

**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 26, 2023 at 3:03 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. Paul Fielder (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)  
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)  
Rep. Denley Loge (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)  
Rep. Russel Miner (R)  
Rep. Gary Parry (R)  
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Neil Duram (R)  
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)  
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)  
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:

Executive Action:

HB 290 DO PASS  
HB 243 DO PASS AS AMENDED



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

15:31:55 **Motion:** Rep. Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 290 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:32:04 Rep. Denley Loge

15:32:15 Rep. Tom France

15:31:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 243 - Revise hunter education laws**

15:06:12 **Motion:** Rep. Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 243 DO PASS.**

15:06:12 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

15:06:22 **Motion:** Rep. Marilyn Marler moved that **HB 243 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:33:38

15:06:30 Rep. Marilyn Marler

15:07:25 Rep. Paul Fielder

15:07:41 Rep. Denley Loge

15:06:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:08:46 **Motion:** Rep. Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 243 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:09:00 Rep. Marilyn Marler

15:13:32 Rep. Gary Parry

15:14:37 Lena Havron, Chief Financial Officer, Dept. Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

15:15:01 Rep. Gary Parry

15:15:19 Lena Havron, FWP

15:15:29 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

15:18:15 Rep. Tom France

15:19:07 Rep. Marilyn Marler

15:20:17 Rep. Jonathan Karlen

15:20:50 Rep. Marilyn Marler

15:21:14 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

15:21:53 Rep. Denley Loge

15:22:28 Lena Havron, FWP

15:22:57 Rep. Denley Loge

15:23:34 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

15:24:07 Rep. Paul Fielder

15:24:46 Rep. Marilyn Marler

15:25:29 Lena Havron, FWP

15:25:44 Rep. Paul Fielder

15:26:12 Lena Havron, FWP

15:26:28 Rep. Edward Butcher

15:27:19 Rep. Marilyn Marler

15:28:01 Rep. Edward Butcher

15:28:40 Rep. Marilyn Marler

15:28:53 Rep. Edward Butcher

15:29:09 Rep. Marilyn Marler

15:29:13 Rep. Gary Parry

15:08:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 2 by roll call vote with Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Ler, voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:36:32

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LJ Jennings, Secretary

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