

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chairman Kendall Van Dyk, on January 22, 2009 at 3:04 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)

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 296

Executive Action: HB 63, HB 137, HB 203, HB 221,
HB 222

HEARING ON HB 296

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:33 Rep. Mike Menahan (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 296, Tribal fish and game wardens as ex officio wardens under cooperative agreement.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:57 Jennifer Perez-Cole, Office of the Governor
00:04:24 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation
00:05:15 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitter & Guides Association
00:05:36 Sarah Bond, Department of Justice

EXHIBIT (fih15a01)

00:07:09 John Carter, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
00:07:59 Jim Kropp, Chief, Enforcement Division, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

EXHIBIT (fih15a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:17 Rep. Cohenour
00:09:43 Mr. Golie
00:09:55 Rep. Peterson
00:10:21 Ms. Bond
00:13:19 Rep. Peterson
00:13:42 Ms. Bond
00:14:54 Rep. Hendrick
00:15:35 Rep. Menahan
00:16:35 Ms. Bond
00:17:16 Rep. Hendrick
00:17:40 Ms. Bond
00:18:42 Rep. Beck
00:19:19 Mr. Kropp

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:33 Rep. Menahan

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 137

00:22:44 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HB 137 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:23:36 Rep. Peterson

00:24:19 Rep. Cohenour

00:24:43 Rep. Boniek

00:25:05 Rep. Welborn

00:25:34 Rep. McAlpin called the question.

00:25:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Milburn and Rep. Phillips voting aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 203

00:26:22 **Motion:** Rep. Miller moved that **HB 203 DO PASS.**

Discussion: None.

00:27:32 **Motion:** Rep. Milburn moved that **HB 203 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (fih15a03)

Discussion:

00:27:49 Rep. Cohenour

00:28:25 Rep. Miller

00:29:57 Rep. Cohenour

00:30:14 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:30:55 Rep. Miller

00:31:11 Rep. Cohenour called the question.

00:31:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Milborn voting by proxy.

00:31:54 **Motion:** Rep. Miller moved to postpone HB 203.

00:32:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 221

00:32:35 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 221 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:33:26 Rep. Smith
00:33:49 Rep. Beck
00:34:50 Rep. Washburn
00:35:01 Rep. Boniek
00:36:17 Chairman Van Dyk
00:36:52 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:37:00 Rep. Peterson
00:37:51 Rep. Boniek
00:38:09 Rep. McAlpin called the question on HB 221.

00:38:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with Rep. Beck and Rep. Pomnichowski voting no. Rep. Milburn and Rep. Phillips voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 222

00:38:51 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 222 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:39:14 Rep. Cohenour
00:40:01 Rep. Miller
00:40:27 Rep. Cohenour
00:41:00 Rep. Hendrick
00:42:02 Rep. Cohenour
00:42:26 Rep. Welborn
00:43:07 Rep. Smith
00:43:45 Rep. Peterson
00:44:27 Rep. Cohenour called the question.

00:44:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Milburn and Rep. Phillips voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 63

00:45:14 **Motion:** Rep. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 63 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:45:50 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:46:45 **Motion:** Rep. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 63 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fih15a04)

Discussion:

00:46:47 Rep. McAlpin called the question.

00:46:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with
Rep. Milburn and Rep. Phillips voting by proxy.

Discussion:

00:48:01 Rep. Peterson

00:49:17 Rep. Boniek

00:49:35 Mr. Sternberg

00:50:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep.
Boniek, Rep. Miller, Rep. O'Hara, Rep. Peterson, Rep.
Smith, and Rep. Washburn voting no and Rep. Milburn
and Rep. Phillips voting by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:55 P.M.

Bryce Bennett, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([fih15aad.pdf](#))