

Depackager Stakeholder Group Meeting #1 - Transcript

August 31, 2022

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

From the web page that hopefully everybody's gotten. If you haven't see one of us bend me or I afterwards, we can make sure you get that link. The nice thing about the website is it allows us to put all the stuff in one spot.

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Yeah. So this is being recorded. And as folks know, this is a legislatively required group group by ACT 170, which was passed this past legislative session 2022 session. The second of the biennium.

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I'm gonna do some introductions and then we'll get into the agenda. I do have an I printed a few agendas you can handle around anyways, curious.

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It's pretty basic.

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But you've got them down here. OK. I've done that one now.

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So to start with on Josh Kelly, program manager in the solid Waste Management program of DC and I'll turn to my right and go through DC Mira offline also in the solid waste program.

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Then go there and solid waste as well certification.

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Uh, Tom Gilbert. Black through firm and we all and we make a compost and work ethics among other.

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Steve Cash agency, agriculture, water quality division.

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Dan Goosen, Green Mountain Compost which is part of Chittenden solid waste district.

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Aaron Siegrist, Vermont retail and Grocers association.

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Billy Connolly vanguard renewables.

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You Crosby with Casella?

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And Inspector Delso in this always program.

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And Bijou are also in some waste program.

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Natasha Duarte Composting Association of Vermont and Caroline Gordon rule remote.

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And let's go to Jenna on the call. Jenna Evans from Ben and Jerrys.

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Evans, Jenna

Hi, this is Donna Evans from Bennett. Very nice to meet you all.

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Right. And there's a lot of people on the call. Have them hand.

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Maybe what I'll do is I'll just call on you. I'm gonna go to. Well, I see at the top. Paul Kervick kervick.

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paul kervick (Guest)

Yes, hi.

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Yes.

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paul kervick (Guest)

Nice to see you all.

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Brief, brief introduction any any where you're from, or if you're just a member of the public, that's fine too.

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paul kervick (Guest)

A lot of different things, but I have a a Vermont Restoration Council that's involved with all kinds of different issues that affect people in Vermont.

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paul kervick (Guest)

Also, we have a vital living.

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paul kervick (Guest)

Umm which which deals with products for soil Health and Human health and structure living water and we'll be working along with Natasha supporting her grandpa program for the restorative AG four farms in Vermont for New Hampshire, also dealing with water quality issues down at like vomiting and other places and happy to be here.

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OK, great. Thanks, Paul. I'll go to. Uh, let's go to Holden Cookson.

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You're on you.

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Yeah.

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He said.

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Holden Cookson

I muted myself my cat. As you can see here is quite loud. So it's either I pick her up or mute myself or both, but my name is Holden Cookson. I'm with age recycle. I am the director of Business Development there.

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Great. Thanks, Holden. Eric Fitch, I see you up. So I'm calling you next.

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Eric Fitch

Hey, Eric. Fitch purpose, energy, we have food waste digesters in Vermont.

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Eric Fitch

And we do take the package material. So I'm interested in what's going on here. Thanks.

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Right. Thanks.

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Let's see. Uh.

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And chill at. I'll go to you quickly. Yeah. Mike isn't working. He just said. OK, hand. Jill. It's with great Upper Valley solid waste district.

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Let's go to Ethan Latour.

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Ethan Latour

Uh, I had Ethan. I worked for MMR, where government relations firm in Montpelier, and we present Cabot and Vermont gas. So similar to the.

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Ethan Latour

Sort of biodigester issue deep in foodie packaging.

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Ethan Latour

Yep.

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Great. Thanks, Ethan. I'll go to John Walter now.

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john malter (Guest)

Yeah.

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john malter (Guest)

John Walter Mad River Resource management alliance.

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Thanks John.

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john malter (Guest)

Here to follow up on what you're doing, yeah.

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Thank you. I've got a Ellie Ventura I can see.

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Yeah. Well, I think Ellie is formally of Lamoille regional solid waste, but now works for vegware, if I'm not mistaken. So I'm gonna just introduce Ellie cause I happen to. There she is.

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Ventura, Elly

That. Thanks, Josh. You got it right. And we're just interested in helping expand composting infrastructure across the country. So Vermont's always a great place to keep an eye on and learn from.

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Right, this this Navy taking awhile. Gonna go to Emma next tonight. Yeah, I'll go to Emma.

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Emma Shouldice (Guest)

Hello I'm a shoulder with William Shoulders and associates.

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Thanks, Emma. Let's go to Laura Malek.

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You're up. Yeah. Sorry. No.

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Leora Mallach

Hi. I'm Leon. Amalek. I work with Vanguard Renewables.

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Thanks liora. Sorry I got your name wrong.

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Peter Blair.

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Peter Blair

Hi, everyone. Peter Blair, State policy director with just zero. We're an environmental nonprofit advocacy organization.

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Great. Thanks Peter.

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Umm.

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Let's see then I guess I I guess from here on, let's see we have Mark Shea just joined with the Rutland Solid Waste district. Mark, go ahead.

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Mark Shea RCSWD (Guest)

Look, just wanted to say hi. Just joined here. Some technical issues here.

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Right. Let's go to Bob Spencer next.

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Mark Shea RCSWD (Guest)

A quick.

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Mark Shea RCSWD (Guest)

Yeah.

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Mark Shea RCSWD (Guest)

Thank you.

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Bob (Guest)

Hi Bob Spencer, Wyndham Solid Waste management district. I also have John Faye with me today who works with me here. We operate a food waste composting facility and our interested in microplastics be fast food packaging. All those all of the above.

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Right. Thanks Bob. Sarah.

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Sarah Lillibridge

Hi, I'm Sarah Lillibridge. I'm the outreach coordinator with Lamoille solid waste in LA's old position.

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Right.

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Trevor Mann.

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Trevor Mance

Everybody, passionate food, waste recycler and worked for Casella Waste.

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Thanks Trevor.

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Then who am I missing that you probably can't see either for speeding? Nick Seeler my. Yeah, it's good.

Mike Casella. And then we'll go to Ted Zeigler.

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Michael Casella

My mic is all with Casella waste.

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Thanks, Mike. Ted.

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Ted Siegler (Guest)

Ted Ziegler DSM just professional curiosity.

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Thanks Ted.

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Nick, do you augustino?

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Nick D'Agostino (Guest)

Hello, Nick Dagostino Vermont compost company.

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Thanks nick.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think that's all I have shown up for me. Yeah. Ethan, Georgia, go. Yeah. It's within the great. Thanks, everybody. Thanks for going through that. I know it's a little bit to do all introductions, but it's nice to know who's here virtually. And and if at any time you can't hear or something happens with the folks that are virtual, please don't be shy. Let us know. We'll try and accommodate you as best we can.

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Right. So with that.

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I think if you checked out the website you can see that the statutory charge for this group is up there. It's a snippet from Act 170.

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But in short, we're charged with the legislature.

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With preparing a report with recommendations on the following items and those are recommendations on whether organics management hierarchy should apply to each generator of organic waste. I'm sure we'll have discussions about what, what does that mean? How to unpack that, no pun intended and #2 is whether the agency should modify its existing policy surrounding the source separation of organic waste. And we have some of that here today to go through. If we get into it.

