

Draft Environmental Quality Council Work Plan Decision Matrix 2013-2014

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The following topics are either study bills or legislative study resolution requests assigned by the Legislative Council to the EQC.						
HB 609 - A study of hunting and fishing licensing	Study Bill	<p>.3 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of Option B. Reorganize DFWP's hunting license statutes for clarity, in addition to any statutory amendments needed to achieve changes to licenses/fees proposed under Option B <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim report Legislation 	<p>.2 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of Option C. Analyze events leading to decreased license sales/revenue Review hunting and fishing licensing structure/fees in other states Analyze other structural/fee options for DFWP <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White paper Legislation (likely, if licensing/fee changes proposed) 	<p>.1 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide summary of existing hunting and fishing licenses Provide overview of DFWP licensing revenue & its uses EQC staffer attends/assists DFWP public meetings on licensing structure review and provides summary to EQC <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief summary Legislation (if any) 	No Action	
SJ 15 - An interim study evaluating the management of certain federal lands, assessing risks, and identifying solutions	Study Resolution	<p>.5 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of Option B Analyze relevant studies, court cases, legislation Evaluate role of other states with BLM, USFS Address risk, concerns, and recommendations in detail <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report Legislation (if any) 	<p>.3 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of Option C Compile relevant studies, court cases, legislation. Compile other states' action regarding management of BLM, USFS lands Identify risks, concerns, and recommendations at least at a minimum level Tour relevant area, if funding allows. <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report Legislation (if any) 	<p>.1 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify BLM, USFS lands in Montana Identify management framework for BLM, USFS lands in Montana Summarize state/federal relationship Survey counties Panel discussions on significant concerns Monitor implementation of current policy, SB 201, SB 217 <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White paper Correspondence Legislation (if any) 	No Action	

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SJ 4 - Study Virginia City, Nevada City, and Reeder's Alley	Study Resolution	<p>.25 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of Option B. EQC member visits to sites, development of recommendations, member discussions with MHC, preservation officials, agency officials, area business owners. In-depth analysis of all state-owned properties, land, artifacts at the sites, along with their value and maintenance needs, discuss deaccession options. <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim report Legislation (if any) 	<p>.15 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of Option C. Panel discussion, including agency, area business owners, local government officials, preservation officials on operation of MHC. Examine Department of Commerce marketing strategies and priorities for the properties. Examine effectiveness of marketing and how it is measured. Analyze MHC's duties in context of DOC and whether DOC should assume any duties. Review experiences of other states in purchasing and maintaining heritage tourist sites. <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff reports White paper Legislation (if any) 	<p>.10 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize 2011-2012 interim study & its findings and recommendations. Review current structure, staffing, resources of Montana Heritage Commission. Update on MHC business plan, finances, and needs. Review how properties are marketed. Analyze statutes governing MHC, Department of Commerce, and preservation of state-owned properties to determine if changes are warranted. Evaluate role of new Parks Commission as it relates to MHC role and duties and identify opportunities for coordination. <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief summary Legislation (if any) 	No Action	
Water Policy	Statute			<p>.01 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate w/ WPIC. Mandatory duties. Detailed updates on WPIC activities. Coordination discussion with WPIC at each EQC meeting. <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation (if any) EQC recommendation or position letters 	No Action	

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EQC Statutory Duties	Statute	<p>.75 - 1.0 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulfill all statutory requirements. • Update and republish historical trend documents. • Establish MEPA training and training schedule for state employees and others. • Review and comment on certain agency MEPA documents for compliance and consistency. • Review and comment as a Council on environmental reviews for selected projects. 	<p>.5 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulfill selected statutory requirements in greater detail. • Accept reports and select some for EQC review, analysis, and comment. • Select specific topics for further analysis or presentation. • Request trend information for each topic reviewed by EQC. • Collect environmental trend information. Create online repository . • Provide MEPA training to state agencies on as requested basis. Conduct needs assessment and develop periodic training schedule accordingly. • Provide updated web access to MEPA database. • Review selected controversial MEPA documents/projects • Track MEPA litigation during interim. • Notify/solicit permit applicants to present MEPA concerns to EQC. • Participate in all mandatory meetings and other environmental policy meetings (e.g. Board of Environmental Review, Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission, etc.) 	<p>.05 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of activity. • Solicit and accept agency reports as required. • Fulfill statutory requirements at minimal level of effort. • Select oversight topics and issues for presentation and review at EQC meetings on an ad hoc basis. • Maintain MEPA database. • Participate in meetings as necessary. • Identify and describe trends in EQC interim study work. • Update MEPA handbook as needed. • Provide MEPA handbooks to agencies and others as requested. 	No Action	

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Agency Oversight	Statute	<p>.4 FTE Active EQC Involvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option B intensified! • Committee of the whole involved • Consistent EQC involvement encompassing a broad range of oversight issues. • In depth systematic review of a larger number of state agency programs than in Option B. • Possible report and recommendation s/ legislation for changes in implementation of state policy. • Active EQC review of rules and legislation. 	<p>.2 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systematic oversight. • In addition to Option C, systematically evaluate and monitor a specific number of state agency programs. • More intensive review of administrative rules (Council Attorney provides synopses of significant and controversial proposed rules). • Review draft agency legislation. • Receive and comment on the compliance and enforcement report required pursuant to 75-1-314, MCA. • Systematic oversight for targeted programs. • Active EQC review of rules and legislation. • Legislation (if any) 	<p>.1 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize oversight issues before the EQC on an as requested basis. • Fulfill requirements of HB 142, 2011 • Fulfill requirements of HB 613, 2011 • Council members receive copies of rule notices of proposed adoption of rules. Council members responsible for notifying staff or the Council Chair if they want more information. • Review draft agency legislation. • Receive and comment on the compliance and enforcement report required pursuant to 75-1-314, MCA. • Oversight on an as needed basis. • Legislation (if any). 	No Action	
Carryover EQC Issue: Petroleum Tank Release Fund solvency	Previous interim work			<p>.01 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor implementation of HB 613 and financial outcomes. <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary reports at September 2013, January 2014, July 2014 	No Action	
EQC Publications	Statute and Historic Precedence	<p>.2 -.3FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option B Identify publications for rewrite, redesign 	<p>.12 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option C Rewrite and edit for clarity • Identify topic for info pamphlet, if necessary 	<p>.04 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update publications to reflect statutory changes • EQC review 		

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Septic System study	Member topic	.25 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option B expanded Multiple panel discussions Possible work group to develop options Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report Legislation (if any) 	.2 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate relationship of laws, rules, and local regulations Evaluate related legislative proposals Compare other states County survey Panel discussions Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White paper Legislation (if any) 	.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize current laws and rules Summarize select local regulations Panel discussion with stakeholders Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Findings and recommendation Legislation (if any) 		
Total Available Staff Resources						??? FTE allocated of 1.8 possible

Interim FTE Equivalentents

- 1 Interim FTE = 16.5 months = 2880 hrs.
- .05 FTE = 144 hrs = 18 days
- .10 FTE = 288 hrs = 36 days
- .25 FTE = 720 hrs = 90 days
- .50 FTE = 1440 hrs = 180 days
- .75 FTE = 2160 hrs = 270 days
- 1 FTE = 2880 hrs = 360 days