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FINAL AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
State Capitol, Room 317
May 4 and 5, 2016

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Wednesday, May 4, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**
Sen. Gene Vuckovich
- 9:05 a.m. **Administrative Matters** - Mr. Kolman
- Adoption of EQC Minutes from March 2016 (Tab 1)
- 9:15 a.m. **Water Policy Interim Committee Update** - Mr. Mohr
- 9:20 a.m. **Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Update** -
Ms. Nowakowski
- 9:25 a.m. **Montana State Parks Revenue and Fee Structure** (Tab 2)
Chas Van Genderen, Parks Division Administrator
- Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 10:15 a.m. **Statutory Administrative Rule Review** (Tab 3)
General overview -- Ms. Thigpen
- Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 10:30 a.m. BREAK
- 10:45 a.m. **DNRC Forestry Division Update**
Introduction - Bob Harrington, Division Administrator
- Forest Health Report
- Amy Gannon, Entomologist
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any

Fire Season Forecast

- Mike DeGrosky, Fire and Aviation Management Bureau Chief
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

Forests in Focus Progress Report

- Paula Short, Forestry Assistance Bureau Chief
- Mo Bookwalter, DNRC-USFS Liaison
- Matt Arno, Local Government Forest Advisory
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m.

Public Comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC

1:15 p.m.

Orphan Share Remedial Action and Petroleum Tank Release Site Closure Updates (Tab 4)

Jenny Chambers, Remediation Division Administrator, DEQ

- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

1:30 p.m.

Upper Gallatin River Wastewater Spill Update (Tab 5)

- Christian Schmidt, Water Quality Division Administrator, DEQ
- Mike DuCuennois, Vice President of Development, Yellowstone Club (by phone)
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

1:50 p.m.

DFWP Program Evaluation: Wildlife Management (Tab 6)

Overview, Ms. Stockwell

- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

2:20 p.m.

DFWP Elk Shoulder Season Update

Quentin Kujala, Wildlife Bureau Coordinator

- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

2:50 p.m.

BREAK

- 3:05 p.m. **Game Damage Update**
 Alan Charles, FWP Landowner Sportsman Relations Bureau Chief
- Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:20 p.m. **Block Management Program Update (Tab 7)**
 Alan Charles, FWP Landowner Sportsman Relations Bureau Chief
- Hunting Access Program Landowner Contracts
 - Shoulder seasons
 - Former Plum Creek lands
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:50 p.m. **HJ13 Study - (Tab 8)**
 Overview -- Mr. Kolman
 Quentin Kujala, FWP Wildlife Bureau Coordinator
- Summary FWP study: Fall Elk Distribution, Missouri River Breaks
 - Status of FWP Hunter Survey
- Overview of draft report -- Mr. Kolman
 Discussion
- Draft Report
 - Findings and Recommendations
 - Public comment
 - Next steps for HJ13 study
 - Committee action, if any
- 5:00 p.m. Recess

Thursday, May 5, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. **Sage-grouse Conservation Update**
 Carolyn Sime, Sage-grouse Conservation Program Manager
- Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 8:30 a.m. **FWP Lands Reconciliation (Tab 9)**
 Paul Sihler, Chief of Staff
 Sue Daly, Finance Division Administrator
 Mary Sexton, State Parks and Recreation Board
- Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any

- 9:00 a.m. **2015 Wolf Population Report** (Tab 10)
Ken McDonald, FWP Wildlife Division Administrator
- Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:30 a.m. **Grizzly Delisting - Discussion of EQC Position, if any** (Tab 12)
Overview -- Mr. Kolman
- Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:45 a.m. BREAK
- 10:00 a.m. **Bison Management Update** (Tab 13)
Overview -- Mr. Kolman
Implementation of Governor's Year Round Plan
- Sam Sheppard, Region 3 Supervisor, FWP
 - Marty Zaluski, State Veterinarian, Department of Livestock
- Update on Yellowstone National Park Quarantine
- Dan Wenk, Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park
 - Majel Russell, attorney, Fort Peck Tribes
 - Marty Zaluski, State Veterinarian, Department of Livestock
 - Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, FWP
 - Dr. Tom Linfield, Animal Plant & Health Inspection Service
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:30 a.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- Other Business**
 Instructions to Staff
- Adjourn**

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