

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: Chair Mike Cuffe, on January 30, 2015 at 8:01 AM, in Room 317A Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Cuffe, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning
Mary Ann Mackay, 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:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 5, 1/9/2015, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Long Range Building Program (LRBP) Projects Hearings

00:00:03 Chair Cuffe
00:01:15 Rep. Tropila arrived.

Committee Discussion on Potential Status Changes to HB 5

00:01:47 Sen. Sesso
00:02:49 Chair Cuffe
00:04:40 Sen. Sesso
00:05:37 Chair Cuffe
00:05:47 Sen. Sesso
00:08:00 Chair Cuffe
00:08:46 Sen. Sesso
00:09:52 Chair Cuffe
00:09:55 Sen. Ripley
00:10:51 Chair Cuffe
00:10:57 Sen. Ripley
00:11:29 Chair Cuffe
00:11:35 Sen. Ripley
00:11:37 Chair Cuffe
00:12:03 Sen. Ripley
00:12:15 Chair Cuffe
00:12:38 Rep. Tropila
00:12:59 Chair Cuffe
00:13:05 Rep. Tropila
00:13:29 Chair Cuffe
00:13:35 Rep. Tropila
00:14:13 Chair Cuffe
00:14:21 Rep. Tropila
00:14:29 Chair Cuffe
00:14:47 Rep. Tropila
00:15:26 Chair Cuffe
00:15:43 Sen. Sesso
00:16:43 Chair Cuffe
00:16:49 Sen. Ripley
00:17:06 Chair Cuffe
00:17:12 Sen. Ripley
00:17:14 Chair Cuffe
00:17:32 Sen. Ripley
00:17:36 Chair Cuffe

HEARING ON HB 5

FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS (FWP) PROJECTS HEARINGS

Budget Discussion

00:17:57 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(jlh21a01)

00:20:35 Chair Cuffe
00:20:45 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:22:13 Russ Katherman, Administrator, Architecture and Engineering, Department of
Administration (DOA)
00:23:55 Chair Cuffe

Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Projects Introduction

00:24:09 Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
00:26:27 Chair Cuffe

Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Prior Biennial Status

00:26:37 Sue Daly, Chief of Administration, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(jlh21a02)

00:29:35 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:31:46 Chair Cuffe

FISH WILDLIFE AND PARKS(FWP) PARKS PROJECTS

00:31:54 Chas Van Genderen, Administrator, Montana State Parks, Fish Wildlife and
Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(jlh21a03)

EXHIBIT(jlh21a04)

EXHIBIT(jlh21a05)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:17 Chair Cuffe
00:33:30 Chas Van Genderen, FWP
00:34:51 Chair Cuffe
00:35:00 Chas Van Genderen, FWP

EXHIBIT(jlh21a06)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:27 Sen. Ripley
00:45:46 Chas Van Gendere, FWP
00:45:59 Sen. Ripley
00:46:19 Chas Van Genderen, GWP
00:46:33 Sen. Ripley
00:46:39 Chas Van Genderen, FWP
00:47:07 Sen. Ripley

PARKS PROJECTS - CONTINUATION

00:47:09 Chas Van Genderen, FWP

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:47 Sen. Sesso
00:49:33 Chas Van Genderen, FWP
00:50:45 Sen. Sesso
00:51:43 Chas Van Genderen, FWP
00:51:52 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:52:26 Chair Cuffe
00:52:48 Sen. Sesso
00:53:28 Chair Cuffe
00:53:39 Sue Daly, FWP

Lewis and Clark and Caverns

00:54:35 Chas Van Genderen, FWP

[**EXHIBIT\(jlh21a07\)**](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:31 Rep Hagstrom

00:57:53 Chas Van Genderen, FWP

00:59:09 Rep. Hagstrom

00:59:24 Chas Van Genderen, FWP

Bannack State Park

01:00:40 Chas Van Genderen, FWP

[**EXHIBIT\(jlh21a08\)**](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:56 Cathy Duncan, LFD

01:02:43 Chair Cuffe

01:02:47 Chas Van Genderen, FWP

01:04:11 Sue Daly, FWP

01:05:18 Sen. Sesso

01:05:40 Chas Van Genderen, FWP

01:05:51 Sen. Sesso

01:05:58 Tom Reilly, Assistant Administrator, Montana State Parks, FWP

01:06:43 Chair Cuffe

01:06:47 Tom Reilly, FWP

01:07:57 Chair Cuffe

01:08:10 Tom Reilly, FWP

01:08:28 Chair Cuffe

01:08:31 Tom Reilly, FWP

FISH WILDLIFE AND PARKS (FWP) WILDLIFE PROJECTS

Habitat Montana

01:08:51 Ken McDonald, Administrator, Wildlife Administration, Fish Wildlife and Parks
(FWP)

