

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Dave McAlpin, on March 3, 2009 at 3:01 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)  
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)  
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)  
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)  
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Rep. Cary Smith (R)  
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)  
Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kendall Van Dyk, Chairman (D)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Paul Beck (D)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)  
Rep. Scott Sales (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 480; HB 498

Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 498**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:45 Rep. Julie French (D), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 498, Increasing portion of license fees dedicated to upland game bird program.

**EXHIBIT (fih47a01)**

00:03:51 Rep. Sales arrived.

00:05:10 Rep. Phillips arrived.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:06:27 Ken McDonald, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

**EXHIBIT (fih47a02)**

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:31 Rep. Boniek

00:09:49 Rep. French

00:10:35 Rep. Washburn

00:10:59 Rep. French

00:11:02 Vice Chair McAlpin

00:11:08 Rep. French

00:14:11 Rep. Boniek

00:14:28 Mr. McDonald

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:14:55 Rep. French

**HEARING ON HB 480**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:16:01 Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 480, Authorizing nonresident youth bird hunting at discounted price.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:20:41 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:22:29 Mr. McDonald

**EXHIBIT (fih47a03)**

00:24:36 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

00:25:08 John McDunn, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:26:31 Rep. Hendrick

00:26:58 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:27:19 Rep. Hendrick

00:27:35 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:27:44 Rep. Boland

00:27:51 Chairman Van Dyk arrived.

00:28:12 Mr. McDonald

00:28:28 Hank Worsech, License Bureau Chief, FWP

00:28:35 Rep. Boland

00:28:46 Mr. Worsech

00:28:56 Rep. Boland

00:29:01 Mr. Worsech

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:29:18 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:29:25 Rep. Beck arrived.

00:29:48 Chairman Van Dyk made committee announcements.

00:30:04 Rep. Sales

00:30:05 Chairman Van Dyk

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:31 P.M.

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Bryce Bennett, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([fih47aad.pdf](#))**