

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Ted Washburn, on February 15, 2011 at 3:50 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ted Washburn, Chair (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Cleve J. Loney (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Dan Skattum (R)
Rep. Max Yates (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Jeffery W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

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: HB 285, 2/9/2011; HB 449, 2/9/2011; HB 454, 2/9/2011; HB 474,
2/9/2011
Executive Action: HB 363

00:00:05 The Chair welcomed the committee and reviewed the agenda.
00:01:36 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

HEARING ON HB 449**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:16 Rep. Mark Blasdel (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HB 449, Generally revise fish and game laws.
00:03:18 Rep. Welborn entered the hearing.
00:04:18 Rep. Wilmer entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:53 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited
00:07:06 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association
00:07:32 Rep. Kennedy entered the hearing.
00:07:51 Rep. Knudsen left the hearing.
00:08:45 George Golie, Montana Wildlife federation (MWF)
00:09:22 Dave Risley, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
EXHIBIT(fih37a01)
00:10:43 Tim Aldrich, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:39 Rep. Wilmer
00:12:13 Dave Risley
00:12:18 Rep. Wilmer
00:12:22 Dave Risley
00:12:53 Rep. Blasdel
00:13:10 Hope Stockwell, LSD
00:13:22 Rep. O'Hara left the hearing.

00:14:00 Rep. Boland
00:14:23 Rep. Blasdel
00:14:35 Dave Risley

00:14:46 Rep. Knudsen returned to the hearing.

00:15:01 Rep. Washburn
00:15:19 Dave Risley
00:15:34 Rep. Washburn
00:15:40 Dave Risley
00:15:44 Rep. Washburn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:57 Rep. Blasdel

HEARING ON HB 474

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:55 Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 474, Clarify and extend hunting regs regarding proper wild meat care upon kill.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:40 George Golie, MWF
00:23:16 William Geer, Hellgate Hunters and Anglers of Missoula
00:23:51 Tim Aldrich, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:24:27 Dave Risley, FWP
(Without objection the witness was deemed a proponent.)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:09 Rep. Flynn
00:26:20 Rep. Connell
00:27:35 Rep. Flynn
00:28:29 Rep. Connell

00:28:33 Rep. Peterson left the hearing.

00:28:48 Rep. O'Hara returned to the hearing.

00:29:39 Rep. Flynn
00:30:26 Rep. Connell
00:30:57 Rep. Miller

00:31:05 Rep. Kary
00:31:36 Rep. Connell
00:32:25 Rep. Knudsen
00:32:59 Rep. Connell

00:33:21 Rep. Kary left the hearing.

00:33:49 Rep. Loney
00:34:05 Rep. Connell

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:57 Rep. Connell

00:35:38 Rep. Kary returned to the hearing.

00:35:46 Rep. Kennedy left the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 285

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:24 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 285, Revise elk hunting permits for limited drawing districts.

00:36:57 Rep. Kennedy returned to the hearing.

00:39:34 Rep. Wilmer left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:22 Mark Robbins, Self
[EXHIBIT\(fih37a02\)](#)
00:43:37 Deanna Robbins, Self
00:45:09 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:46:55 Dave Risley, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(fih37a03\)](#)

00:48:54 Rep. Wilmer returned to the hearing.

00:49:01 George Golie, MWF

00:49:51 Rep. Driscoll left the hearing.

00:52:12 Tim Aldrich, Self
00:52:55 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers Association

00:54:00 William Geer, Hellgate Hunters and Anglers of Missoula

00:55:10 Rep. Driscoll returned to the hearing.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:48 Rep. Kennedy

00:56:04 Dave Risley

00:56:22 Rep. Flynn

00:56:48 Dave Risley

00:57:01 Rep. Flynn

00:57:21 Dave Risley

00:57:30 Rep. Flynn

00:57:49 Dave Risley

00:58:25 Rep. Flynn

00:58:51 Dave Risley

00:59:03 Quentin Kujala, FWP

01:01:06 Rep. Flynn

01:01:35 Quentin Kujala

01:01:44 Rep. Driscoll left the hearing.

01:02:10 Rep. Miller left the hearing.

01:02:57 Rep. Kennedy

01:03:10 Dave Risley

01:03:14 Rep. Kennedy

01:03:17 Dave Risley

01:03:32 Rep. Washburn

01:04:16 Quentin Kujala

01:04:27 Rep. Driscoll returned to the hearing.

