

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

Call to Order: Chair Ross Fitzgerald-R, on April 06, 2023 at 4:04 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. Denley Loge (R)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (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:

Executive Action:

SB 295

16:05:35 Rep. Duram has left

16:06:28 Rep. Karlen has arrived

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 295 - Revising laws to accommodate grizzly bear delisting

16:10:20 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle moved that **SB 295 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:10:29 **Motion:** Rep. Denley Loge moved that **SB 295 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:10:51 Rep. Denley Loge

16:11:28 Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle

16:11:38 Rep. Paul Fielder

16:13:03 Rep. Denley Loge

16:13:12 Rep. Paul Fielder

16:13:48 Rep. Jonathan Karlen

16:14:40 Rep. Edward Butcher

16:15:06 Rep. Paul Fielder

16:15:51 Rep. Tanner Smith

16:16:19 Rep. Gary Parry

16:16:43 Rep. Paul Fielder

16:17:18 Rep. Denley Loge

16:17:39 Rep. Gary Parry

16:17:53 Rep. Denley Loge

16:18:14 Rep. Bob Phalen

16:18:30 Rep. Jonathan Karlen

16:19:31 Rep. Paul Fielder

16:20:22 Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle

16:20:30 Rep. Edward Butcher

- 16:21:06 Quentin Kujala, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)
- 17:20:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 16:22:22 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle moved that **SB 295 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- 17:46:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. France, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Marler, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Running Wolf, voting no. Rep. France, Rep. Marler, Rep. Running Wolf, By Proxy
- 16:22:22 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Denley Loge

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:28:25

LJ Jennings, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230406FIHaad\)](#)