



## Water Policy Interim Committee

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DRAFT AGENDA (as of Sept. 1, 2020)

# WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

Room 172, State Capitol Building

Sept. 14-15, 2020

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

*Note: Committee members will attend this meeting via video conference call*

## Monday, Sept. 14

### 1 p.m. Call to order

- Roll call

### 1:05 p.m. Clark Fork River Basin Task Force update (85-2-350, MCA)

- David Shively, task force member
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

### 1:15 p.m. Upper Clark Fork River Basin Steering Committee update (85-2-338, MCA)

- Maureen Connor, steering committee member
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

### 1:30 p.m. HJ40: Insurance industry perspective on weather modification

- Matthew Nielsen, Government and Regulatory Affairs senior director (RMS, Inc.)
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

### 1:45 p.m. Adjudication update (Tab 1)

- Water Court
- Matt Murphy, Adjudication Bureau chief (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

### 2 p.m. Update on Water Rights Information System upgrade (Tab 2)

- Millie Heffner, Water Rights Bureau chief (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

**2:15 p.m. Geocodes and water right ownership updates: Updates to DNRC manual**

- Ms. Heffner
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

**2:30 p.m. Administrative rule review (Tab 3)**

- Ms. Hach
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

**2:45 p.m. Legislative Services Division update**

- LSD manager
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

**3 p.m. Recess**

**Tuesday, Sept. 15**

**9 a.m. Final committee reports (Tab 4)**

- Summary of written public comments--Mr. Mohr
  - HJ14
  - HJ40
  - Climate
- Additional public comment (*may be taken after each individual report*)
- Committee questions and discussion (*may be held after each individual report*)
- Committee adoption of final reports

**9:30 a.m. Committee consideration of draft legislation (Tab 5)**

- Draft legislation:
  - Geocodes
  - Weather modification
  - Benchmarks
- Public comment (*may be taken after each individual bill*)
- Committee questions and discussion (*may be held after each individual bill*)
- Committee approval of bills for pre-introduction (*may be taken after each individual bill*)
- Assignment of sponsors

**10:30 a.m. Overview of proposed agency legislation (Tab 6)**

- John Tubbs, DNRC director
- Myla Kelly, Standards and Modeling Section supervisor (DEQ)
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion
- Committee consideration of bills for pre-introduction

**11 a.m. Staff evaluations (Tab 7)**

- Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

**11:15 a.m. Propose areas of study for 2021-22 WPIC**

- Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

**11:30 a.m. Discussion of future WPIC meeting dates**

- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

**11:40 a.m. Public comment on any issue within the jurisdiction of the WPIC**

**11:50 a.m. Directions to staff**

**Noon Adjourn**

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