

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chairman Kendall Van Dyk, on January 29, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kendall Van Dyk, Chairman (D)
Rep. Dave McAlpin, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Cary Smith (R)
Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)

Members Absent: Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Staff Present: Bryce Bennett, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, 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 253

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 253

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:16 Rep. Mike Phillips (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 253, Wild Buffalo Recovery and Conservation Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:48 Glenn Hockett, Galletin Wildlife Association

00:18:39 Jim Baily, Gallatin Wildlife Association

[EXHIBIT\(fih21a01\)](#)

00:22:57 Karrie Taggart, self

[EXHIBIT\(fih21a02\)](#)

00:26:36 Bill O'Connell, Galletin Wildlife Association

00:28:37 Bonnie Lynn, self

[EXHIBIT\(fih21a03\)](#)

00:31:20 Carolyn Duckworth, Bear Creek Council

[EXHIBIT\(fih21a04\)](#)

00:34:37 Ilona Popper, self

[EXHIBIT\(fih21a05\)](#)

00:37:48 Monica Ford Raven Heart, self

00:40:59 Tom Shepperd, self

00:42:47 Tom Heyes, self

[EXHIBIT\(fih21a06\)](#)

00:44:06 Tim Stevens, National Parks Conservation Association

[EXHIBIT\(fih21a07\)](#)

00:46:25 Ted Fellman, self

00:49:29 Bill Mealer, South West Montana Safari Club
International

00:52:53 Jonathan Proctor, Defenders of Wildlife

00:54:40 Alex Russell, self

00:56:34 Tim Aldrich, Montana Wildlife Federation

01:00:24 Janet Sharpless, self

01:01:41 Rep. Hendrick arrived.

01:02:59 Jim Wissman, self

01:06:15 George Nell, self

01:09:41 Michael Leach, Yellowstone County Guardians

01:13:04 Jim Klyap, Dome Mountain Ranch

01:14:21 Chris Nixon, self

01:17:42 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy

01:20:54 Amy MacNamera, Greater Yellowstone Coalition
01:23:43 Dee Tipton, self
01:25:10 John Schier, self
01:27:17 Sabina Straus, self
01:29:01 Mike Mease, Buffalo Field Campaign
01:33:21 April Christofferson, self
01:36:33 Peter Leusch, Buffalo Field Campaign
01:38:40 Janet Barwick, Natural Resources Defense Council
01:40:30 Jennifer Nitz, self
01:41:43 Summer Nelson, Western Watersheds
01:44:43 Matt Skoglund, Natural Resources Defense Council
01:46:12 Gail Richardson, self
01:47:27 Elizabeth Kearney, self
01:48:22 Stan Frazier, Helena Hunters and Anglers Association
01:49:32 Joe Gutkoski, Yellowstone Buffalo Foundation
01:51:53 Rep. Calf Boss Ribs
01:53:26 Louisa Willcox, Natural Resources Defense Council
01:56:10 Darrell Giest, self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:59:03 Bob Hanson, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
01:59:54 Rep. Cohenour arrived.

EXHIBIT(fih21a08)

02:01:47 Sen. John Brenden
02:02:58 Ted Williams, self
02:03:49 Ken Mesaren, self
02:06:34 John Bloomquist, Montana Stock Growers Association

EXHIBIT(fih21a09)

02:10:38 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana
02:12:39 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

EXHIBIT(fih21a10)

02:15:29 Kerry White, Citizens for Balanced Use

EXHIBIT(fih21a11)

02:19:01 Sen. Rick Ripley
02:19:46 Jay Bodner, Montana Public Lands Council
02:21:35 Troy Blunt, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(fih21a12)

02:22:41 Aeric Reilly, Montana Wool Growers Association
02:23:17 Tom Milesnick, Galletin Beef Producers
02:25:08 Chris Christians, Montana Farmers Union

Informational Testimony:

02:26:02 Ken McDonald, Department of Fish, Wildlife, & Parks

EXHIBIT(fih21a13)

02:30:33 Christian McKay, Montana Board of Livestock
02:32:11 Dr. Thomas Roffe, Montana Wildlife Service
02:36:46 John Munding, self

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:42:23 Rep. Milburn
02:42:43 Mr. McDonald
02:43:07 Rep. Milburn
02:43:33 Mr. McDonald
02:44:06 Rep. Milburn
02:44:15 Mr. McDonald
02:45:24 Rep. Welborn
02:46:00 Mr. McDonald
02:46:24 Rep. Welborn
02:46:37 Mr. McDonald
02:46:48 Rep. Welborn
02:47:16 Mr. McKay
02:48:05 Rep. Welborn
02:48:26 Mr. McKay
02:49:11 Rep. Beck
02:49:41 Mr. McDonald
02:50:29 Rep. Beck
02:50:37 Mr. McDonald
02:51:58 Rep. Beck
02:52:42 Mr. Munding
02:56:07 Rep. Beck
02:56:32 Dr. Roffe
02:59:36 Rep. Boniek
02:59:56 Mr. Munding
03:00:35 Rep. Boniek
03:00:45 Mr. Munding
03:04:31 Rep. Barrett
03:05:26 Dr. Roffe
03:06:42 Rep. Peterson
03:07:10 Mr. McDonald
03:07:15 Rep. Peterson
03:07:32 Mr. McDonald
03:07:55 Rep. Peterson
03:08:34 Mr. McDonald
03:08:58 Rep. Peterson
03:09:09 Mr. McDonald
03:09:22 Rep. Boniek
03:09:49 Mr. McKay
03:10:30 Rep. Pomnichowski
03:11:15 Mr. McDonald
03:11:48 Rep. Pomnichowski
03:11:56 Mr. McDonald
03:12:07 Rep. Pomnichowski
03:12:21 Mr. McDonald
03:12:55 Rep. Beck
03:13:37 Mr. McKay
03:15:13 Rep. Beck
03:15:25 Mr. McKay

Closing by Sponsor:

03:16:19 Rep. Phillips

Additional Documents:

Rep. Phillips

[**EXHIBIT\(fih21a14\)**](#)

David Ewer, Budget Director, Office of the Governor

[**EXHIBIT\(fih21a15\)**](#)

Kathleen Stachowski

[**EXHIBIT\(fih21a16\)**](#)

Dana Boruch

[**EXHIBIT\(fih21a17\)**](#)

Buffalo Field Campaign

[**EXHIBIT\(fih21a18\)**](#)

Glenn Hockett

[**EXHIBIT\(fih21a19\)**](#)

Julia Vincent

[**EXHIBIT\(fih21a20\)**](#)

Greater Yellowstone Coalition

[**EXHIBIT\(fih21a21\)**](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:18 P.M.

Bryce Bennett, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([fiH21aad.pdf](#))