

## Legislative Prep Worksheet – ANR

### 1. Pro-active

- **\$ TMDL – Water Quality**
  - i. Moving through separate interagency vetting process with 5<sup>th</sup> floor
  - ii. Two elements – how do you structure it? How do you pay for it?
  - iii. Two legislative pieces – funding and statutory tweaks
- **( \$ ) Fee Bill (ANR fee bill every three years)**
  - i. Have fees that are currently collected that need to be tweaked and potential new fees to propose
  - ii. Staff Positions through fee bill – Water quality, ZEV, Section 248 (if EIP goes through, these positions would move through that process instead)
- **DEC Permit Process Efficiency**
  - i. Change standard/scope of ONLY DEC permits (not Act 250, Section 248 etc)
  - ii. Standalone bill
  - iii. Could be win with developers AND enviros if framed correctly, everyone is unified in hating current DEC Permit Process
  - iv. DEC needs to keep doing stakeholder prep work on this
- **Section 248 (will NOT be proactive for ANR if it gets absorbed through EIP with PSD lead)**
- **Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEV)**
  - i. Fee structure needs to be figured out with VTrans
  - ii. Incentives for ZEV? Rebate? Tax credit?
  - iii. Increase fee for ZEV by \$1 – hasn't been changed since 1981
- **Personnel transfer for AG/ANR Lab – easy lift, going in budget**
- **Forest Fragmentation Study**
  - i. We will see draft soon with range of options available, can plan recommendations from there
- **Solid waste reports**
  - i. Two reports due, one ANR owns, the other ANR staffs, run by infrastructure board on universal recycling. After reports finished, figure out if we go out with any proactive recommendations
- **Hunting on Posted Land**
  - i. If Current Use moves, will deal with this issue through that avenue
  - ii. In the meantime, Mike Snyder and Louis Porter trying to come to workable proposal, will keep in touch with us
- **Threatened/Endangered Species Reclassifications**
  - i. Thorny issue - current penalties are out of line with requirements
- **Potentially undo the felt-soled wader ban (will check back in on this)**

## 2. Defensive

- ATV use on state lands – may not be legislative, but ANR will release criteria on Nov 5, could blow up
- Berlin Pond – Warren Kitzmiller plans
- ANR PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes to towns) – Tax currently working on process, could come up with some wacky ideas, need to potentially have pro-active legislative proposal for ANR PILOT, so other PILOT work does not cost/hurt ANR
- Report on forester licensing – waiting to see report, for now, official position is not taking a position, interested in review process that is currently underway

## 3. House-Keeping/Neutral

- LEAN bill – showcase LEAN work/could be vehicle for other ANR initiatives
- VT Rec Trail tweaks, raise cap
- VT Parks Forever – increase allowable donation amount
- Fire Wardens statute – clarify responsibility to reimburse towns for forest fires etc
- Tweak timber theft/trespass to better protect landowners
- Moose Lottery eligibility requirements – tweak to include veterans from all conflicts, but not increase amount of permits given. F&W okay with proposal from veterans that will come out on this
- Definition of disabled hunters (not only disabled in military)
- Definition of crossbow (if we move to a crossbow season)
- Looking at lifetime hunting/fishing license provision (would be through Fee bill)

## 4. Interagency

- ZEV – PSD/VTrans/ANR/Tax
- TMDL – ANR/AG/PSD/VTrans/ACCD/Tax
- Fee Bill – affected by Vtrans (ZEV) and PSD (Section 248)
- PILOT – Tax working on process now
- Workforce training/worker's comp – Mike Synder involved re: foresting industry
- Looking at Act 250 fees to potentially pay for F&W programs, since F&W spends so much of their time on this
- Capital Bill – ANR/AG Lab
- Land Use meetings – continue, have a few before the session, include Natural Resources Board and Tax

## 5. Overarching Themes

- Water Quality
- LEAN – efficiency, timeliness, business friendly – foundation for getting all of ANR work done, using biz processes for enviro results

6. Questions/Follow-up

- Follow-up with VTrans on pro/con sheet for their fee bill
  - i. IF yes to fee bill, figure out ZEV priorities/structure within ANR/VTrans fee bills
- Ask PSD to reach out to ANR on EIP
- Get Mike Snyder involved with workforce training/workman's compensation conversations
- Joint Fiscal Presentation on LEAN coming up, ANR will issue press release same day with clear, easy to understand indicators showing their success in improving their efficiency/process. Also discuss LEAN through RBA lens when addressing legislature (not business community).

Solar?

EIP

