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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
MEETING HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM
September 9-10, 2020

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Wednesday, September 9, 2020

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call** - Rep. Jim Keane, chair
- 10:05 a.m. **Administrative matters** - Mr. Kolman
- 10:10 a.m. **ETIC and WPIC Updates**
- 10:20 a.m. **HJ38 Bonding and Decommissioning Final Report** ([Tab 1](#))
- Ms. Nowakowski
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 10:35 a.m. **SJ:30 Wildlife Location Final Report** ([Tab 2](#)) ([A](#))
- Mr. Kolman
 - [Public comment](#)
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 10:50 a.m. **SJ20: Wilderness Study Areas Final Report** ([Tab 3](#))
- Mr. Kolman
 - [Public comment](#)
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any

- 11:00 a.m. **Chronic wasting disease** (Tab 4)
- Review process for RT-QuIC potential for diagnostic testing - Dr. Tracy Nichols, USDA APHIS, Veterinary Services, Cervid Health Program
 - Veterinary Diagnostic Lab CWD testing update - Dr. Greg Juda
 - [CWD management update](#) - Ken McDonald, FWP
 - [Draft report](#) - Ms. Stockwell
 - [Public comment](#)
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:45 a.m. **State Lab Advisory Committee [update](#)**
- Reps. White and Hamlett, Sen. Flowers
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Agency legislative proposals**
- DNRC** ([Tab 5](#))
- Director John Tubbs
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- DEQ** ([Tab 6](#))
- Jenny Chambers
 - Chris Dorrington
 - Tim Davis
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:00 p.m. **Opencut Mining report** (SB343, 2019)
- Chris Dorrington, DEQ
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:15 p.m. **Climate Solutions Advisory Council report**
- Patrick Holmes
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:45 p.m. Break

- 3:00 p.m. **Trapper education bill draft proposal** ([Tab 7](#))
- Rep. White
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:15 p.m. **PL/PW Council legislative proposals** (Tab 8) ([A](#)) ([B](#)) ([C](#)) ([D](#))
- Rep. Denley Loge, PL/PW
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:45 p.m. **Aquatic invasive species updates** ([Tab 9](#))
- 2020 inspection season - Tom Woolf, AIS Bureau Chief, FWP
 - Ballast boat decontamination follow up - Ms. Stockwell
 - Addressing shortfalls/future needs - FWP and DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 4:30 p.m. **Public comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 4:40 p.m. Recess

Thursday, September 10, 2020

- 8:00 a.m. **Statutory administrative rule review** (Tab 10)
- Mr. Carroll
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 8:10 a.m. **Wolf management report** ([Tab 11](#))
- Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, FWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 8:30 a.m. **Mountain sheep report** ([Tab 12](#))
- Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, FWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any

- 8:50 a.m. **Sage grouse population report** [\(Tab 13\)](#)
- Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, FWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:20 a.m. **Wildlife Habitat Improvement Act report** [\(Tab 14\)](#)
- Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, FWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:40 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. **FWP agency legislative proposals** [\(Tab 15\)](#)
- Becky Dockter, Chief Legal Counsel, FWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:00 a.m. **Grizzly Bear Advisory Council report**
- DFWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Madison River use petitions** [\(A\)](#) [\(B\)](#)
- DFWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:00 p.m. **Fire season and water supply updates**
- DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:30 p.m. **St. Mary construction update**
- DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:00 p.m. **Public comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda but within EQC jurisdiction

3:10 p.m.

Other business

Closing statements by chair and other EQC members

Adjourn

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