

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 16, 2023 at 3:02 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. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
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 456 02/13/2023

Executive Action:

HB 440 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON HB 456 - Revise FWP super tag program laws

Opening Statement:

15:03:55 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 456, Revise FWP super tag program laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

15:05:23 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation, (MWF)

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:06:37 Emily Cooper, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

Questions from Committee:

15:07:01 Rep. Gary Parry

15:07:25 Rep. Brandon Ler-R

15:07:45 Rep. Gary Parry

15:07:58 Emily Cooper, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

15:08:01 Rep. Jonathan Karlen joined the meeting.

15:08:27 Rep. Denley Loge

15:08:53 Emily Cooper, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

15:09:00 Rep. Denley Loge

15:09:09 Emily Cooper, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

15:09:21 Rep. Tom France

15:09:49 Emily Cooper, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

15:10:22 Rep. Tom France

15:10:42 Emily Cooper, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

15:10:58 Rep. Tom France

15:11:17 Emily Cooper, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

15:11:44 Rep. Tom France

15:11:56 Emily Cooper, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

15:12:31 Rep. Tom France

15:12:40 Emily Cooper, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

15:13:30 Rep. Marilyn Marler

15:14:00 Emily Cooper, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

15:14:06 Rep. Marilyn Marler

15:14:17 Emily Cooper, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

15:14:26 Rep. Marilyn Marler

15:14:36 Rep. Brandon Ler-R

15:15:31 Rep. Marilyn Marler

15:15:44 Rep. Brandon Ler-R

15:16:09 Rep. Neil Duram

15:16:35 Emily Cooper, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

15:16:40 Rep. Neil Duram

15:17:04 Emily Cooper, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

15:17:34 Rep. Neil Duram

15:17:52 Rep. Edward Butcher

15:18:28 Rep. Brandon Ler-R

15:19:16 Rep. Eric Matthews

15:19:33 Emily Cooper, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

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15:19:51 Emily Cooper, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

15:19:57 Rep. Denise Baum

15:20:07 Emily Cooper, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

15:20:41 Rep. Tanner Smith

15:21:03 Rep. Brandon Ler-R

15:21:23 Rep. Paul Fielder

15:21:34 Rep. Bob Phalen

15:22:34 Emily Cooper, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

Closing Statement:

15:22:47 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, closed the hearing on HB 456.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 440 - Revise campsite reservation system laws

15:41:55 **Motion:** Rep. Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 440 DO PASS.**

15:42:04 **Motion:** Rep. Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 440 BE AMENDED.**

15:42:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:42:19 **Motion:** Rep. Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 440 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

15:42:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:44:25

LJ Jennings, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230216FIHaad\)](#)