

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND COMMERCE

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Ripley, on January 22, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317-C Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Ripley, Chairman (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Barbara Smith, Legislative Branch
Christie Messer, Committee Secretary
Eileen Rose, Office of Budget and Program
Planning

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:

Subjects Addressed: Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
proposed appropriations by Division
Executive Action: none

Fish Wildlife and Parks

00:00:01 Chairman Ripley called the hearing to order
00:00:27 Jim Kropp, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP), Law Enforcement
Division DPs, power point presentation

EXHIBIT(jnh14a01)

DP 402-Warden Overtime

00:28:12 Mr. Kropp

DP 403-Block Management

00:31:33 Rep. Ripley
00:31:38 Mr. Kropp

DP 404-Parks Enforcement

DP 406-Board of Outfitters

00:34:13 Sen. Hansen
00:34:31 Mr. Kropp

DP 407-Regional Investigators

00:40:27 Mr. Kropp

DP 409-Radio Dispatch

00:40:56 Mr. Kropp
00:41:39 Rep. Ripley
00:41:51 Mr. Kropp
00:41:56 Rep. Witte
00:42:13 Barbara Smith
00:42:30 Mr. Kropp

DP 410-Off Highway Vehicles

00:45:21 Mr. Kropp

DP 411-Legislative Contract Authority

00:46:04 Mr. Kropp

DP 412-State Lands Wardens

00:47:11 Mr. Kropp
00:50:08 Sen. Tash
00:50:41 Mr. Kropp
00:51:10 Rep. Ripley
00:51:16 Tom Shultz, DNRC
00:58:25 Paul Grimstead, Colonel, Montana Highway Patrol
00:58:59 Sen. Tropila
01:00:36 Mr. Kropp
01:00:58 Rep. Ripley
01:01:10 Sen. Hansen
01:01:28 Ms. Smith
01:01:55 Rep. Ripley
01:02:16 Ms. Smith
01:03:11 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP
01:03:46 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, FWP, power point
presentation on Department of Management DPs

EXHIBIT(jnh14a02)

01:22:56 Rep. Ripley
01:23:48 Mr. Smith

DP 901-State Wildlife Grants & Energy Development

01:39:35 Mr. Smith
01:41:10 Rep. Ripley
01:41:02 Ms. Smith
01:41:35 Mr. Smith

DP 903-Citizen Advisory Committees

01:43:01 Mr. Smith

DP 915-River Recreation Management Program

01:44:30 Mr. Smith
01:47:30 Sen. Tash
01:47:55 Mr. Smith
01:49:26 Rep. Ripley
01:49:44 Mr. Smith

01:50:35 Sue Daly, FWP CFO-continued presentation of
Management and Finance DP's

DP 905-Search and Rescue Base Adjustment

DP 907-Commission Expense Adjustment

DP 908-Seasonal Overtime

01:53:48 Ms. Daly
01:53:54 Rep. Ripley
01:54:05 Ms. Daly

DP 911-Statute Book Printing

DP 909-Management and Finance Overhead Refund

01:55:35 Sen. Tropila
01:56:09 Ms. Daly
01:56:13 Ken Hansen
01:56:17 Ms. Daly
01:56:54 Sen. Hansen
01:57:13 Ms. Smith
01:58:10 Ms. Daly

Management and Finance Rate Approval/Proprietary Funds

02:00:38 Ms. Daly
02:02:22 Sen. Tash
02:02:40 Ms. Daly
02:03:07 Rep. Witte
02:03:41 Ms. Daly

Public Comment

02:04:33 Rich Day, Montana Wildlife Federation
EXHIBIT(jnh14a03)
02:07:57 Bill Geer, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
EXHIBIT(jnh14a04)
02:14:15 Glenn Marx, Executive Director, Montana Association of
Land Trusts
EXHIBIT(jnh14a05)
02:18:11 Mark Aagenes, Trout Unlimited

02:22:03 Break
02:31:12 Reconvene

02:31:27 Mr. Hagener
02:31:58 Chris Hunter, Administrator, FWP Fisheries Division
power point presentation on Fisheries Division DPs.
EXHIBIT(jnh14a06)

DP 301-Ft. Peck Base Adjustment

02:53:07 Mr. Hunter
02:56:12 Rep. Witte
02:56:46 Mr. Hunter
02:57:57 Rep. Witte
02:58:47 Mr. Hunter

DP 302-Fish Management Biologists and Technicians

03:01:22 Mr. Hunter
03:03:00 Rep. Ripley
03:03:14 Mr. Hunter
03:04:02 Rep. Ripley
03:04:09 Mr. Hunter
03:04:52 Rep. Ripley
03:05:20 Mr. Hunter

DP 303-Operations Cost Adjustment

03:11:24 Mr. Hunter

DP 307-Fisheries Legislative Contract Authority
One Time Only

03:12:38 Mr. Hunter

DP 306-Fisheries Statewide Wildlife Grants

03:17:07 Mr. Hunter

DP 308-Fisheries Overhead Refund

03:17:41 Mr. Hunter

Public Comment/Testimony

03:18:19 Mr. Aagenes
03:20:17 Rep. Witte
03:20:37 Mr. Aagenes
03:20:46 Rep. Witte
03:21:57 Mr. Aagenes
03:22:05 Rep. Ripley
03:24:03 Mr. Aagenes
03:26:16 Rich Day, Montana Wildlife Federation
03:27:27 Rep. Ripley
03:27:55 Ms. Smith

ADJOURNMENT

03:28:40 Adjournment

REP. RICK RIPLEY, Chairman

CHRISTIE MESSER, Secretary

RR/cm

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([jnh14aad.pdf](#))