

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 25, 1985

The meeting of the Natural Resources Subcommittee was called to order by Chairman Rex Manuel on January 25, 1985 at 8:10 a.m. in Room 132 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

(Fisheries)

Legislative Contract Authority (LCA): Mr. Flynn handed out Exhibit "Y". Mr. Flynn (27:A:269) explained this exhibit. Discussion was held on this.

Dave Mott, Administrator, Centralized Services Division, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, said the Legislative Auditor, under Federal regulation, has to audit all of the contracts they receive. The Legislative Auditor's office goes in and audits and makes sure the funds are spent in accordance with the contract provisions. Discussion was held on this.

Representative Spaeth made a motion to approve the LCA with the stipulation they report back on how the money was spent. Representative Swift seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

(Law Enforcement)

Returned Wardens: Representative Swift made a motion to accept the budget increase of \$15,114 in FY '86 and \$15,230 in FY '87. Senator Lane seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Legal Fees for Indigents and Prisoner Board and Room: Discussion was held.

Representative Spaeth made a motion we accept the budget of \$5,152 in FY '86 and \$4,786 in FY '87 for these fees. Senator Smith seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Physical Fitness Program: Discussion was held.

Senator Smith made a motion we appropriate the \$4,105 and \$4,102 for the Physical Fitness Program. Representative Swift seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Training Seminars: Mr. Flynn (27:B:248) said these seminars are done at Fort Harrison once a year. Most of this cost is food for about 80 Wardens. This money comes out of the General License fund.

Senator Lane made a motion to accept the budget of \$4,332 in FY '86 and \$4,075 in FY '87. Representative Swift seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Relocation of Employees: Mr. Flynn (27:B:304) said their original request for this was \$29,120 per year but they would like to change this request to \$20,000 a year. Discussion was held.

Senator Smith made a motion to accept the \$20,000 a year. Senator Lane seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Laurie Ekanger (27:B:366), Administrator, Purchasing Division, Department of Administration, described the sealed bid process and the request for proposal process the department uses in purchasing. The Committee requested this information for helicopter purchases. Discussion was held on the processes.

Chairman Manuel thanked Ms. Ekanger, Dennis Hemmer and Rick Berger for coming to the Committee and for all of their information.

Camper Trailer for Saturation Patrols: Discussion was held.

Senator Smith made a motion to allow \$3,576 for this camper trailer. Senator Boylan seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Horse Trailer: Discussion was held on this.

Senator Lane made a motion we accept \$3,500 for a horse trailer. Senator Boylan seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

All Terrain Vehicles: Mr. Flynn (28:A:190) said they are requesting \$3,268 for three all terrain vehicles. They would like to try these out in three regions. These would be used for game depredation, parks enforcement,

Patrolling stream banks and transporting confiscated game from the rough country.

Senator Boylan made a motion we approve two all terrain vehicles. Representative Swift seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. The LFA's office and the Department will figure out the cost for two of these vehicles.

Miscellaneous: Discussion was held.

Senator Boylan made a motion we accept the LFA budget on this. Discussion was held. The Committee will discuss this later.

LCA: Senator Lane made a motion we approve the \$84,000 for this budget. Representative Swift seconded this motion with the stipulation they report back on how the money was spent. Discussion was held. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

(Wildlife)

Contracts Omitted from LFA Figures: Curt Nichols, Principal Analyst, said the contracts were intended to be included in the LFA's budget but they were not.

Senator Smith made a motion to approve \$245,595 for contracts in FY '86 and \$250,605 for contracts in FY '87. Senator Lane seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Relocation of Employees: Discussion was held.

Senator Smith made a motion we approve \$12,875 in FY '86 and \$12,270 in FY '87 for relocation of employees. Senator Lane seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Tractor with Backhoe, Frontend Loader, Post Hole Digger and Post Driver: Discussion was held on this tractor.

Representative Swift made a motion to approve \$47,000 in FY '86 and \$2,601 in FY '87 for this tractor. Senator Lane seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Checking Station Trailers: Mr. Flynn said they are requesting \$20,500 in FY '86 for two trailers. One of

these would be a 10 x 40 trailer for Region 3 to replace a 1967 trailer. This would be used a lot for conducting the Gardiner late hunt. The second trailer would be used at the Bonner checking station. They were using a Highway Department building for a checking station before but the Highway Department is tearing this building down.

Mr. Flynn (28:B:110) said the \$5,000 request for FY '87 is for Furbearer Research Personnel.

Discussion was held on the three trailers.

Senator Smith made a motion we approve \$20,500 for the purchase of all three trailers. Senator Lane seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Horse Trailers: Mr. Flynn said this request is for one two-horse trailer. Discussion was held.

Senator Lane made a motion we approve \$3,800 for the purchase of a horse trailer. Representative Swift seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Motorcycles: Mr. Flynn (28:B:258) said these would be used on wildlife management area fence maintenance and on elk research. They are requesting one motorcycle per year in the next biennium. Discussion was held on these.

Mr. Flynn said they lease some of their land and this lease money goes into a trust fund. The interest from the trust fund goes back into operation and maintenance of the property.

Senator Smith made a motion to allow the purchase of two all terrain vehicles. Senator Lane seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous: Discussion was held.

