

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Carl Glimm, on January 15, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317C  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Carl Glimm, Chair (R)  
Sen. John Brenden, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Nancy Ballance (R)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)  
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Stephen Forrest, Legislative Branch  
Barbara Smith, Legislative Branch  
Rita Tenneson, Committee Secretary

**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:** Overview Fisheries Division Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Cost Increases Fisheries Division Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Overview Law Enforcement Division Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Motion to postpone decision on reorganization

00:00:34 Chairman Glimm

**Overview Fisheries Division Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

00:01:34 Bruce Rich, Administrator Fisheries Division, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

**EXHIBIT(jnh09a01)**

**Discussion:**

00:14:08 Sen. Brenden  
00:14:51 Bruce Rich, FWP  
00:16:25 Sen. Rosendale  
00:16:40 Bruce Rich, FWP  
00:17:40 Rep. Ballance  
00:19:04 Bruce Rich, FWP  
00:20:18 Rep. Ballance  
00:20:42 Bruce Rich, FWP  
00:20:58 Sen. Rosendale  
00:21:12 Bruce Rich, FWP  
00:21:55 Sen. Rosendale  
00:22:03 Bruce Rich, FWP  
00:22:09 Sen. Rosendale  
00:25:27 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:26:25 Bruce Rich, FWP  
00:28:13 Rep Mehlhoff  
00:28:34 Bruce Rich, FWP  
00:29:56 Rep. Ellis  
00:30:27 Bruce Rich, FWP  
00:30:46 Sen. Keane  
00:31:32 Bruce Rich, FWP  
00:31:47 Sen. Keane  
00:32:55 Bruce Rich, FWP  
00:33:24 Sen. Keane  
00:33:40 Chairman Glimm  
00:34:03 Bruce Rich, FWP  
00:34:12 Chairman Glimm  
00:34:43 Bruce Rich, FWP  
00:36:14 Chairman Glimm  
00:37:11 Bruce Rich, FWP  
00:38:09 Chairman Glimm  
00:38:47 Sen. Keane  
00:39:33 Bruce Rich, FWP

**EXHIBIT(jnh09a02)**

00:46:00 Sen. Brenden  
00:46:22 Bruce Rich, FWP  
00:47:10 Sen. Brenden  
00:47:21 Sue Daly, Administration Division, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

**EXHIBIT(jnh09a03)**

00:48:09 Sen. Brenden  
00:48:17 Bruce Rich, FWP  
00:49:14 Sen. Brenden

00:49:21 Sen. Rosendale  
00:49:42 Bruce Rich, FWP

**Cost Increases Fisheries Division Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

00:51:24 Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division, (LFD)

**Discussion:**

00:53:31 Sen. Rosendale  
00:53:46 Barbara Smith, LFD  
00:53:58 Rep. Ellis  
00:54:25 Barbara Smith, LFD

**EXHIBIT(jnh09a04)**

00:54:40 **Recess**

01:13:28 **Reconvened**

01:13:31 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden **MOVED TO POSTPONE THE DECISION ON REORGANIZATION UNTIL TOMORROW AFTER THE COMMITTEE HAD TIME TO LOOK AT THE SPREADSHEET.**

01:13:43 **Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**Overview Law Enforcement Division Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

01:13:45 Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

**EXHIBIT(jnh09a05)**

**Discussion:**

01:26:47 Sen. Brenden  
01:29:26 Jim Kropp, FWP  
01:38:16 Rep. Ballance exited  
01:39:15 Sen. Keane  
01:39:30 Jim Kropp, FWP  
01:40:00 Sen. Keane  
01:40:07 Rep. Ballance returned  
01:41:02 Barbara Smith, LFD  
01:41:11 Sen. Keane  
01:41:20 Rep. Ballance  
01:42:13 Jim Kropp, FWP

**EXHIBIT(jnh09a06)**

01:52:18 Kevin Chappell, Department of Natural Resources, (DNRC)  
01:54:07 Rep. Ellis  
01:54:38 Kevin Chappell, DNRC  
01:55:04 Rep. Ellis  
01:55:20 Jim Kropp, FWP  
01:55:47 Rep. Ellis  
01:56:15 Jim Kropp, FWP  
01:57:24 Sen. Brenden  
01:57:44 Jim Kropp, FWP  
01:57:49 Sen. Keane  
01:58:16 Kevin Chappell, DNRC  
01:58:40 Sen. Keane

01:58:54 Kevin Chappell, DNRC

**Budget Change Increases for Law Enforcement Division**

01:58:61 Barbara Smith, LFD

**Discussion:**

02:02:41 Sen. Keane

02:03:01 Barbara Smith, LFD

02:03:19 Sen. Keane

02:03:25 Barbara Smith, LFD

02:03:37 Sen. Keane

02:03:59 Sue Daly, FWP

02:04:05 Sen. Keane

**Public Comment:**

02:04:39 George Golie, Montana Game Warden Association

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:

02:08:05

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Rita Tenneson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jnh09aad.pdf](#))**