

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Ross Fitzgerald-R, on March 21, 2023 at 2:33 PM, in 172

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Ross Fitzgerald, Chair (R)  
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. 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)  
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)  
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tom France (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

**Staff Present:** Toni Henneman, Research Analyst  
LJ Jennings, Secretary  
Rolf Johnson, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**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 295 03/14/2023

SB 354 03/16/2023

SB 388 03/16/2023

Executive Action:



14:35:22 Vice Chair France has arrived  
14:55:49 Rep. Parry has left  
14:57:00 Rep. Loge has left  
15:32:30 Rep. Running Wolf has left

**HEARING ON SB 388 - Revise nonresident bird hunting**

**Opening Statement:**

14:41:39 Sen. Pat Flowers (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 388, Revise nonresident bird hunting.

**Proponent Testimony:**

14:45:26 Quentin Kujala, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)  
14:46:03 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation, (MWF)  
14:47:05 Matt Leow, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers  
14:48:49 Nick Gevock, Montana Sportsman Alliance, (MSA)  
14:50:03 Glen Lehrer, Self  
14:54:43 Paul Dinkins, Self

**Opponent Testimony:**

14:58:39 Mike Jensen, Self  
15:06:04 Nancy Jensen, Self  
15:07:37 Rhonda Knudsen, Representative, House District 34  
15:10:24 Tom Davis, Self  
15:18:15 John McCumber, Self

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:22:43 Rep. Marilyn Marler  
15:23:35 Sen. Pat Flowers-D  
15:24:38 Rep. Russel Miner  
15:25:10 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
15:25:24 Rep. Russel Miner  
15:25:38 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
15:25:57 Rep. Edward Butcher  
15:26:57 Mike Jensen  
15:28:25 Rep. Jonathan Karlen  
15:28:49 Sen. Pat Flowers-D  
15:29:35 Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle  
15:30:09 Sen. Pat Flowers-D  
15:30:58 Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle  
15:31:13 Sen. Pat Flowers-D  
15:31:49 Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle  
15:32:25 Sen. Pat Flowers-D

**Closing Statement:**

15:33:07 Sen. Pat Flowers (D), SD 32, closed the hearing on SB 388.  
  
15:43:48 Rep. Duram has left  
15:49:28 Rep. Marler has left  
15:49:53 Rep. Parry has arrived  
15:58:43 Rep. Loge has arrived

**HEARING ON SB 354 - Reciprocity for out of state trappers**

**Opening Statement:**

15:38:49 Sen. Bob Brown (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 354, Reciprocity for out of state trappers.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:41:10 Garrett Bacon, Self

15:42:45 Tim McKenrick, Montana Trappers Association, (MTA)

15:43:59 Michael McKenrick, Self

15:44:24 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association, (MOGA)

15:44:58 Chris Morgan, Montana Trappers Association, (MTA)

15:53:05 Kris Killorn, Outdoor Heritage Coalition, (OHC)

15:54:40 Jeff Darrah, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, (MTSFW)

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:56:08 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies, (WOR)

15:56:24 Lewis Tafelmeyer, Self

15:57:55 KC York, Trap Free Montana Public Lands

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

16:01:28 Quentin Kujala, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

**Questions from Committee:**

16:01:55 Rep. Paul Fielder

16:02:18 Quentin Kujala, FWP

16:02:29 Rep. Paul Fielder

16:02:30 Quentin Kujala, FWP

16:02:42 Rep. Paul Fielder

16:03:10 Lewis Tafelmeyer

16:03:54 Vice Chair Tom France  
16:04:09 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
16:04:21 Vice Chair Tom France  
16:04:34 Quentin Kujala, FWP

**Closing Statement:**

16:05:06 Sen. Bob Brown (R), SD 7, closed the hearing on SB 354.  
  
16:08:04 Rep. Ler has left  
16:25:28 Rep. Running Wolf has arrived  
16:28:24 Rep. Duram has arrived  
16:34:22 Rep. Marler has arrived

**HEARING ON SB 295 - Revising laws to accommodate grizzly bear delisting**

**Opening Statement:**

16:07:58 Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 295, Revising laws to accommodate grizzly bear delisting.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:09:23 Quentin Kujala, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)  
[EXHIBIT\(230321FIHa1\)](#)  
16:10:22 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association, (MOGA)  
16:11:42 Trina Jo Bradley, Self  
16:14:35 Callie Michaels, Montana Wool Growers Association  
[EXHIBIT\(230321FIHa2\)](#)  
16:17:07 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union  
16:17:25 Peggy Trenk, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, (RMEF)  
16:18:07 Nichole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation, (MFBF)

16:19:47 Garrett Bacon, Self  
16:20:45 Jeff Darrah, Montana Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife, (MSTFW)  
16:22:33 Keith Kubista, Self  
16:24:11 Kris Killorn, Outdoor Heritage Coalition, (OHC)

**Opponent Testimony:**

16:24:55 Nick Gevock, Endangered Species Coalition, (ESC)  
16:28:45 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon  
16:33:33 Caitlin Piserchia, Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club  
16:36:06 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation, (MWF)  
[EXHIBIT\(230321FIHa3\)](#)  
16:37:52 Erin Edge, Defenders of Wildlife  
16:39:51 Peter Metcalf, Glacier-Two Medicine Alliance  
16:42:43 Connie Poten, Footloose Montana  
16:44:27 Derek Goldman, Endangered Species Coalition, (ESC)  
16:45:58 Jennifer Sherry, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)  
16:46:33 Tim Thier, Montana Sportsmen Alliance, (MSA)  
16:46:59 KC York, Trap Montana Public Lands

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

16:48:45 Rep. Jonathan Karlen  
16:49:12 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
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16:51:39 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
16:51:49 Rep. Gary Parry

16:52:16 Caitlin Piserchia, Montana Sierra Club  
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16:53:29 Rep. Denise Baum  
16:54:04 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
16:54:48 Rep. Denise Baum  
16:55:24 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
16:56:55 Rep. Marilyn Marler  
16:57:15 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
16:58:27 Rep. Marilyn Marler  
16:58:41 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
16:59:00 Vice Chair Tom France  
16:59:36 Sen. Bruce Gillespie-R  
17:03:26 Vice Chair Tom France  
17:04:00 Sen. Bruce Gillespie-R  
17:04:24 Rep. Paul Fielder  
17:05:04 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:05:24 Rep. Paul Fielder  
17:05:27 Quentin Kujala, FWP  
17:05:41 Rep. Paul Fielder  
17:06:10 Quentin Kujala, FWP

**Closing Statement:**

17:06:33 Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, closed the hearing on SB 295.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:09:18

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LJ Jennings, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230321FIHaad\)](#)