[**EXHIBIT\(jlh21a09\)**](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:16:42 Chair Cuffe

01:16:47 Sen. Sesso

01:17:04 Ken McDonald, FWP

01:17:43 Sen. Ripley

01:18:17 Ken McDonald, FWP

01:18:22 Sen. Ripley

01:18:34 Ken McDonald, FWP

01:20:37 Sen. Ripley

01:20:59 Ken McDonald, FWP

01:21:09 Sen. Ripley

01:21:16 Ken McDonald, FWP

01:21:29 Sen. Ripley

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01:21:37 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:22:53 Sen. Ripley
01:23:00 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:23:37 Sen. Ripley
01:24:05 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:25:25 Sen. Ripley
01:25:49 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:25:56 Sen Ripley
01:26:00 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:27:05 Sen. Ripley
01:27:23 Chair Cuffe
01:27:26 Rep. Tropila
01:28:13 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:29:37 Rep. Tropila
01:29:52 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:30:03 Rep. Hagstrom
01:30:22 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:30:38 Sue Daly, FWP
01:30:56 Rep. Hagstrom
01:31:22 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:31:39 Rep. Hagstrom
01:31:50 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:32:19 Chair Cuffe
01:32:38 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:33:05 Chair Cuffe
01:33:16 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:33:26 Chair Cuffe
01:33:34 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:33:39 Chair Cuffe
01:34:06 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:35:42 Chair Cuffe
01:36:28 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:36:38 Chair Cuffe
01:37:00 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:37:59 Chair Cuffe
01:38:03 Sen. Sesso
01:39:24 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:40:06 Sen. Sesso
01:41:30 Jeff Hagener, FWP
01:44:05 Rep. Tropila
01:44:32 Jeff Hagener, FWP
01:45:15 Sen. Ripley
01:45:50 Ken Mcdonald, FWP
01:45:55 Sen Ripley
01:45:58 Jeff Hagener, FWP
01:46:07 Sen Ripley
01:46:26 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:46:50 Chair Cuffe
01:47:39 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:49:11 Chair Cuffe

01:49:17 Ken McDonald, FWP
 01:49:50 Sen. Ripley
 01:50:04 Ken McDonald, FWP
 01:50:43 Sen. Ripley
 01:50:55 Chair Cuffe
 01:51:00 Ken McDonald, FWP
 01:51:59 Sen. Ripley
 01:52:14 Chair Cuffe

01:52:16 Recessed.
 02:08:02 Reconvened.

Chair Cuffe did not return.

Upland Game Bird Program

EXHIBIT(jlh21a10)

02:08:04 Chair Ripley
 02:08:12 Ken McDonald, FWP
 02:14:31 Chair Cuffe returned.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:18:50 Rep. Tropila
 02:19:39 Ken McDonald, FWP
 02:20:31 Chair Cuffe
 02:20:47 Ken McDonald, FWP
 02:20:52 Chair Cuffe
 02:21:06 Rep. Peppers
 02:21:21 Ken McDonald, FWP
 02:22:09 Rep. Peppers
 02:22:19 Ken McDonald, FWP
 02:23:09 Chair Cuffe
 02:23:12 Ken McDonald, FWP
 02:23:18 Chair Cuffe

Wildlife Habitat

02:23:36 Ken McDonald, FWP

EXHIBIT(jlh21a11)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:28:02 Chair Cuffe
 02:28:11 Ken McDonald, FWP
 02:28:29 Chair Cuffe
 02:28:33 Ken McDonald, FWP
 02:28:52 Chair Cuffe
 02:29:23 Ken McDonald, FWP
 02:30:09 Rep. Hagstrom
 02:30:33 Ken McDonald, FWP
 02:30:49 Rep. Hagstrom
 02:31:03 Ken McDonald, FWP
 02:31:17 Rep. Hagstrom

02:31:24 Ken McDonald, FWP
02:31:38 Rep. Hagstrom
02:31:53 Ken McDonald, FWP
02:32:47 Rep. Tropila
02:33:07 Sue Daly, FWP
02:34:04 Chair Cuffe

Bighorn Sheep Habitat

02:34:10 Ken McDonald, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(jlh21a12\)](#)