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And then three, any recommendations on the proper use of deep packagers in the management of organic waste and the deadline for reports is January 15th, 2023 and we have a biennial report on solid waste. Also do that we have every two years, so probably we'll they'll be separate reports, but we'll probably link them from the biennial report just to just to make sure everybody's aware of what the outcomes of this group are.

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Our hope is that we could have a draft report prepared and circulated for all kinds of stakeholder input

sometime in November 2023. Today we have some housekeeping stuff to discuss with you all. How this group would operate, how what role you want ASR to play. Lots of other good stuff like that.

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What did I say?

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Ohh sorry, November 2022. That's that should be yes.

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Yes, good call. So hopefully by doing 23, yeah.

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Hopefully by November this November, we have a draft, something that people can.

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React to.

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So in terms of where to find applicable documents, like I mentioned, Ben has created a website from the DC solid waste web pages and it has the agenda. It's gonna have links to A&R's YouTube page where this recorded meeting will be posted.

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We will be talking about meeting minutes in just a second.

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And it has also on it in addition to the agenda, the snippet from statute as to what we're charged with, it also has the policy document that NRDC put forth in January 2020.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Umm.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

So then the last thing that's up there is a what? I guess what we're calling a draft general process framework for the group and kudos have been for checking out public meeting law, putting some of that on paper for us. Just so we're aware of it and we'll be talking about that in a second as well as.

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How other people can participate in this group and how the group wants to do that there has been.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

A decent amount of interest in this group and and in the work that you guys are gonna be tackling both in Vermont and outside of Vermont. So I think I think I think we can be intentional about allowing that to happen and allow other people to have a voice as long as we can have a sense to be able to talk amongst ourselves well.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

So with that, I actually want to.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Maybe do a brief screen share of then if we can of the guidance that we the general process framework that we've got together because I I kind of wanna start from ground rules and then get your buy in on that or edit that if we want and then go to some of the other housekeeping items of the group.

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Such as like.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

We have a chair of the group, you know. How do we wanna do? No keeping. And what role do you want Antar to play in terms of drafting the report or not drafting the report or all of those such things?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, if you'll just go to the second page for now.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And if the the five things up there in the center of that document or what I wanted folks to look at and for make that any bigger Ben, like I'm having Kathy Jay moment.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Likewise.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

None of us.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

So the reason I wanted to start here is because once we start getting into things and trying to make decisions, we don't have ground rules. Then we have to rewind and kind of set ground rules and and set sort of what our code of conduct might be for this group. So this is just a structure or a proposal of of ground rules as I call them or code of conduct. We really wanna allow everyone and equal opportunity to speak and participate. And I think that goes for their participants and statute called the people around the table here and genna remotely and Mike remotely.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Participants, we're probably gonna use different words. What we mean by that. So it's good to explain. When you when you meet somebody who's named and statute versus someone who's an external stakeholder, it doesn't mean that that external stakeholder can't talk. It just means that we should describe what we're talking about and might we might be confusing terms.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

We really hope that we can have ample time for comments, but if we get to be too crowded, the space we might have to limit stuff to under 2 minutes.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And we really I want to start from a place of welcoming the public to speak and and participate and then all speakers.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Shall conclude comments as soon as they can. Once, especially once a time keeper has told them that they've they've expired their time, but be constructive and respectful and polite, I think we can all agree on that.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And focus on the topic being discussed using specific examples as appropriate. Anything and even wants to add or write out of the gates suggest should be changed. Updated. I do have some.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

A couple of copies of this guys want to look more realistic.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I guess does anybody have something to add or something they want to change?

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Of these code of conducts.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Standard, yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

So I'm I'm not hearing anything. Anybody, Jenna or Mike. Anything on the call, you guys good.

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Evans, Jenna

I'm good, thanks.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK.

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Michael Casella

Good as well.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Alright, so this will form.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Great. This will form the basis for our code of conduct for the meeting. And yeah, we'll refer to it if need be. But a lot of times it just sort of sits in the background, which is perfectly fine.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Great. So we're we're cruising right along.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

The the next part I want to talk about is.

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What role? You all wanna play and what role you want the agency to play? It's not been specified in statute other than to have a collaborative stakeholder process, and for anyone just so everybody's on the same page, I wanna go through the representatives briefly because there may be people on the call who don't realize who is a participant named in statute. So the statute named the Secretary to a point.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Seven representatives and the first is a representative from the Agency of Agriculture, and Steve, thank you for being that person. And thanks for waving as as I call you, a food waste composter. And Dan, thanks for doing that. Dan Goosen from Chittenden solid waste.

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And a farm that allows animals to forge food waste. Tom, thank you from Black Dirt Farm for being here. And #4 is a representative of a company operating a Deepak facility. Mike, thanks for being here and apologies couldn't be in the room today.

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And a representative from the Vermont Retail Grocers Association, #5 Aaron, thank you. And #6, a representative from a company that Anaerobically digest food waste, and Billy and Vanguard Renewables. Thanks for being here, and #7, a representative from a food product manufacturing company in Vermont. And that's Jenna. Thank you. With Ben and Jerry's.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

So. So with that out of the way, just to be clear for anybody external was listening in who those participants are.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Do we does this group want to have a note taker or a note keeper? Do you want the agency to play that role? What what is your preferences?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Sure.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

We're happy to do that. I just didn't want to. Didn't want to take it away from it, buddy.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think it's a neutral ground. I think that having the agency keep notes would be, yeah, would be best.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Agreed.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yep, same here. That's good. OK.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK. We will do that and used to the agency. Yeah, we're used to it.

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It's it's the role. It's the role.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Does anybody and maybe this is let me just look through other things, I wanna see about.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

So we will be posting the Minutes and then asking for any additions and we have a straw structure in here, but based on the public meeting law about how those good approved, I mean they will be on the website in draft form. It's sometimes hurting cats to get everybody approve and stuff, but we'll do the best we can with that.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

What I wanted to ask is I'm actually gonna skip over chairperson for a second and talk about the drafting of the report because it's similar to minutes.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

The agency is willing to draft the report, and then I've asked him if he would be willing to do that. He said yes. So thank you in advance, unless you guys want to do that again, we would be sharing that with you. You would have comments on it. You could do track changes. A lot of those things could be available to participants, but if anybody feels strongly about that, please.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Jason.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Thanks Ben.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

New process? Yeah, just we don't know how much control the stakeholder group want to have over the process figure.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Thank you. Happy to write it for now. Comments.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK. And then there's just a couple other group roles. They'll just kick off. Do do you want to appoint a chairperson status is not clear about that?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

We don't. I'm. I'm running this meeting right now, only just to facilitate and have a collaborative process. I'm happy to. And and I'm not even. We're the agency is not a named participant to be clear.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

But we're happy to help facilitate the conversation as directed by statute. So, but that doesn't mean I'm playing the chairperson role and not saying that would be nominate Josh.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah. I think in terms of neutrality, both characters and the time keeper, yeah, if you're willing to do that, great.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

