

## COMMITTEE MINUTES for NATURAL RESOURCES

**Date:** February 24, 2009

**Place:** Room 19

**Convened:** 2/24/2009  
3:05 PM

**Recessed:**

**Reconvened:**

**Adjourned:** 2/24/2009  
3:55 PM

**Present:** Representatives Bell-CH, Beard-VC, Deyoe-RM, Arnold, Baudler, Ficken, Huseman, Lykam, Marek, May, Mertz, Palmer, Rayhons, Schultz, Steckman, Sweeney, Thede, Upmeyer, Whitaker, Whitead, Zirkelbach

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** None

The House Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Representative Bell at 3:05 pm. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. There were no changes or corrections to the minutes from February 17, 2009. Those minutes were approved as stand.

There were two new bills read into the committee and assigned to subcommittees. House File 390 was assigned to Whitaker-CH, Ficken, Rayhons and House File 392 was assigned to Steckman-CH, Marek, Schultz.

The subcommittee also heard presentations on two different topics. Ron Andrews, DNR furbearer biologist, discussed the current issues surrounding bobcats in the state. Then Joe Larscheid, DNR Fisheries Research Supervisor, discussed the social and biological considerations pertaining to panfish bag limits. Both gentlemen answered questions from the members immediately following their presentations.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm following a motion by Representative Mertz.

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Representative Paul A. Bell

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Rachel Moskowitz, Committee Secretary