Forest Management Projects

02:37:25 Ken McDonald, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(jlh21a13\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:40:09 Rep. Tropila
02:40:28 Ken McDonald, FWP
02:40:45 Chair Cuffe
02:41:08 Ken McDonald, FWP
02:41:16 Chair Cuffe
02:41:56 Ken McDonald, FWP

Migratory Bird Program

02:42:05 Ken McDonald, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(jlh21a14\)](#)
02:44:32 Chair Cuffe

FISH WILDLIFE AND PARKS (FWP) FISHERIES PROJECTS

02:44:46 Bruce Rich, Administrator, Fisheries Division (FWP)

Future Fisheries

02:45:35 Bruce Rich, Fish, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(jlh21a15\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:48:56 Rep. Hagstrom
02:49:09 Bruce Rich, FWP
02:50:04 Chair Cuffe

Fishing Access Site Acquisitions:

02:50:12 Bruce Rich, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(jlh21a16\)](#)

Questions from Committee members and Responses:

02:51:51 Sen. Smith
02:52:26 Bruce Rich, FWP
02:52:42 Chair Cuffe
02:53:41 Bruce Rich, FWP

02:53:47 Chair Cuffe
02:53:51 Sen. Ripley
02:53:56 Chair Cuffe

FAS Site Protection

02:54:12 Bruce Rich, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(jlh21a17\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:55:48 Chair Cuffe
02:56:08 Bruce Rich, FWP

Hatchery Maintenance

02:56:37 Bruce Rich, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(jlh21a18\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:57:29 Chair Cuffe
02:58:24 Bruce Rich, FWP
02:59:11 Chair Cuffe

Dam Maintenance

03:00:18 Bruce Rich, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(jlh21a19\)](#)

Community Fish Ponds

03:01:45 Bruce Rich, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(jlh21a20\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:03:24 Rep. Tropila
03:03:53 Sue Daly, FWP
03:04:14 Chair Cuffe
03:04:30 Sen. Sesso
03:04:58 Bruce Rich, FWP
03:05:18 Sen. Sesso
03:05:26 Bruce Rich, FWP
03:05:40 Sen. Sesso
03:06:27 Bruce Rich, fWP
03:06:35 Sen. Sesso
03:06:48 Chair Cuffe

Sekokini Springs

03:06:53 Bruce Rich, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(jlh21a21\)](#)
03:08:05 Chair Cuffe

Proponents:

03:08:52 John Grewell, Commissioner, Carbon County, re Cooney State Park

03:12:12 Chair Cuffe
 03:12:15 John Grewell
 03:12:46 Joe Perry, farmer, Conrad, Montana Sportsman Alliance re habitat Mt and
 upland game bird program
 03:15:07 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:15:15 Sen Ripley
 03:15:20 Joe Perry
 03:16:04 Sen. Ripley
 03:16:09 Joe Perry
 03:16:41 Chair Cuffe

Proponents:

03:16:52 John Borgreen, Great Falls, Russell Country Sportsman Association, re Wildlife
 management areas
 03:19:48 Chair Cuffe
 03:20:06 Otis Anderson, President, Bannack Association, re Bannack State Park
 03:27:10 Chair Cuffe

Questions from Committee members and Responses:

03:27:14 Rep. Hagstrom
 03:27:34 Otis Anderson, Bannack Association
 03:28:25 Rep. Hagstrom
 03:28:44 Otis Anderson, Bannack Association
 03:29:16 Rep. Hagstrom
 03:29:26 Otis Anderson, Bannack Association
 03:29:31 Rep Hagstrom
 03:29:32 Otis Anderson, Bannack Association
 03:29:41 Chair Cuffe

Proponents:

03:30:06 Judy Vacarro, Bannack Association re Fire suppression
 03:30:37 Chair Cuffe
 03:30:39 Judy Vaccaro, Bannack Association
 03:30:57 Chair Cuffe
 03:31:14 Amanda Haggarty, President, Lewis & Clark Caverns Association, on behalf of
 Lewis & Clark State Park
 03:36:33 Chair Cuffe
 03:36:48 Mark Aagenes, Conservation Director, Montana Trout Unlimited
 03:37:01 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
 03:38:24 Chair Cuffe
 03:38:26 Clayton Elliott, Montana Wilderness Association
 03:39:00 Chair Cuffe

Opponents: None**Questions:**

03:39:19 Rep. Tropila
 03:39:59 Chas Van Genderen, FWP

Committee Business:

03:40:38 Rep. Tropila

03:41:57 Chair Cuffe

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:42:59

Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jlh21aad.pdf](#))