

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Vice Chair Bob Brown, on March 23, 2021 at 3:20 PM, in Room 303
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the 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)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

Members Excused:

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: HB 468, 3/16/2021; SR 88, 3/16/2021

HEARING ON SR 88**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:21:06 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SR88, Confirm Governor's appointee to the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:21:35 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras,
[EXHIBIT\(fis57a01\)](#)

15:24:20 Patrick Tabor, Governor's appointee
[EXHIBIT\(fis57a02\)](#)

15:24:54 K.C. Walsh, Governor's appointee
[EXHIBIT\(fis57a03\)](#)

15:26:10 Brian Cebull, Governor's appointee
[EXHIBIT\(fis57a04\)](#)

15:28:21 Lesley Robinson, Governor's appointee
[EXHIBIT\(fis57a05\)](#)

15:31:27 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitter and Guides Association

15:32:17 Richard Dunbar, commissioner, Phillips County

15:34:06 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

15:34:48 Rachel Meredith, citizen

15:36:40 Carl Seilstad, commissioner, Fergus County

15:37:44 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties

15:39:12 Matt Lumley, citizen

15:39:36 Mike Bias, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana

15:41:08 Clayton Elliot, Montana Trout Unlimited; also speaking for Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited

15:43:19 Jim Buell, Montana Trappers Association
[EXHIBIT\(fis57a06\)](#)

15:44:00 Keith Kubista, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

15:44:59 Vicki Olson, Montana Public Lands Council

[EXHIBIT\(fis57a07\)](#)

15:46:50 Jim Steinbeisser, Montana Stockgrowers Association
[EXHIBIT\(fis57a08\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received

[EXHIBIT\(fis57a09\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:49:22 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation

[EXHIBIT\(fis57a10\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:51:46 Sen. Cohenour
15:52:59 Mr. Tabor, appointee
15:54:39 Sen. Cohenour
15:55:09 Mr. Tabor
15:56:27 Sen. Cohenour
15:57:17 Mr. Tabor
15:59:11 Sen. Jacobson
15:59:22 Mr. Tabor
15:59:25 Sen. Jacobson
15:59:36 Mr. Tabor
16:00:34 Sen. Jacobson
16:00:44 Mr. Tabor
16:00:55 Chair Brown
16:01:24 Mr. Walsh, appointee
16:02:09 Chair Brown
16:02:53 Ms. Robinson, appointee
16:03:47 Sen. Flowers
16:13:49 Mr. Tabor

Closing by Sponsor:

16:15:16 Sen. Hinebauch

HEARING ON HB 468

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:17:42 Rep. Paul Fielder (R), opened the hearing on HB468, Allowing hound hunting and chase seasons for black bears.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:22:4 Tim Ravndal, Broadwater County
16:26:26 Ross Feenstra Montana State Houndsmen Association (MSHA)
16:28:54 Tim McKenrick Montana Trappers Association
16:30:43 Michael McKenrick, citizen
16:31:06 Eric Huffmann, Houndsmen from Western Montana
16:32:57 Justin Duffy, Montana State Houndsmen Association
16:34:40 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
16:36:22 Josh Gallagher, MSHA
16:38:25 Duane Hostetler, MSHA, also speaking on behalf of the Northwest Montana Hound Association

EXHIBIT(fis57a11)

16:40:06 Scott Boulanger, citizen

16:40:52 Terry L. Zink, Marion

EXHIBIT(fis57a12)

16:42:13 Jim Buell, Montana Trappers Association
[EXHIBIT\(fis57a13\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(fis57a14\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:43:23 Amy Seamen, Montana Audubon
[EXHIBIT\(fis57a15\)](#)

16:47:23 Pete Antonioli, citizen

16:48:17 Tyler Smith, citizen

16:52:40 Jennifer Sherry, Natural Resources Defense Council
[EXHIBIT\(fis57a16\)](#)

16:54:28 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation
[EXHIBIT\(fis57a17\)](#)

16:55:54 Bonnie Rice, Sierra Club

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(fis57a18\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

16:59:44 Quentin Kujala, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:00:14 Sen. Hertz
17:00:38 Mr. Kujala FWP
17:01:18 Sen. Hertz
17:01:34 Mr. Kujala
17:03:09 Sen. Brown
17:03:23 Mr. Kujala
17:03:33 Sen. Jacobson
17:03:48 Mr. Kujala
17:04:02 Sen. Jacobson
17:04:31 Mr. Kujala
17:05:30 Sen. Jacobson
17:06:04 Mr. Kujala
17:07:41 Chair Brown
17:07:58 Sen. Cohenour
17:08:29 Mr. Kujala
17:09:00 Sen. Hertz
17:09:34 Mr. Feenstra, MSHA
17:10:06 Sen. Hertz
17:10:20 Mr. Feenstra
17:10:53 Sen. Flowers
17:11:39 Mr. Kugla
17:12:12 Sen. Flowers

17:13:02 Mr. Kujala

Closing by Sponsor:

17:14:07 Rep. Fielder

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:16 PM

Izmerai Alvarado, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis57aad.pdf](#))