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FY19 Operating Budget

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 8, 2018

TO: House Finance Department of Environmental Conservation Budget Subcommittee Members

FROM: Representative Neal Foster, Chair *Neal Foster*

RE: Subcommittee Amendment Procedure and Closeout

The purpose of this memo is to outline the procedures of the FY19 Department of Environmental Conservation Budget Subcommittee Amendment and Close-out process.

Subcommittee Proposals and Amendments

On Thursday, February 15th, the subcommittee will consider amendments. An amendment could be in the form of a traditional budget amendment, or that of a proposal recommending statutory changes that will result in budget savings. All subcommittee members can introduce, debate, and vote on amendments to the department's operating budget.

Procedure

Please note that the deadline for submitting amendments will be **1:00pm Tuesday, February 13th**. Any amendments that do not match the scope of our examination of the Department of Environmental Conservation may be ruled out of order. Additionally, amendments that are incorrectly drafted may also be voided. The Chair's office will happily work with the sponsor to more closely craft the amendment to the subcommittee's focus, or correct any technical errors.

When submitting budget amendments or statutory change proposals, please submit to the Chair's office using the forms attached to this memo.

Scope of Amendments

To fulfill the goals of this subcommittee, we will only focus on amendments that fit the scope of our inquiry into the Department. The Chair retains the authority to rule amendments out of order. As a rule, amendments that make unallocated, across-the-board reductions or additions to the department will not be accepted.

If an amendment is offered that reduces funding for a program, service or activity that the department is statutorily required to provide, the

sponsor should cite that statute. Members should be familiar with statutory obligations and how they affect the department's budget.

Additionally, if there is a formal or informal legal services opinion regarding a proposed amendment that indicates there may be constitutional or statutory concerns, the sponsor of the amendment is strongly encouraged to provide this information to the subcommittee.

Subcommittee Vote

Proposed subcommittee amendments will be discussed and voted in our Thursday, February 15th meeting.

All amendments that pass will be presented to the full Finance Committee by the Subcommittee Chair and a final narrative report describing any statutory change recommendations being referred to the policy committee.

Closeout

A brief closeout meeting will occur on Thursday, February 22nd, at which time the Subcommittee's report will be adopted and transmitted to House Finance.