You, as a collective Regency, yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think we're willing to do that. I think in terms of being official chairperson, I don't know that that's I think we'll be a facilitator of the of the meeting and have.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And I think that's where that's where it stops. You need a chair for the wire too. Yeah. OK.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Anything else that the group needs from AR to do your work, and that's where it may be more open-ended question and I'm gonna take the the other bullet that I'm moving down in my agenda is to talk

about other interested parties from somewhere here. Some are there and how group wants to incorporate them. But let me start first with anything else.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

You need from A&R.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Then for this process.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I I think this group is gonna find itself wanting for information that we lack, and I wonder if a staff person could be made available to.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Gathered literature or related?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Information.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I, and I think we're available to do some of that. Yeah, a lot of Act 170 if you keep reading it, there's a lot of charges for the agency that will no doubt feed into this conversation at different times. And some of that work has begun.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And I should probably do a couple of little announcements we haven't seen you all during the summer. We haven't really been.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Interacting with the legislature in a while so I can share a couple of things from the agency's perspective there. But yeah, we we've definitely got a, I don't know, we have answers, everything. We have some figures on the pulse of some information, so.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah. So on that note of of some work that's going on today in our, we have a media campaign about to roll out, which is a continuation of the scrap food waste.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Dot Org website and media campaign.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Which is which Anne has done a lot of work on, which is really trying to get people to reduce food waste, eat what they buy, and compost the scraps.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

But this time around, this is our our third.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

3rd media plug. I think it's our third time is really about cleaner compost and I say that as a not the end. All be all name for it, it's a it was a starting point because we use compost so loosely for recycling of organic material so we that is not the tagline. This is like it was our internal conversation tagline for it. We're meeting with the media contractor.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Are for the first idea of what they might come up with around the goals of continuing awareness of the food waste ban and and the importance of separating food waste and food scraps.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

For all the hierarchy benefits, but specifically around reducing contamination because it helps everybody.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

That is in the works, and then second, then maybe you want to talk about P2 briefly, actually change. That's one question. Yeah. Will that include is are you involving like behavior change folks or other folks in sort of not just messaging but like actually figure out like?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Where the leverage is in that?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

We've, I mean, we've talked to the contractors a lot about that part of the media campaign, but that is something that our staff is does and.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

So 1 right?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah. We we're constantly, they come up with their ideas about what's worth. They they the the

contractor is a standing contractor. HMC Media has done a lot with Department of Health actually around behavior change issues and then and then with us three or four Times Now they've worked with us and we have some ideas that we think are slightly different from there is about how to change people's behaviors but they definitely that's what they do so.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, sorry. Yeah. So real quick, we.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

We're trying to do a study in. Steve was involved with this early on. We were talking to the and see agriculture on how we can, what we need to do to sort of assess the organics recycling system in Vermont and just determine if there are any contaminants inherent in the process or if it's, you know from certain materials or the source separation problem or all the above. We just didn't have any numbers to back that up. And this last legislative session they were talking about standards implementing standards potentially, we felt it might be best to have some information about what's existing before we talk about standards and then.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Come at it from a more logical approach. So we started that process a while back and it's taken us a long time to get the funding, but we we put in an application for pollution prevention funding through EPA, otherwise known as P2. So we're looking at maybe specifically have to look at what our work with at least one food or beverage manufacturer and Vermont and assess their packaging.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Umm. And then beyond that, it allows us funding significant amount of money for funding to study PFAS and microplastic presence in source, separate materials, compost digesting background soils all through the food recycling system. So it's gonna be a lot of work and there's a lot of stuff to work out in that process, but we're excited to have an opportunity to kind of.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Take a shot at seeing what's there, just putting shining some light on where we're at. So that's kind of it in a nutshell. That feeds into the second part of Act 170 as well, where we have to prepare a report for next legislative two legislative sessions away about a bunch of PFOS and microplastics. Information so that'll hopefully feed into that pretty well timing lined up pretty well. So that'll be watching. We haven't technically been awarded the funding yet, but it'll.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Be available in October, so that'll be wrapping up pretty soon.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

You mentioned the timeline for sampling and if you know that 2023.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Great. We I will actually, it's probably worth mentioning that every five years we do a waste composition study which is referred to often as the legislature. We have one RFP out right now for waste composition study.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Hoping to get into contract. Basically for before the calendar year of 2023 is upon us, because that's the year we're trying to get the data collected and then report back at the beginning of the legislative session that would be in 2024.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And we included in that RFP some some of act one 70s requirements that we talk about the the the landscape of organics management where it's going like it kind of hints about hauling it doesn't. There's a section that when somebody talks about the state shall study this and look at it and we kind of took the opportunity to waste composition study to add a a section on organics specific carved out separate from the waste.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Thanks stuff, so that may help us have more information too for a future report in 2024.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Umm OK.

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So that's kind of quickly what the agencies up to.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And now really, I think we have a couple of things. We're kind of way down the agenda talking about next steps.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Any.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

You know, topics of discussion experts to invite knowledge gaps, people who are interested, parties not listed in statute, how external stakeholders can participate.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I mean at any optimal meeting structure or suggested improvements from I think our discussions internally of we we really are asking for your insights and your thoughts on it. But again so long as you all get a chance to talk, I see no reason that anyone else in the room or virtually couldn't raise their hands. So there is a function in teams you can raise a hand and ask a question or make a comment to add to a discussion.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

If we ever feel like there's too many people talking over, we need to go around the room. We can do that. Or if there's like opinions on an issue like is this a recommendation or is it not? Or do we have difference of opinion we can do around the room with participants and I don't see any reason why that can't happen. But please.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Discuss amongst yourselves or suggest your thoughts on.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Umm. Which part is on on whether other people can participate, who aren't named participants, and statute like with this group and discuss things you know.

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Or if you have any opinions on it.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think from my perspective, the inclusivity being broad makes sense. There's a lot of stakeholders for whom this is who will be affected by whatever is decided by the legislature or whatever we recommend certainly.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I'm curious about how to translate that into like if there are things that actually need to be voted on where that you know.

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That.

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Trying to spell that out. I don't know the best answer to that other than it feels like it. It could be more broad than it is the the seven of us, seven of us on the list.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I I could see that being beneficial to get a little bit more perspective.

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If there were things that need to be voted upon that trying to affect the outcome of this work.

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And to be to be clear, with the group, people have been asking me and others here in the agency to add participants to this group.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I don't feel like statute gives us that authority, nor does it direct that. So I've been telling people, well, these are the participants per statute. However, I don't see that limiting the conversation in any way. Potentially in we had a solid waste Infrastructure Advisory committee in 2015. I think you might have been there, Aaron. I know Trevor was there back at the day. Mike and Kim were probably there at times. Some of the some people were here, this totally different topic, but I'm using it as my reference point for a very big stakeholder. We had meetings in rooms like this with double rows of chairs.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And we had a report that we had to create and.

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Often when there was an agreement on an issue, we would spell out the differences of opinion in the document and that is one way. If we can't reach consensus or or if you guys wanna have a discussion about how you want to what becomes a recommendation to the legislature on the three points that I outlined the beginning.

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We can discuss that.

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In general.

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The comments from external participation external stakeholders can easily be recorded as part of the report and unless the group disagrees or has strong feelings about that. But as you mentioned, there's a lot of people who have been interest here.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Harder part is when it comes recommendation. When it's a recommendation of the participants in statute, and that's where.

