FINAL AGENDA

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

State Capitol, Room 102 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 17, 2006

NOTE: AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE—SOME ITEMS MAY TAKE MORE OR LESS TIME THAN IS ALLOTTED.

8:00 a.m. Call to Order - Roll Call -- Rep. Harris, Co-Chair
8:05 a.m. Adoption of Minutes -- Rep. Harris, Co-Chair

8:10 a.m. **Administrative Matters** -- Mr. Everts

- 1. Budget Update
- 2. EQC Rules and Procedures

8:20 a.m. **Subcommittee Reports**

- 1. EQC Agency Oversight Subcommittee
- 2. EQC Study Subcommittee
- 3. House Bill 790 Subcommittee
- 4. EQC discussion and action (if any)

8:45 a.m. **Bison Management Issues**

1. Update from Governor's Office.

9:15 a.m. Water Adjudication Process Oversight

- 1. DNRC update on claims examination, billing, and database progress, Mary Sexton, DNRC
- 2. Water Court update on progress, Judge Loble, Montana Water Court
- 3. Request for Attorney General Opinion
- 4. Public Comment (30 min.)

10:15 a.m. **BREAK**

10:30 a.m. Wolf Management Issues

- 1. Implementation of House Bill 283 (2003): Assistant Attorney General Candace West
- 2. Implementation of SB 461 (2005): Chris Smith and Carolyn Sime. DFWP
- 3. Public Comment

11:45 p.m. **LUNCH**

1:00 p.m. State Land Management Issues

- 1. Overview from staff
- 2. Panel Discussion

Mary Sexton, Director, DNRC; Jeff Hagener, Director, DFWP;

Senator Mike Cooney, former land board member

3. Public Comment

2:30 p.m. Public Comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC2:45 p.m. Other Business

2:50 p.m. **Instructions to Staff**

3:00 p.m. Adjourn