Representative Nathe made a motion to use the Governor's figures of \$6,564 less in fiscal 1986 and \$50,138 less in fiscal 1987 than contained in LFA current level. Representative Swift seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

LCA: Discussion was held.

Representative Spaeth made a motion we accept the LCA for

\$1,015,000 in fiscal 1986 and \$978,000 in fiscal 1987 with the stipulation they come back to the Committee with a report on how the money was spent. Senator Lane seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

(Law Enforcement)

Miscellaneous: Discussion was continued on this.

Chairman Manuel ruled since there wasn't a second on the motion Senator Boylan made to accept the LFA budget on the miscellaneous the motion was ineffective.

Representative Swift made a motion to accept the Governor's Budget of \$8,866 less in fiscal 1986 and \$33,372 less in fiscal 1987 than was contained in the LFA current level. Representative Nathe seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

(Administration)

Data Processing Expansion: The Department is requesting \$170,600 in FY '86 to purchase the following data processing equipment:

1. \$56,000 for computers for four regional offices to compile and process data on fish and wildlife, maintain stream and lake data, word processing, vegetation inventory, and harvest survey.
2. \$8,000 for a computer to provide a communications network to electronically transmit legals, letters, memos, reports, data, etc., between regional offices and the Helena headquarters.
3. \$13,000 for word processing equipment in Helena to provide a timely turnaround for memos, letters, reports, etc., that are produced by the headquarters in Helena.
4. \$15,000 for computers for fish hatcheries to compile the efficiency conversion of fish food to trout flesh, feeding levels, food inventory requirements, growth projections, and fish planting schedules .
5. \$3,600 for terminals to provide information to top management by giving them access to SBAS, special drawing files, hunter safety, violators system, parks land data, mailing lists, and other miscellaneous on-line files.
6. \$75,000 for a Geographic Information System software package which will provide a data base for an inventory of plants and animals by

location. This data base will be used to access the impacts of development on plants and animals.

Representative Swift made a motion we accept items 1, 3, and 5 above. Discussion was held.

Representative Spaeth made a substitute motion to include items 2 and 4 above so the motion would be to accept items 1 through 5. Discussion was held on these items.

The Committee decided to vote on each issue separately. Representative Swift and Representative Spaeth withdrew their motions.

Representative Swift made a motion to accept item #1 above. Senator Smith seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Representative Spaeth made a motion to accept item #2 above. Senator Lane seconded. A Voice vote was taken. The motion carried with Representative Nathe voting no.

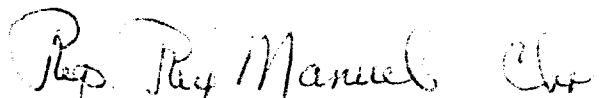
Representative Swift made a motion to accept item #3. Senator Lane seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Representative Spaeth made a motion we accept item #4. Senator Lane seconded. A Voice vote was taken. The motion died with Representative Spaeth, Representative Manuel and Senator Lane voting yes, and Representative Swift, Representative Nathe and Senator Smith voting no.

Representative Swift made a motion to accept item #5. Senator Lane seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

There were no motions on item #6.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.


Representative Rex Manuel
Chairman

DAILY ROLL CALL

NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE

49th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1985

Date January 25, 1985

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BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND LEGISLATIVE

CONTRACT AUTHORITY (LCA)

The following schedules depict the number of budget amendments and LCA project allocations processed over the past five fiscal years and the related expenditures. These budget amendments and LCA allocations are directly attributable to projects receiving federal or private reimbursement.

	<u>FY 1980</u>	<u>FY 1981</u>	<u>FY 1982</u>	<u>FY 1983</u>	<u>FY 1984</u>
Number of Budget Amendments	25	45	16	19	22
Number of LCA Allocations	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>43</u>
Total	<u>25</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>65</u>
Budget Amendment Expenditures	\$393,571	\$707,414	\$ 623,602	\$ 819,974	\$1,021,336
LCA Expenditures	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>429,247</u>	<u>412,980</u>	<u>472,122</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$393,571</u>	<u>\$707,414</u>	<u>\$1,052,849</u>	<u>\$1,232,954</u>	<u>\$1,493,458</u>

BUDGET AMENDMENT AND LCA EXPENDITURES

BY DIVISION

	<u>FY 1980</u>	<u>FY 1981</u>	<u>FY 1982</u>	<u>FY 1983</u>	<u>FY 1984</u>
Centralized Svc.	\$ 12,456	\$ 21,455	\$ -0-	\$ 19,525	\$ 19,423
Ecological Svc.	-0-	-0-	257,719	263,899	
Fisheries	276,854	481,163	591,880	794,144	879,042
Enforcement	-0-	-0-	-0-		84,981
Wildlife	23,828	162,418	188,859	152,921	467,286
Parks	52,447	12,655	14,371	2,000	15,000
Conservation Education	1,293	2,844	20	465	1,400
Administration	-0-	26,879	-0-	-0-	25,782
Special Staff	26,693	—	—	—	—
Field Services	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>544</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$393,571</u>	<u>\$707,414</u>	<u>\$1,052,849</u>	<u>\$1,232,954</u>	<u>\$1,493,458</u>

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