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Uh, I simply am reading the statute, interpreting it and saying these seven people get to.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Pine on that if you guys are OK with somebody's comments being recommendation and you want to adopt that, so be it. I mean, that's fine too.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Are we talking right now about the named participants and possibly expanding there? Are we talking about adopting like the actual decision? Good question. I kind of did a lot of things in that bucket. I mean all very relevant and worthwhile. But yeah, we should break them apart totally. So I think first on the named participants.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I haven't.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Said that, we have any authority to add people to it, and I think statues pretty clear about who's the participants are.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

You guys can talk amongst yourselves on that if you want to disagree, certainly.

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Or recommend anything.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Essentially, it is your group.

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Michael Casella

My only recommendation may be to add U VM as they've been studying this quite a bit and I don't know if.

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Michael Casella

The the rest of the group would feel that way as well.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think just generally I feel like we need more independent science and we could get more into who that is. But I do feel that this group, myself included, doesn't really represent the full breadth of the conversation. And there's gonna be gaps inevitably right now here.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think that comes in down to the bottom of your agenda with.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Inviting experts in to present. Maybe that's where the VM could be appropriate? Yep.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK. Yeah. And I or others, it sounds like.

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Michael Casella

So.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

The people here are open to other experts coming in and and other participants, whether they're named officially or not, I don't know.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

But there's a distinction in that those there's decision making power or not, right? So I think it is a distinct role I think.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Eager to take a lot of testimony or input, but yeah, I think the makeup of the decision making body probably matters. Ultimately, yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Agreed and.

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And I think, for instance, you know because of the nature of some of these things where we don't have established science and it's a question of sort of better understanding the fate, the transport, the toxicity of, you know, the potential risks.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Having it ecotax toxicologist or somebody who's removed from maybe some of the specifics of what we're talking about but understands pathways, understands transport.

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Potential risks. You know, I think that would be an important voice to add to the conversation.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

So others go ahead then.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Well, I I think I agree with that. I I want, I mean I heard you say that you know the statutes pretty clear about who should be represented in this and I'll leave it to us if if we disagree, but do we, I mean if we were to disagree, what would, what should we seek?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Outside counsel or like ledge counsels, opinion on that or traditionally Ledge Council works for the legislators, so they get to decide what they do.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

You know, we we have attorneys that can sometimes give a legal opinion on something. I think what it comes down to is if the group wanted to add a participant, it suddenly becomes OK, well, this person wants that this, this person wants to have that. And how big does it get? So that that's like logistics and it's also how does that steer any recommendations, right? How many you know? And so if there's disagreement on something and and people bring in more participants, just keep adding to it. That could be challenging. So.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

But I think what I'm hearing you saying, Thomas and like, sell it too is.

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Openness to and desire for.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Independent experts, subject matter experts to be available and and share with the group.

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Michael Casella

Yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Like you like you have something to say.

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Michael Casella

Yeah, I I I definitely agree with that. I don't think we need to put them on the committee. I was just saying that we should have some of that science brought in, but to weigh all the alternatives.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And I I agree with that and to to echo that, I also wanna make sure that we're clear on what this group is not asked to do because I I don't remember seeing anything in there about us saying, you know, the the, the, the issue with regard to plastics and pee. Foss, I don't remember seeing that in there at all.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

So while that's a super interesting topic and one that's very important to all of us at this table and everybody on this call, that's not our task.

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So I guess we'll.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

We'll actually put it to Josh to keep us on task because it could be, yeah, we could go down those rabbit holes very easily. Yeah, and.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah. Pick it off a lot of time and resources to do that. Yeah. Yeah, let's clarify that actually. Cause to me that those wouldn't be rabbit holes. You know, when we're talking about the, the, the sort of, you know, the path forward with some of these specific things that.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Think the conversation is contingent on those questions, ultimately.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah. So I I would think that we have to tackle those to answer the charge of the legislature.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah. And Billy, I think the in in the items, the three, three items that were tasked with, I think the third one is kind of where it's relevant in my mind and you and you recommendations on the proper use of deep packagers in the management of organic waste. I think that's where some of the end stream uses endpoint uses kind of comes into play. So I think it does maybe not so much the first couple. What I mean the the hierarchy and stuff like that, but that definitely that last one I think it is relevant.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And it may be something that informs. Yeah, and I don't disagree. Yeah, I just wanna make sure that we're clear on what we're doing and what we're not doing right.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, I think that the timeline of all this is a little tricky. Ideally, we would have the result of all the report and research that's being done before we are asked what you know 1/2 and three. And so we're gonna be struggling with that and the entire time no doubt.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

But I would agree, like we don't wanna be blind to these things that we know a little bit about and try to make decisions.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Accordingly, that's kind of what led us here to begin with. Yeah, is that process?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Not having all the information first.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And I don't know if it helps or hurts, but the part of the the study of the report that we need to submit in 2024 includes a bunch of summaries of the organics management system currently, but then also potential rule making changes. So hopefully we'll have the results of our study at that point in time. So we'll be hopefully driven by a lot of good data and information and have time to have those conversations. And then it goes through the public rulemaking process, which obviously anyone has any input in. So there's sort of two layers, right? We have this shortened version that this stakeholder group is participating in.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

But then there's also that second piece that we have to do that a lot of this will really will be hitting that pretty hard.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Just to know, I don't know if that was clear conditionally. No, it's a good point then to keep us. I guess you know, continuing our conversation and we've gotten through a lot of housekeeping stuff in the beginning.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I'm I'm hearing that no one has a problem with external stakeholders coming, especially experts coming and expressing their commentary and at didn't hear anybody say to me, you know, the group doesn't want any external people to be able to comment or add feedback into the conversation again, provided that we can have a a respectful dialogue and everybody the participants can talk, please jump in now say if you disagree with any of that.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And I think to some extent, as people on the committee.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Recommend someone to to speak as long as the to to bring into the meeting.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Really, it's up to you all to disagree. If that person doesn't fit well or or you know a but hearing from experts is good conversation as much as we can try and get down the road a little bit, I guess just you know, for the sake of being able to close all that, I think it would be really helpful to our deliberations and our ability to make sense of the things that we hear to have somebody on the inside of the conversation that can help interpret the science and help us apply the that what we do have in it.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Visitation of future things, but yet that we don't have.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Done. And so I I think to maybe to make a proposal, I would recommend that we we vote to add an additional seat for somebody who.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Be done can come in and provide that ego or human health toxicology standpoints that they that would help round out our conversation.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

You have anybody in mind? Just ask you first out. I I have a I mean, I think.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I don't have all the names right here. There are handful of folks that that have come forward is suggestions for those things.

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And.

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Specifically, I mean I think UVM does have some folks in that space. So Raju, whose last name I'm forgetting right now.

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And is.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

You know, involved in some of these things. So I think we could do a deeper probe. I do have a a fellow from Germany that has been really trying to to break these things apart that might be willing to.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, from your VM. Is that how you think, Dev?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

No, not devonair Deb. Deb is a she would be a great person for us to have in to speak on these things, but no, I think Roger is more involved in the the fate and transport of of toxins.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, and doing more work that's aligned with sort of what NRT trying to unpack in the, you know, these are the broader things.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

But but quantifying it is one thing, having helping create a framing of how we interpret things that in

advance of having the right data, I think that's part of our charge right now is how does the state set path forward in the absence of good data, you know which is challenging task.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I just quickly jump in and add its it's Raju father ready.

