

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GEORGE GOLIE**, on January 11, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

00:00:01

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. George Golie, Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Clark, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Scott Sales, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Larry Jent (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debra Polhemus, 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 50, 1/7/2005; HB 131, 1/7/2005;
HB 174, 1/7/2005

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 50

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:18

REP. DON ROBERTS (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 50, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks authority to remove species from state endangered species list.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:29 Christian A. Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Fish
Wildlife & Parks

EXHIBIT(fih07a01)

00:06:54 Janet Ellis, Executive Director, Montana Audubon

00:07:32 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:14 **REP. BROWN**

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:42 **REP. DON ROBERTS (R), HD 56**, closed the hearing on
HB 50.

HEARING ON HB 131

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:05

REP. PAUL CLARK (D), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 131, Revise fish and game felony laws.

EXHIBIT(fih07a02)

EXHIBIT(fih07a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:29 John Connor, Chief Criminal Counsel, Department of
Justice

00:18:36 Barbara Harris, Assistant Attorney General,
Prosecution Services Bureau, Department of Justice

00:21:44 Jim Kropp, Chief, Department of Fish Wildlife &
Parks, Enforcement Division

EXHIBIT(fih07a04)

00:22:51 Nathan Birkeland, Montana Wildlife Federation
00:23:14 Bob Gilbert, Executive Director, Walleye's
Unlimited of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:38 REP. ROBERTS
00:27:45 CHAIRMAN GOLIE

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:47 REP. PAUL CLARK (D), HD 13, closed the hearing on
HB 131.

HEARING ON HB 174

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:57
REP. JOHN WITT (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 174, Revise
private pond licensing laws.
[EXHIBIT\(fih07a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:13 Christian A. Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks
[EXHIBIT\(fih07a06\)](#)
00:40:26 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters of Montana
00:41:05 Mark Aagenes, Conservation Specialist, Trout
Unlimited
00:41:32 Janet Ellis, Executive Director, Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony:

[EXHIBIT\(fih07a07\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(fih07a08\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:15 REP. GOLIE
00:44:46 REP. WARDEN
00:48:09 REP. BROWN
00:51:03 REP. BECKER
00:53:33 REP. KOOPMAN
00:59:35 DOUG STERNBERG, STAFF
01:01:44 REP. MILBURN
01:05:25 CHAIRMAN GOLIE

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:57 **REP. JOHN WITT (R), HD 28**, closed hearing on HB
174.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

REP. GEORGE GOLIE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fih07aad0.PDF](#))