

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GEORGE GOLIE**, on January 20, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

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. Larry Jent (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: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 14, 1/14/2005; HB 120, 1/17/05;
HB 172, 1/14/05; HB 176, 1/14/05

Executive Action:

00:01:31 **VICE CHAIR SALES** assumed Committee Chairman responsibilities.

HEARING ON HB 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:05 **REP. GEORGE GOLIE (D), HD 20**, opened the hearing on HB 14, Authorize auction of mountain goat license.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:25 Jeff Hagener, Director of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
[EXHIBIT \(fih15a01\)](#)

00:06:36 Mary Ellen Schnur, Broadwater County resident

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:14 **REP. ROBERTS**
00:09:48 **REP. EVERETT**
00:11:04 **REP. BROWN**
00:14:07 **REP. WARDEN**
00:15:14 **REP. WARD**

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:23 **REP. GEORGE GOLIE (D), HD 20**, closed the hearing on HB 14.

00:17:42 **REP. GOLIE** assumed Committee Chairman responsibilities.

HEARING ON HB 120

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:59 **REP. TOM FACEY (D), HD 95**, opened the hearing on HB 120, Revise Fish, Wildlife & Parks laws pertaining to the illegal use of alcohol and drugs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:48 Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement, Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks

EXHIBIT (fih15a02)

00:25:13 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association
of Montana

00:25:58 Mike Barrett, Helena resident

EXHIBIT (fih15a03)

00:29:41 Bob Gilbert, Executive Director, Walleye's
Unlimited of Montana

00:30:17 Dean Culwell, Montana Boating Council member

00:32:30 Bill Muhs, Bozeman, Public Policy Liaison,
Mother's Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), Gallatin
County

EXHIBIT (fih15a04)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:44 REP. ROBERTS

00:34:54 REP. DRISCOLL

00:35:49 REP. BROWN

00:40:53 REP. KLOCK

00:41:15 REP. WARDEN

Question to REP. JENT as Information Witness

00:45:54 REP. CLARK

00:53:33 REP. GROESBECK

00:56:23 CHAIRMAN GOLIE

00:59:55 REP. BROWN

01:00:46 REP. JENT

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:01 REP. TOM FACEY (D), HD 95 closed hearing on HB
14.

01:03:51 Break

01:17:44 Resume

HEARING ON HB 172

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:18:46 REP. JILL COHENOUR (D), HD 78, opened the hearing
on HB 172, Increase resident & nonresident hunting
and fishing license fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:21:20 Hal Harper, Chief Policy Advisor for Governor
Schweitzer
01:26:26 Jeff Hagener, Director of Montana Fish, Wildlife &
Parks

EXHIBIT (fih15a05)

EXHIBIT (fih15a06)

EXHIBIT (fih15a07)

EXHIBIT (fih15a08)

EXHIBIT (fih15a09)

EXHIBIT (fih15a100)

EXHIBIT (fih15a111)

EXHIBIT (fih15a122)

EXHIBIT (fih15a133)

01:42:21 Art Keeler, Montana Licensing Agent
01:45:48 Diane Boyd, Montana resident and big game hunter

EXHIBIT (fih15a144)

01:48:26 John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited
01:49:21 Bob Gilbert, Executive Director, Walleye's
Unlimited
01:52:37 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association
of Montana
01:53:11 Nathan Birkeland, Montana Wildlife Federation
01:53:31 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides
Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:55:57 **REP. KOOPMAN**
02:00:46 **REP. BROWN**
02:04:31 **REP. WARDEN**
02:06:38 ROB BROOKS, Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks
02:07:27 **REP. CLARK**
02:13:16 **CHAIRMAN GOLIE**
02:15:37 **REP. GROESBECK**
02:19:41 **CHAIRMAN GOLIE**
02:19:54 DOUG STERNBERG, Staff

Closing by Sponsor:

02:21:55 **REP. JILL COHENOUR (D), HD 78**, closed the hearing
on HB 172.

HEARING ON HB 176

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:23:50 **REP. JILL COHENOUR (D), HD 78**, opened the hearing on HB 176, Authorize Fish, Wildlife & Parks commission to increase fees by rule.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:25:46 Hal Harper, Chief Policy Advisor for Governor Schweitzer
02:24:22 Jeff Hagener, Director of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
02:25:46 Art Keeler, Montana Licensing Agents

Opponents' Testimony:

02:26:20 Bob Gilbert, Walleye's Unlimited of Montana
02:27:04 John Wilson, Conservation Director, Montana Trout Unlimited
02:27:32 Nathan Birkeland, Montana Wildlife Federation
02:27:48 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters Association
02:28:10 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana

Informational Testimony:

02:28:34 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon letter read by
 Chairman Golie

[EXHIBIT \(fih15a155\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:29:11 **REP. KOOPMAN**
02:31:37 **REP. ROBERTS**

Closing by Sponsor:

02:33:06 **REP. JILL COHENOUR (D), HD 78** closed the hearing on HB 176.

ADJOURNMENT

02:33:25

Adjournment: 5:35 P.M.

REP. GEORGE GOLIE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fih15aad0.PDF](#))