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This reply.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Me appreciate that. And he deals with people, but not necessarily in the organic waste stream, but he has a really good understanding of related data, testing, toxicology, that kind of factor. So thank you for that. Yeah. Yeah. Great. Yeah. We were actually through the IT was called compost, compost conversation. Thank you. Last last week. Yeah. Last reason one. Anyway, he he offered to.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Be on an advisory committee for while we're working on going forward, so we're already in touch and he's working with the our residuals section quite a bit. So we're definitely in touch with him.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

So Tom's put forth a a question and we haven't. This group hasn't decided how do you make decisions yet either, but feel free to start discussing on that on both Tom's question and I think we'll quickly get to how how do you want to make decisions. It's it would be fine with me. The table, the, the, the proposal or the question until we clarify decision making that's natural order of like did you I saw you come off mute so you have something to say.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK, alright.

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Michael Casella

No, no, I'm all good.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I always like. I'm so used to these virtual meetings when somebody's light box, when there's a sound and they light up as blue, it seems like they wanna talk. So it's just you and him because he's clicking his pen.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah. So I guess on you know that's it's a difficult conversation to have about how decisions will be made. It's not clear in statute.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Statute named 7 participants just to kind of frame the obvious out there for all of you.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Uh, you know there there, in, in writing the report or in making decisions like this, there will likely be disagreements of opinion in the agency will in the report writing. That's an easier way to sort of define what's where. People shook out on it. It's slightly easier.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

The decision about whether to bring somebody in this participant is sort of a hot or cold. You either go forward and do it or you don't, right? Otherwise they're left out of the conversation as time goes by, or they're left out of the decision making and this around the table, so to speak.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

So I mean, I don't know if the group feels like you need a consensus approach. If you wanna do it 2/3. I am not an expert in public meeting, you know, like a Community group dynamics or decision making processes. But.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And open floor for you guys to discuss.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

You wanna make those choices?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, it's unclear to me like you, if we even have the ability to do it, I I I'm in favor of having.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Uh, you know, I I hear what Tom saying that, you know, saying we, from my understanding, none of us on this list have that scientific representation would be good. I don't know who the person is, but that to have somebody, it seems like logical that if some of these questions that are coming up are going to be heavily affected. Yeah, we can just bring people in and get their opinion. But.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

It seems like time I'm skipping to the question rather than how we're going to make decisions so.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, that, that it's it's not prescribed.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I don't know. Maybe we can come to consensus on how we.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Come to decisions, but.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think it's not. Doesn't how you come.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think in the absence of guidance, it's kind of up to us to determine how we know.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Wanna see?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I mean, if it were consensus based, that's a big ask then that.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Then like your your example of in the report, consensus was reached on this and or the exception was this that that sounds helpful.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Versus like.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

8 Whatever the the voting. Yeah, right. Yeah. I think it's gonna be black and white if we're all realistic. I think we're all gonna have different opinions. And there's no way we're gonna get to the bottom of how to solve the problem.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

By November, right. Yeah. So I think I think there's value in and.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

What you were talking about, Josh, you know. OK, there's consensus here, but there's not consensus here, you know? And how do we?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think that that's probably the best path path forward for this group understanding we're all trying to make progress, but also understanding.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

It's not going to be completely done come November.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

On teams under Chairman Paul Go, go ahead. If you have something you wanna say.

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paul kervick (Guest)

Well, just to share I'm I'm not sure if anyone there is familiar, but there is a a a process called dynamic governance and it's based on consent which is different than consensus.

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paul kervick (Guest)

So as you're deliberating, the objective is to make clear and efficient decisions for the group.

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paul kervick (Guest)

And if you have a paramount objection to a proposal being made, you would outline that paramount projection of objection what we found, we started this about where the first nonprofit in the US on in eldercare living well, and it was tremendously efficient and has everyone has a voice. And at the end of the day and keep things moving in a very efficient manner and you get the paramount things out there and that allows you all creatively to address the paramount. Objection.

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paul kervick (Guest)

Umm. And it's just something to consider. There's a lot of material out there for it, and it's it's not that complex, but it might be something that would bridge the gap when you're instead of voting when there's winners and losers, it's it's just based on nature. It's it's a really awesome system. So I just wanted to throw that out there.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I mean, definitely sounds interesting. I'm just. I'm. I'm smiling because I'm trying to think how many things we learned in the matter of the time frame we have. But but absolutely it sounds interesting. It also sounds interesting. Instead of voting for your sort of.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

It sounds a little bit like people say what they're not for and that's and, but everything else can still move forward.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think one of the things that with so this conversation started about how do we make, how's the group make decisions, Tom, you put a proposal on the table. Others may have an opinion on that proposal or maybe they don't know yet or they may suggest their other stakeholders to add to you know to that and that may then sort of.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Make it that much more difficult to reach consensus on the issue.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Back to the question though, about how you want to make decisions. Agree with you, Kim, that it seems like statute is up to you. Or at least there's not a lot of clarity on.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, that's true. Explain maybe a little more directly what Paul's talking about. Sure, Thomson as opposed to consensus, basically not asking if everyone agrees, but asking.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

What are the objections? And if there's no paramount objections raised, then you can move forward. That doesn't necessarily imply that everyone agrees it will just mean that.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

If there's a paramount objection, we can move forward.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And it means that those that have.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Some of the actions that are not so of such paramount value to hinder the group from moving forward that they are willing to to not make those paranoid objections. But maybe it could be part of the agreement that objections are being included in the book report or something, or there's a recommendation that's not carried for whatever reason, that that could be made transparent. Umm, so it sounds, it actually doesn't sound that complex in practice. It kind of sounds like rather than saying all of you vote.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

On Tom's thing, and it's a it's a the notoriety carries where it only used carries. If it's consensus. Those are two options, right? Consensus or majority vote. The other option is.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Anybody have a paramount? Objection is a decision making framework and if there's any paramount objection that stops that from it it nullify. It's no, it's a no vote essentially. Right, right.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I don't have. Those are sort of three proposals I go have to find a paramount. Objection. I think that's up to you. You get to choose K so easy.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, to declare it in person, I think. I think Caroline knows more of an expert than me, but I think each of you would decide what that means to you and say I'm using that red card here, not I'm object I'm vetoing.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I don't know if you have experienced with this. I don't.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I'm not exactly this, although there are alternate forms of consensus that reflect similar strategies and so there are you can set consensus as the goal. You can establish a way for.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

To establish a supermajority if we can't reach consensus on something that needs to be done, and then at that point somebody can stand aside or move to block it. If it's, I guess, paramount. You know there's there are simple mechanisms for those things. It doesn't mean you can't capture it. You could say in the report we were unable to come to consensus on it here the two.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Major opinions on it or whatever.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I want to actually ask Jenna, I'm sorry to put you on the spot, but do you have any thoughts or opinions? I wanted to give you the microphone permit.