01:05:32 Rep. Skattum

01:05:55 Quentin Kujala

01:07:08 Rep. Skattum

01:07:24 Rep. Yates

01:08:01 Mark Robbins

01:08:17 Rep. Yates

01:08:24 Rep. Miller returned to the hearing.

01:09:09 Mark Robbins

01:09:33 Rep. Knudsen left the hearing.

01:10:05 Rep. Yates

01:10:16 Mark Robbins

01:10:21 Rep. Yates
01:10:25 Mark Robbins
01:10:31 Rep. Yates
01:10:44 Dave Risley
01:11:23 Rep. Yates
01:11:34 Dave Risley
01:12:10 Rep. Flynn
01:12:34 Dave Risley
01:12:54 Quentin Kujala
01:13:31 Rep. Flynn
01:13:47 Quentin Kujala
01:14:14 Rep. Flynn
01:14:41 Dave Risley

01:14:44 Rep. Knudsen returned to the hearing.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:30 Rep. Harris
01:16:10 Rep. Flynn left the hearing.
01:16:56 Rep. Welborn left the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 454

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:20:40 Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 454, Ensure multiple use of state lands under control of FWP.
01:22:07 Rep. Flynn and Rep. Welborn returned to the hearing.
01:24:52 Rep. O'Hara left the hearing.
01:28:16 Rep. Kennedy left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:29:38 Patrick Heffernan, Montana Wood Products Association
01:30:38 Rep. Kennedy and Rep. Peterson returned to the hearing.
01:30:53 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association
(Walleye Unlimited of Montana and Montana Snowmobile Association also asked Mr. Hagan to show their support for HB 454 also.)
01:31:38 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association
01:32:53 Carol Lambert, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)
(The Agriculture Coalition asked Ms. Lambert to show their support also.)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:34:04 Dave Risley, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(fih37a04\)](#)

01:35:22 Rep. Phillips left the hearing.

01:37:36 Rep. Phillips returned to the hearing.

01:38:16 George Golie, MWF
01:39:05 William Geer, Hellgate Hunters and Anglers of Missoula

01:40:20 Rep. O'Hara returned to the hearing.

01:42:50 Tim Aldrich, Self

01:43:30 Rep. Knudsen left the hearing.

01:44:21 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

01:45:37 Rep. Knudsen returned to the hearing.

01:46:26 Rep. Welborn left the hearing.

01:47:45 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:51:22 Rep. Phillips

01:51:26 Rep. Welborn returned to the hearing.

01:51:45 Dave Risley

01:52:01 Rep. Phillips

01:52:15 Dave Risley

01:52:23 Rep. Phillips

01:52:55 Dave Risley

01:53:30 Rep. Wilmer

01:54:26 Dave Risley

01:54:58 Rep. Wilmer

01:55:40 Dave Risley

01:56:39 Rep. Loney

01:57:05 Dave Risley

01:57:28 Rep. Loney

01:57:35 Dave Risley

Closing by Sponsor:

01:57:49 Rep. Connell

02:02:39 Rep. Washburn

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 363

02:03:03 Hope Stockwell, LSD

[EXHIBIT\(fih37a05\)](#)02:05:09 **Motion:** Rep. Knudsen moved that **HB 363 DO PASS.**02:05:23 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 363 BE AMENDED.**[EXHIBIT\(fih37a06\)](#)**Discussion:**

02:05:55 Rep. Kary

02:05:58 Rep. Welborn left the hearing.

02:06:06 Hope Stockwell

02:06:34 Rep. Welborn returned to the hearing.

02:07:16 Dave Risley, FWP

02:07:37 Hope Stockwell

02:07:50 Dave Risley

02:08:08 Rep. Miller

02:08:14 Hope Stockwell

02:08:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.02:09:11 **Motion:** Rep. K. Peterson moved that **HB 363 DO PASS AS AMENDED.****Discussion:**

02:09:25 Rep. Phillips

02:11:55 Rep. Skattum

02:12:29 Rep. Wilmer

02:13:10 Rep. Washburn

02:13:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Boland, Rep. Court, Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Kary, Rep. Miller, Rep. Phillips, Rep. Price and Rep. Wilmer voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

02:15:04 Adjournment

Cara Gold, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih37aad.pdf](#))