

DETAILED TIMELINE OF EQC INTERIM WORK (DRAFT)

Tasks and agenda items	
July 26, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elect officers • Review 2023 natural resources legislation • Discuss and adopt draft work plan • Identify committee studies • Identify and prioritize committee member topics • Adopt committee rules • Review budget • Adopt meeting dates • Agency/program overviews—DEQ, DNRC, FWP • Update on drought, water supply, wildfires • Yellowstone River spill update—DEQ • Fire, water update—DNRC • Libby asbestos superfund oversight committee (75-10-1601) • Wolf report (87-1-901) • Draft elk plan—FWP • Grizzly bear management proposal—FWP • BLM coal screen amendment
Sept. 27-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of final work plan • Finalize list of committee member topics • HJ18: Receive background information • DEQ: Y'stone spill, rare earth (w/MBMG, Commerce), petro tank cleanup • DNRC: Wildfire, CSKT land transfers, Comp. Water Review • FWP: pheasant release, shooting ranges, ALS, Fish Creek • FWP, MSGOT reports on sage grouse (87-1-201, 87-5-918) • Invasive Species Council (80-7-1203) • Member topics and emerging issues • Agency rulemaking update - LSD staff
Week of Nov. 5 (proposed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HJ18: Receive background information: EPA, DEQ, CAG, DNRC, Msla Co.</i>
Week of Jan. 8, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HJ18: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Receive additional background information ○ Identify further issues and options • DEQ • DNRC • FWP • DEQ reports on orphan share funds (75-10-743), subdivision sanitation (76-4-116) • DNRC report on sale of state land cabins/sites (77-2-366) • Agency annual plans (HB190) • Member topics and emerging issues • Agency rulemaking update - LSD staff

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<p>Week of March 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HJ18: Identify further issues and options • DEQ • DNRC • FWP • FWP reports on future fisheries (87-1-272) and Tendoy Mountain sheep (87-2-702) • Member topics and emerging issues • Agency rulemaking update - LSD staff
<p>Week of May 13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HJ18: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discuss options ○ Propose recommendations • DEQ • DNRC • FWP • Invasive Species Council (80-7-1203) • DEQ, Ag, and DNRC reports on compliance and enforcement (75-1-314) • Member topics and emerging issues • Agency rulemaking update - LSD staff
<p>Week of August 5 or 12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Field trip to Libby (proposed)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Federal roundtable</i> ○ <i>State of Hawaii</i> • HJ18: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft recommendations, legislation ○ Discuss draft report(s) • DEQ • DNRC • FWP • DNRC reports on road closures/restrictions on state land (77-1-820); land banking (77-2-366) • Ag, FWP, DNRC, MDT report on AIS activities, expenditures (80-7-1006) • FWP report on upland game bird enhancement activities (87-1-250); Wildlife Habitat Improvement Act (87-5-807) • West. Mont. Conservation Commission (DNRC) report (SB83) • Member topics and emerging issues • Agency rulemaking update - LSD staff
<p>Week of Sept. 16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HJ18: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review public comment on draft report, committee legislation ○ Revise draft report, committee legislation, if necessary ○ Approve final report(s) • Consider proposed agency legislation - DNRC, DEQ, FWP • Approve other EQC report(s), if necessary • DEQ • DNRC • FWP • Libby Asbestos Oversight Committee (75-10-1601) • FWP, MSGOT reports on sage grouse (87-1-201, 87-5-918) • FWP report on gray wolf management (87-1-901) • Member topics and emerging issues • Agency rulemaking update - LSD staff • Consider/propose areas of study for 2025-26 interim

Ongoing reports:

- Natural resources data system advisory cmte (2-15-1514)
- Groundwater Assessment Steering Cmte (2-15-1523)
- Submittal of env. review documents (MEPA) (75-1-201, and -208)

Occasional reports:

- Solid waste management and resource recovery plans (75-10-111)
- Streamside Management Zone (77-5-301)

Uncertain status:

- State sand and gravel deposits (82-2-201)
- Hydrocarbon and geology investigation program (90-2-201)
- Coal ash markets investigation program (90-2-202)