

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 February 09, 2023 at 3:08 PM, in 172

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Ross Fitzgerald, Chair (R)
Rep. Tom France, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Denise Baum (D)
Rep. Lee Deming (R)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Edward Butcher (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Denley Loge (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen (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 383 02/03/2023

Executive Action:

Committee Discussion:

15:50:04 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald

HEARING ON HB 383 - Establish the Montana hunters and anglers community fund

Opening Statement:

15:11:02 Rep. Tom France (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 383, Establish the Montana hunters and anglers community fund.

Proponent Testimony:

15:17:38 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe
15:18:22 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation
15:19:37 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stock Growers Association
15:20:38 Adam Jespersen, Montana Non-Profit Association
15:23:08 Jasmine Krotkov, Montana Farmers Union
15:24:56 Peggy Trenk, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
15:25:23 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
15:26:13 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
15:27:28 Matt Leow, Montana Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
15:28:54 Joslyn Leroux, Montana Conservation Voters
15:29:31 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsman Alliance
15:30:14 Rep. Tanner Smith left the meeting.
15:32:08 Dale Tribby, Self
15:33:05 Sue Cliff, Chippewa Tribe
15:34:48 Walker Conyngham, Missoula Hunters and Anglers

Opponent Testimony:

15:36:13 Charles Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:39:34 Lena Havron, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee:

15:40:13 Rep. Paul Fielder

15:40:34 Lena Havron, FWP

Closing Statement:

15:43:23 Rep. Tom France (D), HD 94, closed the hearing on HB 383.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:32:27

LJ Jennings, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230209FIHaad\)](#)