

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA SENATE**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (S) NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Jeffrey Welborn-R, on May 12, 2022 at 12:36 PM, in Room 303

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. Jeffrey Welborn, Chair (R)  
Sen. Pat Flowers, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Jason Small, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)  
Sen. Bob Brown (R)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)  
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)  
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

**Staff Present:** Jason Mohr, Research Analyst  
Nadine Spencer, Secretary

**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:

SB 20 05/12/2022

Executive Action:

SB 20 DO PASS

**HEARING ON SB 20**

**Opening Statement:**

12:37:02 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42 opened the hearing on SB 20, Clarifying use of river basin councils.

**Proponent Testimony:**

12:37:45 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited

12:38:22 Autumn Coleman, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(220512NASb1\)](#)

12:38:47 Paul Azevedo, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(220512NASb2\)](#)

**Opponent Testimony:**

12:39:22 Dan Rostad, Yellowstone River Conservation District Council

[EXHIBIT\(220512NASb3\)](#)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

12:40:17 Laura Rennick, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(220512NASb4\)](#)

**Questions from Committee:**

12:41:07 Sen. Bob Brown

12:41:09 Sen. Jill Cohenour

12:41:13 Sen. Brian Hoven

12:41:16 Sen. Jill Cohenour

12:41:19 Mr. Azevedo

12:41:31 Sen. Brian Hoven

12:41:35 Mr. Rostad

12:41:47 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

12:41:51 Mr. Azevedo

12:42:04 Sen. Brian Hoven

12:42:06 Mr. Azevedo

**Closing Statement:**

12:42:21 Sen. Cohenour closed the hearing on SB 20.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 20**

12:42:54 **Motion:** Sen. Jeffrey Welborn moved that **SB 20 DO PASS.**

12:42:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:43:22

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(220512NASbad\)](#)