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Evans, Jenna

Thank you. I guess I my initial simplistic thought was we should obviously aim for consensus, but you

know, knowing that there's a lot of complexity in this topic, we might not be able to achieve that. I think the idea was interesting about the paramount objection. I don't have a strong opinion any either way.

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Evans, Jenna

So I guess I don't have any additional.

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Evans, Jenna

Way to structure it.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK.

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Evans, Jenna

That's about it.

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Evans, Jenna

Thank you.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Mike, and then I'll go to Paul. Mike, did you have something?

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Michael Casella

So, so, so, so. So just a quick question. So if I paramount really object to going with that process, what then happens?

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Evans, Jenna

Like if.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

This is like the genie gives you a wish and you ask for more genies. I love it.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I don't know the answer to that question, Mike. Yeah. But I think what we're kind of kicking around here is does the group have enough agreement to try one type of decision making process and you can always, I think you could change your minds and you could go for a consensus as the objective as Tom was sort of saying and somebody else said, a model where you put make a motion, it's in the chat where there was a chat message saying you make a motion and then then majority carries, that's another method. And then the other one is this paramount objection.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

A system of decision making which is, but you could actually try. You could use all three and the paramount objection is another option that people can use its veto option essentially.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Really up to you, Steve, or all may have a clarification. Yeah, Paul, go ahead.

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paul kervick (Guest)

Yeah, I'm just trying to clarify a little bit. I know it's it's new for for many of you, but paramount objective is it's it's it's if it's within your range of tolerance, OK to go forward that the the the task of the group and you have a kind of a deadline and you've got a lot of material to deal with. So having a paramount objection, it's it's a goal that you all are agreeing, consenting that we wanna address paramount objections. Can we find a way so that becomes less paramount so that person's.

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paul kervick (Guest)

Input can be done at you and consent it's within your range of tolerance. You don't have to agree, but you you're trying to be efficient in what you're covering and deal with a lot of information, so it's a little bit more subtle and I I could send whoever is interested a a short video or a paper on it if that would be helpful for the group, I'd be happy to do that.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Please, please do Paul if you could send that to, I don't know if you were on the web page, the stakeholder web page.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Well, I'll. I'll reach out to you.

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Evans, Jenna

For Polly.

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paul kervick (Guest)

Is there a chat here? I I could give you.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I'll put it in the chat.

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paul kervick (Guest)

I could give you my e-mail or something if there's a chat button here, I'll just put it in the in that for you if that's helpful.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

That works too.

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paul kervick (Guest)

OK.

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Evans, Jenna

Yeah. Clarifying questions. So is the differentiation like a paramount objection is supposed to sort of raise it to like a red flag level as opposed to I sort of disagree or I'm OK with it, even though I don't agree it's supposed to sort of escalate like this is a.

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Evans, Jenna

Like a deal breaker type of problem.

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paul kervick (Guest)

Well, well, it's it's paramount enough that you're all committed to making the best decisions you can make with all this information in a time frame that's gonna be efficient.

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paul kervick (Guest)

So if it's paramount, you as one of your participants in this committee, you wanna honor that and say, OK, how can we address this paramount? Objection. OK. And and it it gets more creativity coming in and allows you to move forward to the end of the day. Everyone feels good because you've consented, even though you might not totally agree. Let's see where it goes. If we have to make another decision down the road, we can do that.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think I understand it enough, but not, but I think it still doesn't stop. If somebody is really disagreeing it, that's where it ends. If they won't move, I think what Paul's getting at is that people try and enter the group with a.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Intent to follow what the what the group is carved out to be and trying to come come together on issues when someone raised the paramount objection that you are there to try and work through it and see if there's any.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Uh.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

When you collaborate and you and you move your own position to to come to agreement, I can't remember the words. It's a C word. I can't think of it.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

It's not consent itself. When you, when you negotiate around something and you you give it give and take, you know, you compromise. Thank you. There's a compromise there. It sounds like some of that.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

So that like voting on a scale?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

So like.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I object to this, but only a one or I'm in favor of this, but I'm All in all five of my.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Whatever are in it. Is it something like that? Does that make sense to put that question to pause that or Caroline, because I really don't know that answer.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Well.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Well, how we do it at moving on to be we are organizing our full organization in in this model.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And how we do it is everybody gets a voice on each topic that we have decision making power on that we need to make a decision on.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And if we hear a concern.

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paul kervick (Guest)

Umm.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

We discussed that and then once we find and usually it's like a gut feeling, our now we've come to a solution we ask is there still something that's an objection? And if there's not an attraction race for the new law. And so there hasn't been an official vote with the count or anything. It's just there has been an underlying agreement to move on because no one further is concerned.

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paul kervick (Guest)

Hmm.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

That that, that's clear. And if the person really raises a concern, does it then the the, the discussion would roll up again and then then?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I'm just thinking about logistics. We have two months.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

To get through a lot and I can see some paramount objections coming up and spending.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Two meetings worth addressing a pyramid. Objection. I think it's a worthy discussion if we raise our hand and say I have concerns about XY and Z and we have the the discussion. But at some point you need to call it. We have two months.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah. And a lot of information to learn.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Understand, and whether a report on what Caroline is saying, I think what framing it and this maybe go to Paul next, framing it in this way is sort of just changing the dynamics of the group activity you allow the person to get an explanation and get their their concerns out on the table and then talk through it as a group and then try and try and move on. And I'm pretty sure there will be some things this group can't just all agree on and that may maybe be called.

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paul kervick (Guest)

Yeah, that, that's that's really good. What you just said and you know you you can part of this is you decide we need more information. So this decision we put off you know until we get more information but at it keeps you all focused on creating the same result of a really great report in the two-month period and it includes and it gets clear what the major issues might be and you can postpone that decision to the next meeting you could say we need more information.

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paul kervick (Guest)

It is a lot of opportunity you have, but it's it becomes a very.

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paul kervick (Guest)

Efficient decision making system, where everyone's voice is included and you get the big issues out on the table and if you need more information you bring it in. But I just I've seen it work for almost 18 years and it's phenomenal in any organization but and something like this where you've got that deadline, I was just thinking if that helps cause we're never over all gonna agree on everything. You know with all the stakeholders and voting there's winners and losers and in consent decision making you eliminate that.

