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## FINAL agenda Environmental Quality Council

June 17, 2024

Room 137

Agenda times are approximate

### Monday, June 17

9 a.m. Call to order, roll call

- Chairman Gunderson

9:05 a.m. Meeting overview, follow on EQC letters of April 10

- Jason Mohr, legislative environmental analyst

9:30 a.m. Update from MEPA Work Group

- DEQ
- Public comment
- Council questions, discussion, action

10:15 a.m. Director's report

- DEQ
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion, action

10:30 a.m. Adverse climate impacts of greenhouse gas emissions petition to Public Service Commission

- Petitioners
- PSC
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion, action

11:30 a.m. Administrative rule review

- Joe Carroll, legal staff
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion, action

Noon Recess for lunch

- 1 p.m. Reconvene
- 1:05 p.m. HJ18 (Study of remediation at Smurfit Stone site)
- Water data of Clark Fork River toxins study
    - FWP
  - Water rights at Smurfit Stone site
    - DNRC
  - Public comment
  - Council questions, discussion, action
- 1:30 p.m. Letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture objecting to new rule redefining old-growth forests within national forest plans
- USFS
  - DNRC
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion, action
- 2 p.m. Report on road closures/restrictions on state lands (77-1-820)
- DNRC
  - Public comment
  - Council questions, discussion, action
- 2:30 p.m. Report on land banking (77-2-366)
- DNRC
  - Public comment
  - Council questions, discussion, action
- 3 p.m. Update on upland gamebird enhancement activities (87-1-250)
- FWP
  - Public comment
  - Council questions, discussion, action
- 3:30 p.m. Update on Wildlife Habitat Improvement Act (87-5-807)
- FWP
  - Public comment
  - Council questions, discussion, action
- 4 p.m. Follow-up on Fish Creek State Park recreation planning
- FWP
  - Public comment
  - Council questions, discussion, action
- 4:30 p.m. Directors' reports
- FWP
  - DNRC
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion, action

5 p.m. Public comment on any issue within the jurisdiction of the EQC

5:15 p.m. Administrative matters

- Directions to staff

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

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