

ADVISORY COUNCIL REVIEW

INTRODUCTION

One of the statutory duties of the Environmental Quality Council and other interim committees is to review the advisory councils attached to the agencies the committee oversees. For EQC, this includes councils attached to the Departments of Environmental Quality and Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

The statute, 5-5-115, MCA says a member of an interim committee may review the councils and make recommendations on the retention or elimination of the council. This paper briefly outlines the councils the EQC may choose to review in July or September. No action is required to retain the councils.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Council	Summary	Membership	Statute
<u>Small business compliance assistance advisory council</u> . Established 1993. Last met March 2022.	Advises DEQ on small businesses needs in Montana. Issues opinions on effectiveness of small business stationary source technical and environmental compliance assistance program administered by DEQ. The council is required under Federal Clean Air Act, <u>42 USC 7661f</u>	Seven members. Governor appoints two representatives of small business stationary sources, four non legislative representatives of stationary sources selected by legislative leadership. One member appointed by DEQ director.	<u>2-15-2110</u> , and <u>75-2-106</u> , MCA. Federal Clean Air Act, <u>42 USC 7661f</u>
<u>Water pollution control advisory council</u> . Established 1971. Last met May 2022.	Advises DEQ regarding water quality policy. Gathers information, makes recommendations and reviews proposed administrative rules.	Eleven members appointed by governor, including a representative of industry concerned with the disposal of inorganic waste; a representative of industry concerned with the disposal of organic waste; a supervisor of a soil and water conservation district; an irrigated agriculture representative; a production agriculture representative; a person in charge of a publicly owned treatment works; a conservation organization representative; a realtor or developer representative; a licensed professional engineer with experience in sanitary engineering; a fisheries biologist; a member of the public.	<u>2-15-2107</u> , MCA

<u>Water and Wastewater Operators' Advisory Council</u> . Established 1974. Last met November 2021.	Advises DEQ on public water and wastewater training and certification.	Six members appointed by the governor including two who are employed water supply system or water treatment plant operators holding valid certificates, two members employed wastewater treatment plant operators holding valid certificates, a professor of water supply systems, wastewater treatment, chemical or civil engineering, chemistry, or bacteriology; a city manager, city engineer, director of public works, works manager, or an equivalent position. A DEQ staffer appointed by director.	<u>2-15-2105</u> , MCA.
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DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS

Council	Summary	Membership	Statute
<u>Upland Game Bird Citizens' Advisory Council</u> . Established 2009. Last met March 2022.	Advise FWP on a long-term strategic plan for the Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program, monitor program activities annually; and recommend rules.	Director appoints 12 members including upland game bird hunters, a chamber of commerce representative, conservationists, an upland game bird biologist, landowners, one of whom is enrolled in the Block Management program, and two legislators.	<u>87-1-251</u> , MCA
<u>Wetlands Protection Advisory Council</u> . Established 1985. Last met?	Review funding proposals for the Montana Migratory Game Bird Hunting License Program. Advise FWP on use of funds earmarked for the protection, conservation, and development of wetlands in Montana. Update plan to implement program.	Director appoints members including representatives of Montana migratory game bird hunters, nonconsumptive users of wildlife, and the agricultural industry.	<u>2-15-3405</u> , MCA
Boating Advisory Council. Established 1993. Last met?	Advise FWP on the expenditure of funds in the motorboat account in the state special revenue fund.	Director appoints at least five members of the public, each of whom must be interested in boating activities and the use of public boating facilities.	<u>23-2-536</u> , MCA