

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ted Washburn, on March 31, 2011 at 3:08 PM, in Room 152  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ted Washburn, Chair (R)  
Rep. Mike Phillips, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Jeffery W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)  
Rep. Pat Connell (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Rep. Cleve J. Loney (R)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)  
Rep. Dan Skattum (R)  
Rep. Max Yates (R)

**Staff Present:** Cara Gold, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**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 348, 3/29/2011; SB 402, 3/28/2011

Executive Action: SB 402; SB 134; SB 348

00:00:05 The Chairman welcomed the committee and reviewed the committee rules.

00:01:17 Rep. Flynn and Rep. Kennedy entered the hearing.

### **HEARING ON SB 402**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:31 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 402, Provide for spring wolf hunts.

00:03:48 Rep. Peterson left the hearing.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:28 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:06:06 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association

00:06:49 Rep. Yates entered the hearing.

#### **Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

00:07:05 Dave Risley, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:09 Rep. Miller

00:08:24 Dave Risley

00:08:43 Rep. Peterson returned to the committee.

Rep. Skattum entered the committee.

00:08:50 Rep. Miller

00:08:58 Dave Risley

00:09:10 Rep. Flynn

00:09:27 Dave Risley

00:09:55 Rep. Phillips

00:10:46 Sen. Balyeat

00:11:29 Rep. Phillips

00:11:53 Dave Risley

00:12:14 Rep. Harris

00:12:45 Dave Risley

00:13:25 Rep. Court

00:13:44 Dave Risley

00:14:27 Sen. Balyeat

00:15:19 Rep. Kary

00:15:41 Dave Risley

00:15:49 Rep. Kary  
00:15:53 Dave Risley

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:16:00 Sen. Balyeat

**HEARING ON SB 348**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:16:54 Sen. Debby Barrett (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 348, Revise funding for wolf management.

[EXHIBIT\(fih72a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:24:22 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association  
(The Chairman deemed the witness as an opponent.)  
00:26:57 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:28:38 Art Noonan, FWP  
[EXHIBIT\(fih72a02\)](#)  
00:34:57 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:42 Rep. Connell  
00:37:33 Rep. Flynn  
00:38:02 Janet Ellis  
00:38:39 Rep. Flynn  
00:39:01 Sen. Barrett  
00:39:23 Rep. Yates  
00:39:54 Sen. Barrett  
00:40:27 Rep. Yates  
00:40:40 Sen. Barrett  
00:41:38 Rep. Washburn  
00:42:00 Sen. Barrett  
00:42:33 Rep. Washburn  
00:43:06 Rep. Flynn  
00:43:30 Dave Risley  
00:43:59 Rep. Flynn  
00:44:09 Rep. Peterson  
00:44:45 Art Noonan

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:46:09 Sen. Barrett  
00:48:21 Rep. Phillips  
00:48:45 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 402**

00:49:10 **Motion:** Rep. K. Peterson moved that **SB 402 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:49:25 Rep. Phillips  
00:49:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Knudsen voted by proxy. Rep. Kennedy will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 348**

00:50:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kennedy moved that **SB 348 BE TABLED.** Motion failed 7-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Boland, Rep. Court, Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Kennedy, Rep. Phillips, Rep. Price and Rep. Wilmer voting aye. Rep. Knudsen voted by proxy.  
00:50:30 Rep. Kennedy and Rep. O'Hara left the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 134**

00:51:41 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kary moved that **SB 134 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Boland, Rep. Court, Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Peterson, Rep. Phillips, Rep. Price and Rep. Wilmer voting no. Rep. Knudsen, Rep. O' Hara, and Rep. Kennedy were not present and did not vote.  
00:53:51 Rep. Washburn

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:54:16      Adjournment

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Cara Gold, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fih72aad.pdf](#))**