

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Hinebauch, on February 23, 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. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Izmerai Alvarado, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch  
Alex Colafrancesco, Remote Meeting Codnaior

**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 62, 2/16/2021; HB 260, 2/16/2021; SB 255, 2/16/2021

Vice Chair Brown assumed the position of the Chair.

Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Hertz left the meeting.

**HEARING ON SR 62**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:04:04 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SR62, Confirm Governor's appointee to the Board of Outfitters.

[EXHIBIT\(fis38a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:05:10 Kathleen Hadley, Governor's appointee

[EXHIBIT\(fis38a02\)](#)

15:09:40 Marcia Brownlee, Governor's appointee

[EXHIBIT\(fis38a03\)](#)

15:12:28 Eric Clewis Montana Wildlife Federation

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:13:50 Liane Taylor, Governors Boards and Appointments advisor

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:14:21 Sen. Cohenour

15:15:05 Ms. Hadley, appointee

15:15:27 Sen. Cohenour

15:16:43 Ms. Brownlee, appointee

15:17:53 Sen. Cohenour

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:18:02 Sen. Hinebauch

Sen. Hinebauch left the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 260**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:18:54 Rep. Seth Berglee (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB260, Revise non-resident fishing license fees.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:19:29 Chris Francis, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

15:21:02 Sen. Flowers entered the meeting.

15:22:47 Scott Vollmer, MOGA

[EXHIBIT\(fis38a04\)](#)

15:25:40 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited  
15:26:12 Eric Clewis, Montana Wildlife Federation

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(fis38a05\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:27:01 Emily Cooper, Licensing Bureau chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:27:21 Chair Brown  
15:27:45 Ms. Cooper, FWP  
15:27:49 Chair Brown  
15:28:14 Mr. Francis, MOGA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:29:18 Rep. Berglee

**HEARING ON SB 255**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:30:14 Sen. Pat Flowers (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB255, Create revenue for bison management funding.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:32:21 Matt Loew, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

15:33:54 James Bailey, Montana Wildlife Bison Restoration Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(fis38a06\)](#)

15:36:52 Eric Clewis, Montana Wildlife Federation

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(fis38a07\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:38:05 Darrell Geist, Buffalo Field Campaign  
15:40:50 Charles Denowh, Untied Property Owners of Montana

**Informational Testimony:**

15:42:17 Emily Cooper, Licensing Bureau chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:42:39 Sen. Cohenour  
15:43:03 Sen. Flowers  
15:45:44 Sen. Cohenour

15:46:01 Sen. Flowers  
15:46:08 Sen. Jacobson  
15:46:15 Sen. Flowers

15:52:05 Chair Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:52:18 Sen. Flowers

**Committee Business:**

15:54:54 Chair Brown  
15:55:38 Sen. Cohenour  
15:55:48 Chair Brown  
15:56:29 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
15:56:47 Chair Brown  
15:57:04 Sen. Hinebauch  
15:57:12 Mr. Kolman, LSD  
15:57:19 Chair Brown  
15:57:30 Mr. Kolman

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:57PM

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Izmerai Alvarado, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fis38aad.pdf](#))