

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Ross Fitzgerald-R, on January 24, 2023 at 3:16 PM, in 172

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Ross Fitzgerald, Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom France, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Denise Baum (D)  
Rep. Edward Butcher (R)  
Rep. Lee Deming (R)  
Rep. Neil Duram (R)  
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)  
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)  
Rep. Denley Loge (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)  
Rep. Gary Parry (R)  
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)  
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)  
Rep. Russel Miner (R)  
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

**Staff Present:** Toni Henneman, Research Analyst  
LJ Jennings, Secretary  
Rolf Johnson, Attorney

**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 290 01/20/2023

Executive Action:

15:19:08 Rep. Fitzgerald has left  
15:19:10 Vice Chair J. Hinkle assumed position of the Chair.  
15:19:22

**Committee Discussion:**

15:19:22 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle  
15:19:23 Rep. Tom France  
15:19:43 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

**HEARING ON HB 290 - Revise laws related to membership of wetlands protection advisory council**

**Opening Statement:**

15:19:57 Rep. Garry Parry opened the hearing on HB 290, Revise laws related to membership of wetlands protection advisory council.

**Discussion:**

15:19:57 Rep. Gary Parry-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:22:27  
15:23:12 Collin Cooney, Trout Unlimited, (TU)  
15:23:33 Steve Christian, Self

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**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:26:57 Dustin Temple, Deputy Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, FWP

**Questions from Committee:**

15:27:13	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
15:27:17	Rep. Denley Loge
15:27:23	Dustin Temple, FWP
15:27:25	Rep. Denley Loge
15:27:37	Dustin Temple, FWP
15:28:11	Rep. Denley Loge
15:28:12	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
15:28:16	Rep. Tom France
15:28:22	Dustin Temple, FWP
15:28:24	Rep. Tom France
15:28:36	Dustin Temple, FWP
15:29:51	Rep. Tom France
15:29:52	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
15:29:54	Rep. Tom France
15:30:20	Dustin Temple, FWP
15:30:35	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
15:30:38	Rep. Edward Butcher
15:30:42	Dustin Temple, FWP
15:30:44	Rep. Edward Butcher
15:30:50	Dustin Temple, FWP
15:31:01	Rep. Edward Butcher
15:31:04	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
15:31:05	Rep. Edward Butcher

15:32:04	Rep. Miner has arrived
15:32:10	Dustin Temple, FWP
15:33:03	Rep. Edward Butcher
15:33:04	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
15:33:06	Rep. Edward Butcher
15:33:56	Dustin Temple, FWP
15:34:20	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
15:34:23	Rep. Tom France
15:34:53	Rep. Paul Fielder
15:35:04	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
15:35:14	Rep. Paul Fielder
15:35:21	Rep. Gary Parry-R
15:35:23	Rep. Paul Fielder
15:35:51	Rep. Gary Parry-R
15:36:08	Rep. Paul Fielder
15:36:09	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
15:36:11	Rep. Paul Fielder
15:36:21	Rep. Gary Parry-R
15:36:41	Rep. Paul Fielder
15:36:43	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
15:36:53	Dustin Temple, FWP
15:36:55	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
15:37:12	Dustin Temple, FWP
15:37:15	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

15:37:30 Dustin Temple, FWP

15:37:43 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

**Closing Statement:**

15:37:52 Rep. Garry Parry closed the hearing on HB 290.

**Discussion:**

15:37:52 Rep. Gary Parry-R

15:19:08 Rep. Fitzgerald has left

15:19:10 Vice Chair J. Hinkle assumed position of the Chair.

15:19:22

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:40:42

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LJ Jennings, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230124FIHaad\)](#)