

HOUSE BILL NO. 465
INTRODUCED BY P. CLARK

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON STATE PARK AND FISHING ACCESS SITE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THAT ARE NOT FOR MAINTENANCE; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL REGARDING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AT STATE PARKS AND FISHING ACCESS SITES, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON WEED CONTROL AND ERADICATION ACTIVITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Moratorium on nonmaintenance construction projects at state parks and fishing access sites. Until July 1, 2007, the department may not undertake any construction project at a state park or fishing access site unless the project is for maintenance, as defined in 23-1-127(1) through (14), or for new trails, new boat ramps, or new access roads into or within a state park or fishing access site.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Maintenance at state parks and fishing access sites -- report required. The department shall provide an annual report to the environmental quality council, established in 5-16-101, regarding maintenance projects at state parks and fishing access sites. The report must contain a detailed account of ongoing weed management activities, including a projected amount of money necessary to achieve weed control and eradication of noxious weeds at state parks and fishing access sites statewide.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Sections 1 and 2] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 23, chapter 1, part 1, and the provisions of Title 23, chapter 1, part 1, apply to [sections 1 and 2].

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2003.

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