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paul kervick (Guest)

That's what we've experienced over many, many years.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Steve, please. Yeah, I guess I would.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

In my mind, there's kind of.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Two concerns one aligns with errands. Just the time two months is not long. I don't know how much freedom everyone has in their schedule for these meetings, but we're gonna need a lot of meetings depending on how we organize this. So I hope everyone's aware of that.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

There will be a fully expect to spectrum of opinions and I don't know that.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

In those two months, UM, we are going to be able to produce said report and recommendations and come to consensus on these. I think that's admittedly a pretty big ask, so I think.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

We should keep that in mind. And then the last one is.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

If we capture those objections and their report.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

How do people feel about that? And you know.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Going out with her for saying that there is those objections that just exist.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Something to think about and I have no idea which way to look so.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think that's a good point. Maybe that's something we wanna figure out right up front is how many meetings do we plan on having? I'm, I'm thinking of that and time and also thinking of this as an important discussion. So it's like I'm weighing those with your group dynamics. Let me just get back and make a proposal, Tom to try and try and see if we can get closer to our decision making. This group's decision making framework, would it, would it seem appropriate to start out with a paramount objection type framework where people really voice their concerns up front, the Caroline model and thinks, Caroline, for giving anything.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Example.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

If they have an objection to a proposal in Tom's, put one out as a way to decide, but then ultimately kind of gets to Erin with the time frame. There may be a majority vote necessary and which drive for consensus, and I feel like just today there's a good a good will to come to the table with this group is that is that and I I we want to put that in writing somehow. But is that a a good floor for?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

The starting point for him that's gone and some other stakeholder groups that we've been, yeah, both on the same process. Yeah, raise the concern, but also acknowledging the reservations that we have within the report. Yeah. And actually the Stevens Point, I think that's the easy part is to the report to recognize the differences of opinion. It's actually an easy way to go. Having the decision in front of you about a participant is a now or never type decision now.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, and that would require you to actually, at this moment almost try out the paramount objection model and then work towards consensus and if not consensus then.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Umm, majority.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Tom, do you have thoughts on that? I'm thrilled getting on the table. I think you're hybridization may be sort of a functional blend of these things. And also so we keep moving.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Done, which is basically what I was going to suggest and that essentially you use that that I I guess we'll use the language that paramount concerned.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Framework and then.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Somebody can raise call a vote if it's seeming like it you're having.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Our time with me head if it needs to be moved ahead on.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And and maybe in the meantime, before the next meeting, since Caroline and Paul have some experience with this, they could submit, you know, just further resources on how decision making under time pressures can work. I fully expect that you can be changing it as you go. Yeah, there's a storming, norming, performing aspect. Any group. And we're in the storm phase right now, so.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

So, are there any paramount objections to the idea of using the paramount objection?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

With, with, with the ability to call for, I'm gonna say a super majority vote so that we don't have just a 51% vote.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, as a as a mechanism for moving ahead when decisions need to be made.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

What is a supermajority? Just so everybody's clear on that.

1:3:11.710 --> 1:3:19.480

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Well, I think you it's 2/3 under most sort of, but you could we could set the percentage at whatever we want it to be ultimately.

1:3:21.450 --> 1:3:29.150

ANR - Catamount NL D215

5243, yeah. So I mean, so at least five people or or whatever that would be on a percentage basis.

1:3:30.0 --> 1:3:32.20

ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think we should be shooting for, you know, over.

1:3:33.200 --> 1:3:37.470

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Over 70%. Ideally you know we get get as close to consensus as we can.

1:3:42.180 --> 1:3:45.990

ANR - Catamount NL D215

I've been having works for me right? Try it out, yeah.

1:3:47.160 --> 1:3:47.590

ANR - Catamount NL D215

So.

1:3:48.570 --> 1:3:54.790

ANR - Catamount NL D215

I don't think Robert's rules apply this. Are you saying 52 Tom or two? Five, which as a supermajority?

1:3:55.570 --> 1:4:6.230

ANR - Catamount NL D215

I'm gonna do math. If you're going to put me on this. Well, no. I actually just logged in and it's to be functional. Yeah. The reason I ask is so it's really clear to everybody what they're saying. Yeah. And then they know. OK, that's the number.

1:4:9.810 --> 1:4:17.30

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, I can do my. I say at least A at least a five person vote. But if we add people, then I think with the threshold that that would create is about 70%.

1:4:19.260 --> 1:4:23.990

ANR - Catamount NL D215

That will call 70%. That would be my proposal, which in this case would be 5, two with seven people.

1:4:28.470 --> 1:4:29.760

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Any paramount objections?

1:4:32.640 --> 1:4:33.90

ANR - Catamount NL D215

I know.

1:4:35.240 --> 1:4:36.440

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Alright, so I think.

1:4:38.470 --> 1:4:38.930

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Good timing.

1:4:41.410 --> 1:4:49.360

ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think that carries unless anybody object and Mike or Jenna any any, you just shake your heads or nod heads if you're whatever. All good, OK.

1:4:51.140 --> 1:4:53.650

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Which one did you say? Sheep. No, thumbs up.

1:4:55.350 --> 1:5:14.70

ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK, great. So if we have a process now, we have a process just to reiterate sort of and I guess it's not exactly in the same sort of proposal format, but generally I think that we should consider even if today we we don't have names to apply to these things just sort of carving out some space for third party.

1:5:14.670 --> 1:5:23.660

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Umm, you know, folks that don't have a a a business stake in this but have some relevant scientific knowledge and experience to offer us.

1:5:25.230 --> 1:5:31.10

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah. And I guess specifically I was asking for at least one seat for a toxicologist.

1:5:32.660 --> 1:5:36.350

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Or somebody doing work in the in the toxicology space.

1:5:40.430 --> 1:5:43.200

ANR - Catamount NL D215

But I guess in my perspective, I.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think that's a very important role, I think with kind of the openness of this group's adopted for participation I.

1:5:53.130 --> 1:5:59.910

ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think I would lean away from changing the original 7. No, I think the odd numbers good.

1:6:0.630 --> 1:6:11.30

ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think it's in the legislative charge, which we don't get into that space if kind of 1 expert for this camp, one expert for that camp and then I also think.

1:6:12.370 --> 1:6:18.460

ANR - Catamount NL D215

There's an argument that can be made if the science isn't part of the decision making, does that.

1:6:20.230 --> 1:6:27.470

ANR - Catamount NL D215

If kind of a more objective floor per say, I think you can, as you said, if you have something that science.

1:6:28.170 --> 1:6:39.660

ANR - Catamount NL D215

In the decision making and doing, the decision making thing that has potential benefits, I also think if someone can come before this group, provide us with the science.

1:6:40.580 --> 1:6:41.910

ANR - Catamount NL D215

And we take that all in.

1:6:42.720 --> 1:6:52.290

ANR - Catamount NL D215

I don't know that that loses value without them as a participant, so that's those are kind of the factors in my mind and odd number especially with the majority pieces.

1:6:53.240 --> 1:6:56.50

ANR - Catamount NL D215

One and the way you save charges too so.

1:6:57.170 --> 1:6:57.610

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Don't.

1:7:1.390 --> 1:7:6.770

ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think there's value in hearing from someone and being able to go back to to that person.

1:7:7.500 --> 1:7:12.960

ANR - Catamount NL D215

You know, Tech continued the dialogue, but I I like your Steve, right? Yep. Terrible things.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I like your points. I think you know the legislature is charged us.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

With.

1:7:20.280 --> 1:7:22.70

ANR - Catamount NL D215

You know this setup and.

1:7:22.780 --> 1:7:26.140

ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think there's value and and also continuing the conversation with somebody.

1:7:29.140 --> 1:7:29.990

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Mike, did you have something?

1:7:31.380 --> 1:7:58.910

Michael Casella

Yeah, I kind of wanted to say the same thing. I I think adding people, I mean with the way we're trying to get through this, we've got a clear directive with the legislature and I think it's about shaping organics, you know, recycling in the state of Vermont. So I think we should bring those resources in, but I think we should hear from all the research we can, but keeping it to just this group makes the most sense for me. And then giving clear direction to the legislature too so that we're.

