

**DRAFT AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL**

State Capitol, Room 172

8:00 a.m., Thursday, March 4, 2010 and 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 5, 2010

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

Thursday, March 4, 2010:

- 8:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call - Chairman Vincent**
- 8:05 a.m. **Administrative Matters - Mr. Everts**
1. Adoption of January 7 and 8 EQC meeting minutes
 2. EQC budget review
- 8:10 a.m. **Fiscal Considerations: Natural Resource Issues**
1. Overview -- Barb Smith, LFD
 2. Public comment
 3. Questions & discussion -- EQC
 4. Committee action, if any
 5. Directions to staff
- 9:00 a.m. **HJR 1 -- Study of Biomass**
1. Dave Sjoding, Northwest CHP Application Center
 2. Douglas Beer and Malcolm Lefcort, Access Energy Technologies
 3. Rich Lane, Chad DeLong, Tracy McIntyre -- follow-up to September forestry study presentation
 4. Review of draft report -- Ms. Nowakowski
 5. Public comment
 6. Questions & discussion of policy recommendations/legislation
 7. Committee action, if any
 8. Directions to staff

(a 15 minute break will occur at approximately 10:00 a.m.)

12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**

- 1:00 p.m. **HJR 30 -- Study of Fire Suppression**
1. Overview of HJR 30 activity and discussion of next steps -- Leanne Heisel, LSD
 2. Trees and water, an overview - Bob Harrington, DNRC
 3. Fiscal considerations specific to fuels mitigation and fire suppression -- Barb Smith, LFD
 4. Public comment
 5. Questions & discussion of policy recommendations/legislation
 6. Committee action, if any
 7. Directions to staff

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ATTACHMENT 2**

2:15 p.m.

SJR 28 -- Study of Recycling

1. Review of draft report & draft recommendations worksheet --
Ms. Nowakowski
2. Public comment
3. Questions & discussion of policy recommendations/legislation
4. Committee action, if any
5. Directions to staff

2:45 p.m.

BREAK

3:00 p.m.

Discussion of other possible study direction & legislation

1. HJ 15: Tourism and Recreational Access Study
 - Overview -- Ms. Stockwell
 - Public comment
 - Questions & discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
 - Directions to staff
2. Environmental Public Health Tracking
 - Overview -- Ms. Stockwell
 - Public comment
 - Questions & discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
 - Directions to staff
3. Any unfinished discussion from earlier in the day
 - Questions & discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
 - Directions to staff

4:00 p.m.

Agency Oversight: DNRC -- Cabinsite Leasing

1. Review of legal issues raised in January -- Mr. Everts
2. Agency comment
3. Public comment
4. Questions & discussion -- EQC
5. Committee action, if any
6. Directions to staff

5:00 p.m.

RECESS OF EQC MEETING

Friday, March 5, 2010:

8:00 a.m.

Reconvene EQC Meeting

8:05 a.m.

Rule Review -- Mr. Everts

1. DEQ response to EQC CECRA letter and update on working group status
2. Public comment
3. Questions & discussion -- EQC
4. Committee action, if any

- 8:15 a.m. **Agency Oversight: DEQ -- SB 97 Petroleum Tank Release Fund**
1. Overview of Fund's Financial Status -- Ms. Stockwell
2. Public comment
3. Questions & discussion -- EQC
4. Committee action, if any
- 8:45 a.m. **Agency Oversight: DEQ -- Compliance & enforcement report**
1. Introduction -- Mr. Everts
2. Overview -- DEQ
3. Public comment
4. Questions & discussion -- EQC
5. Committee action, if any
- 9:15 a.m. **Agency Oversight: DEQ -- Gravel pits**
1. Introduction -- Mr. Kolman
2. Agency comment
3. Public comment
4. Questions & discussion -- EQC
5. Committee action, if any
- 9:45 a.m. **Update on Water Policy Interim Committee -- Mr. Kolman**
- 9:50 a.m. **Update on Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee --
Ms. Nowakowski**
- 10:00 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:15 a.m. **Agency Oversight: FWP -- Wolf Management**
1. Department presentation
 -Litigation update, if any
 -Response to questions raised at January EQC
 -cost of management, state & federal funding
 -accuracy of population count
 -case-by-case analysis of agency response to depredation
 -would allowing ranchers to kill wolves without a permit
 impact general hunting season quota
 -impacts of wolves on ungulate populations
 -presence of tapeworm in wolves and agency efforts on
 public education & outreach
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Agency Oversight: FWP -- Wolf Management (continued)**
2. Department presentation continued, if necessary
3. Public Comment
4. Questions & discussion -- EQC
5. Committee action, if any
6. Directions to staff
- 3:00 p.m. **BREAK**

- 3:15 p.m. **HJR 1 Biomass Study (continued)**
1. Policy recommendations from Biomass Working Group
 Bob Harrington, DNRC
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions & discussion of policy recommendations/legislation
 4. Committee action, if any
 5. Directions to staff
- 4:00 p.m. **Continued Council discussion of any study recommendations
& possible legislation – if necessary**
1. Discussion – EQC
 2. Public comment
 3. Committee action, if any
 4. Directions to staff
- 4:40 p.m. **Public Comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is
within the jurisdiction of the EQC**
- 4:50 p.m. **Other Business**
- 4:55 p.m. **Instructions to Staff**
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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