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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Steve Hinebauch, on March 9, 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. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Pat Flowers (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (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
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: HB 202, 2/26/2021; HB 242, 2/26/2021; HB 353, 2/26/2021

Sen. Cohenour and Sen. Jacobson left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 353

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:49 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB353, Authorize replacement hunting license when harvested game unfit for consumption.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:52 Eric Melson, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

15:06:36 Dale Tribby, Montana Sportsmen Alliance

[EXHIBIT\(fis47a01\)](#)

15:07:36 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation

15:07:48 President Blasdel left the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:08:30 Aimee Hawkaluk, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:09:02 Sen. Brown

15:14:43 Rep. Gunderson

15:15:35 Chair Hinebauch

15:15:42 Sen. Brown

15:15:51 Ms. Hawkaluk, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

15:16:37 Rep. Gunderson

HEARING ON HB 242

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:18:24 Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R), , opened the hearing on HB242, Establishing a muzzleloader heritage hunt season.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

15:20:28 Dale Tribby, Montana Sportsmen Alliance

[EXHIBIT\(fis47a02\)](#)

15:22:16 Scott Mylnechuk, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA)

15:23:50 Carmen Borchelt, Montana Audubon

[EXHIBIT\(fis47a03\)](#)

15:25:10 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation

Informational Testimony:

15:30:42 Ken McDonald, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:26:43 Sen. Hertz
 15:27:11 Rep. Hinkle
 15:27:58 Sen. Hertz
 15:28:14 Rep. Hinkle
 15:28:20 Chair Hinebauch
 15:28:26 Rep. Hinkle
 15:28:53 Sen. Brown
 15:29:11 Rep. Hinkle
 15:29:55 Sen. Brown
 15:30:29 Rep. Hinkle
 15:31:03 Chair Hinebauch
 15:31:40 Mr. Mylnechuk, BHA
 15:32:18 Sen. Brown
 15:33:15 Rep. Hinkle

Closing by Sponsor:

15:33:39 Rep. Hinkle

HEARING ON HB 202

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:34:59 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB202, Make certain special hunting licenses once-in-a-lifetime harvest.

15:34:59 Sen. Hertz left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:38:51 Everett Headley, Stevensville
 15:41:23 Dan Fiehrer, Private Land/Public Wildlife Council (PLPW)

15:42:23 Dale Tribby, Montana Sportsmen Alliance

EXHIBIT(fis47a04)

15:44:01 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:45:20 Emily Cooper, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:45:45 Sen. Flowers
 15:46:25 Ms. Cooper, FWP
 15:46:36 Sen. Flowers

15:46:53 Chair Hinebauch
15:47:05 Rep. Loge
15:48:18 Sen. Flowers
15:48:34 Chair Hinebauch
15:48:41 Rep. Loge
15:49:06 Sen. Brown
15:49:52 Rep. Loge

Closing by Sponsor:

15:50:12 Rep. Loge

15:51:43 Chair Hinebauch
15:52:13 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:52:49 Chair Hinebauch
15:53:05 Mr. Kolman, LSD
15:53:14 Sen. Flowers
15:53:40 Chair Hinebauch

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:53 PM

Izmerai Alvarado, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis47aad.pdf](#))