

**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE**

February 16, 1998 - 2:00 P.M.

Room 305, State Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Alarik Myrin, Co-Chair
 Rep. Evan L. Olsen, Co-Chair
 Sen. Joseph Hull
 Sen. Craig Peterson
 Rep. Craig W. Buttars
 Rep. James R. Gowans
 Rep. Tom Hatch
 Rep. Dennis H. Iverson
 Rep. Michael R. Styler
 Rep. Jordan Tanner
 Rep. Daniel H. Tuttle

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Melvin R. Brown

STAFF PRESENT: Stephen Ogilvie, Fiscal Analyst
 Jean Holyoak, Committee Secretary

VISITORS: Attached to and made a part of these minutes

Rep. Evan Olsen called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m. Upon motion by Rep. Jordan Tanner, the minutes of February 11 were approved unanimously.

Mr. Stephen Ogilvie reviewed the supplemental appropriations for the Department of Agriculture and Department of Natural Resources. Speaking to the Committee were: Art DuFault, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands; John Kimball, Wildlife Resources; and Ted Stewart, Department of Natural Resources.

MOTION: Rep. Thomas Hatch made a motion that the Committee authorize up to \$1,500,000 from the Species Protection Account to be expended in accordance with the priorities identified by the Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources which would include the following requests:

Colorado River Endangered Species Recovery Implementation Prog.	\$680,000
Virgin River Resource Mgt. & Recovery Program	\$700,000
Ecosystem Inventory, Snow Canyon State Park	\$ 10,000
Coral Pink Tiger Beetle Conservation Agreement	\$ 13,250
Utah Prairie Dog Habitat Conservation Plan, Wayne, Garfield Co.	\$ 20,000
Utah Prairie Dog Habitat Conservation Plan, Iron County	\$ 12,000
Price-San Rafael Rivers Salinity Projects	\$ 31,018
Post-Reclamation Bat Gate Monitoring	\$ 75,910
Field Study/Review of Goshawk Habitat	\$ 30,000

TOTAL \$1,572,178

The motion passed favorably. Absent for the vote was Sen. Craig Peterson.

Mr. Ogilvie presented the Intent Language for the Department of Agriculture which remained the same as in previous years with these exceptions:

#11: change "semi-annual" to "annual"

#9: "It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds appropriated to Predatory Animal Control are nonlapsing."

MOTION: Rep. Hatch made the motion to adopt the intent language as stated for the Department of Agriculture. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Sen. Peterson.

MOTION: Rep. James Gowans made a motion to accept the nonlapsing authorization list for Agriculture. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Sen. Peterson.

MOTION: Rep. Hatch made the following motion to accept as Supplemental Intent Language:

"It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds appropriated to Predatory Animal Control are nonlapsing."

The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Sen. Peterson.

MOTION: Rep. Hatch made a motion to adopt the following intent language:

"It is the intent of the Legislature that the State employees in the Predatory Animal Control Program receive a two step salary increase if funding is available."

Sen. Alarik Myrin, Reps. Thomas Hatch and Dennis Iverson declared a conflict of interest. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Absent for the vote was Sen. Peterson.

MOTION: Rep. Iverson made a motion to approve the Department of Agriculture budget for FY 1999 in the amount of \$13,581,300. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Sen. Peterson.

MOTION: Rep. Daniel Tuttle made a motion to delete Item #23 in the Intent Language for the Department of Natural Resources referring to riverways and trails matching monies. The motion passed favorably. Voting against the motion were Reps. Styler and Hatch.

MOTION: Rep. Hatch made a motion to adopt the following intent language:

"It is the intent of the Legislature that the Habitat Council be encouraged to transfer \$100,000 from the General Fund Restricted - Wildlife Habitat account to the Species Protection account."

The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Sen. Peterson.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans made a motion to tentatively adopt the Analyst's recommendation for Intent Language for the Department of Natural Resources. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Sen. Peterson.

MOTION: Rep. Hatch made a motion to tentatively adopt the Analyst's recommendation for Supplemental Appropriations for the Department of Natural Resources highlighting the following items:

Cedar City Groundwater Study
Wilderness Reinventory Investigation Lawsuit
Administrative Assistant, Department of Natural Resources, Administration
Human Resources Technician for Great Salt Lake Project
RS 2477 Road Funding
Ogden Rifle Range Lead Cleanup

The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Sen. Peterson.

Upon motion by Rep. Tanner, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Rep. Evan Olsen, Co-Chairman

Sen. Alarik Myrin, Co-Chairman