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Montana State Capitol, Room 317
July 26, 2023

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Wednesday July 26, 2023

- 8:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**
 Sen. Bob Brown
- 8:05 a.m. **Administrative matters**
- Committee member introductions
 - Staff introductions - Mr. Kolman
 - Adoption of [EQC rules \(Tab 1\)](#)
 - Election of the EQC Chair and Vice Chair
- 8:40 a.m. **Interim Overview**
- Overview of [Work Plan](#), Mr. Kolman (**Tab 2**)
 - Questions/discussion – EQC
 - Public comment
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:00 a.m. **Department of Natural Resources and Conservation – Director Amanda Kaster**
- Agency Overview – [organizational chart, goals \(Tab 3\)](#)
 - Legislative Update
 - Questions/discussion – EQC
 - Public comment
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:45 a.m. BREAK
- 10:00 **Fire and Water updates -- DNRC**
- Fire season update, Wyatt Frampton, Deputy Forestry Administrator
 - Water Supply update, Michael Downey, Drought Program Corrdinator
 - Drought Plan; Comprehensive Water Review, Anna Pakenham Stevenson, Water Division Administrator
 - Public comment

- Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:00 a.m. **Department of Environmental Quality – Deputy Director James Fehr**
- Agency Overview – [organizational chart, goals](#) and legislative updates **(Tab 4)**
 - Sonja Nowakowski, Air, Energy and Mining Division Administrator
 - Amy Steinmetz, Waste Management and Remediation Division Administrator
 - Lindsey Kyrwaruchka Water Quality Division Administrator
 - Questions/discussion – EQC
 - Public comment
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:45 a.m. **Libby asbestos Superfund Oversight Committee [report](#) (Tab 5)**
- Amy Steinmetz, DEQ
 - Oversight committee members
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- Noon Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Yellowstone River spill update**
- James, Fehr, DEQ
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 1:15 p.m. **Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks - Director Dustin Temple**
- Agency Overview – [organizational chart, goals](#) **(Tab 6)**
 - Legislative Update
 - Questions/discussion – EQC
 - Public comment
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:00 p.m. **[Wolf Report](#) (Tab 7)**
- Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, FWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:30 p.m. **[Draft Elk Plan](#) (Tab 8)**
- Brian Wakeling, Game Management Bureau Chief FWP
 - Questions/discussion – EQC
 - Public comment
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:00 p.m. **[Grizzly bear management proposal](#) (Tab 8)**
- Quentin Kujala, Chief of Conservation Policy, FWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC



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- Committee action, if any

3:30

Committee Updates

- Trevor Graff, ETIC
- Jason Mohr, WPIC
- Questions/discussion – EQC
- Public comment
- Committee action, if any

3:45 p.m.

BLM Coal Screen [Amendment](#)

- Sen. Hinebauch
- Questions/discussion – EQC
- Public comment
- Committee action, if any

4:00 p.m.

Statutory [administrative rule review](#) (Tab 1)

- General overview - Mr. Carroll
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

4:10 p.m.

Interim Work Plan

- Member topics
- Prioritization of work
- Draft meeting calendar
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

4:45 p.m.

Public comment

- Any matter not contained in this agenda that is within EQC jurisdiction

Other business

Instructions to staff

Adjourn

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