolman
15:41:44 Chair Hinebauch
15:41:57 Mr. Kolman
15:42:44 Chair Hinebauch
15:42:51 Mr. Kolman
15:42:57 Sen. Hertz
15:43:16 Ms. Thompson
15:43:53 Sen. Brown
15:44:37 Sen. Cohenour
15:46:10 Chair Hinebauch
15:46:15 Sen. Cohenour
15:46:35 Sen. Hertz
15:46:47 Sen. Cohenour
15:47:16 Sen. Brown
15:47:59 Ms. Thompson
15:48:34 Chair Hinebauch
15:48:56 Mr. Cohenour
15:49:47 Mr. Kolman
15:50:02 Chair Hinebauch
15:50:29 Mr. Kolman
15:50:50 Sen. Jacobson
15:51:11 Chair Hinebauch

Closing by Sponsor:

15:51:26 Sen. Cohenour

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:53 PM

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis32aad.pdf](#))