1:7:59.290 --> 1:8:3.0

Michael Casella

Kind of on the same page as to how we wanna move this whole industry forward.

1:8:8.890 --> 1:8:20.60

ANR - Catamount NL D215

And to just add on that. So in addition, we could not only bring in an ecotax person, we could also bring in a human health tax person too and get that perspective. So whereas if we just added one talks person.

1:8:20.690 --> 1:8:23.220

ANR - Catamount NL D215

It would also be considering that another talks first so.

1:8:25.270 --> 1:8:25.760

ANR - Catamount NL D215

That's fine.

1:8:27.370 --> 1:8:28.480

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, let's bring in experts.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Different quickly.

1:8:33.130 --> 1:8:40.650

ANR - Catamount NL D215

But you're saying not not as a participant, as a participant, just to to provide with their. Yeah. Sorry, but to provide us with their perspective, their.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Resources, their research, their data.

1:8:46.460 --> 1:8:49.610

ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK. Kim. Dan. Jenna. Anybody wanna comment or tell me?

1:8:53.520 --> 1:9:14.80

ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think I'm satisfied in in the discussion that well in the decision making that we just approved or not blocked as well as the discussion thus far on the what the report body might look like in terms of recording differences of opinion and objections or.

1:9:15.240 --> 1:9:27.430

ANR - Catamount NL D215

That I I'd be OK just moving forward as is and then bringing in as much outside supporting voice as any one of us feels is important to learn more about.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Different aspects of what it is that we're trying to.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Make decisions about her. Give direction on.

1:9:39.620 --> 1:9:57.290

ANR - Catamount NL D215

I just wanna be careful that we're not counting Casella twice. Cause. Yeah, thank you. I I just had the same realization. Stick with Mike. I'll stick with Mike. Mike, he went. You're you're the nominated

person, Brickell. So thanks Kim for recognizing that I get a little distracted by who's in the room. Jenna. Anything you wanted to add, and then I'll go to Tom.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK.

1:10:0.640 --> 1:10:1.340

Evans, Jenna

No, I'm good.

1:10:4.780 --> 1:10:26.50

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Tom, I turn it to you only just to come back to you. I'm not gonna. I'm not gonna I. I mean, I hear the will of the group say to move forward without adding seats. I'm not gonna block that. I just. I guess I would just register the concern that we do have. And I don't mean this in any antagonistic way. But we do have a lot of vested interests at the table more than more than 50% of participants are invested in dpac.

1:10:26.700 --> 1:10:35.560

ANR - Catamount NL D215

To some extent. So I think the point for me was trying to bring in more independent voices. I'm so just having registered that I we can move a whole.

1:10:36.660 --> 1:10:37.580

ANR - Catamount NL D215

You capture that being.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK.

1:10:46.520 --> 1:11:4.590

ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think go ahead. I was just gonna say sort of raises sort of two questions for me as facilitator and kind of getting things rolling here. It sounds like the the group is kind of OK with having the meetings be invite people in present on their stake and then you kind of crunch that and then have your discussion.

1:11:5.820 --> 1:11:34.610

ANR - Catamount NL D215

So it seems like we're at the top of fine line between the amount of time we dedicate to having people come in and talk versus how much time you all have, because we're aware that your time is precious as well and we don't wanna waste it or spend too much of it. So finding that balance is something I'm concerned about. And then also we focused on toxicologists as well. But there are other entities that may have stakes in this as well. Yeah. Haulers, for example, are not really represented here. So this is kind of other ones. So if you all don't know if anyone has any suggestions.

1:11:34.720 --> 1:11:53.410

ANR - Catamount NL D215

But if you can get the if we can sort of. If the group can come up with a A, the people you wanna speak with first and get that to me and I can sort of facilitate getting some people in the room for that, for that stuff. Or if you have specific people in mind, that would be really helpful. And I can just get right on it. That's a good question. That's a good springboard. And I think we have about 10 minutes left.

1:11:54.550 --> 1:12:9.680

ANR - Catamount NL D215

We you know, there's a lot of open questions for the group. We can make these meetings longer. Thank you all for even being here today. And and just in advance. Like, that's a lot to ask. And the legislature has asked for this stakeholders and we through the secretary picked you and.

1:12:10.980 --> 1:12:23.640

ANR - Catamount NL D215

It's no small task, so we have about 10 minutes left to decide next steps for the next meeting. Also, like if we're going to meet more regularly, all of those things are on the table. You can also take it as it goes. We can have the next meeting.

1:12:24.820 --> 1:12:34.510

ANR - Catamount NL D215

This one was we we essentially just tried to make sure it worked for all of the participants and then it did. And then we can then. Thank you, Mia, for finding extra dates. We we knew the summer was gonna be challenging.

1:12:36.470 --> 1:13:6.40

ANR - Catamount NL D215

So I guess two things are kind of helped by then to put on the table. What do you want in the next meeting? Do you wanna experts there and two when you know like how soon what can we do you know and how frequent all those things? Well let's start with maybe the topical what you want to come, you kind of also proposed a Tom in a way of bringing some other people to the meeting. But I guess just so you know one thing is I think we we all know that the timeline is short, we're not going to be able to gather.

1:13:6.700 --> 1:13:14.870

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Enough information one way or the other done within that short timeline, and we also are all familiar with this these issues and know that.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

That a lot of those experts are going to also tell us that they don't have complete data sets. So I think to, you know, help facilitate the process going forward. One of the things that would be really useful to the group.

1:13:28.190 --> 1:13:42.0

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Is to adopt at the beginning, just like we adopted it. Decision making process adopt like a framework for

approaching the topic, because we're gonna, we're gonna get handed, we're gonna, we're gonna have to submit it. Public report here and put our names on it and.

1:13:42.440 --> 1:13:51.390

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Umm. And getting to a place where we can have cohesion, I think would be benefited by establishing a framework to to approach that on.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And so I think.

1:13:54.350 --> 1:14:11.100

ANR - Catamount NL D215

In recognition of that, one of the things that I would love for this board at the beginning here to really establish is what that framework looks like. And I think we can as if there are some simple things out there that we can look to to help us with that. And I think one of the things that is.

1:14:12.530 --> 1:14:17.270

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Because of the glaring lack of data we need, we need a framework for how we approach.

1:14:17.960 --> 1:14:18.270

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah.

1:14:19.670 --> 1:14:23.140

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Issues where there are potential risks, but not.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Not established risks.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And so the precautionary principle gives a really, really clear framework, very simple framework to help us basically say, you know.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

When we don't have enough information.

1:14:38.790 --> 1:14:47.910

ANR - Catamount NL D215

How do we move forward? Yeah, without creating harm. And so that would be one of the things that I think would be helpful container for this group.

1:14:48.560 --> 1:15:7.620

ANR - Catamount NL D215

So that we don't get hung up on moments where we don't have adequate data and where we can say, OK, there's incomplete data, what do we do? Well, at the very least, we sort of defer to a do no harm principle. Yeah. So I I wanted to bring that up today because I think that that could be a very useful process or part of our process going.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Not three actions you guys can grab the microphone at any time.

1:15:22.460 --> 1:15:22.910

Evans, Jenna

I guess.

1:15:22.890 --> 1:15:24.120

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Let me go to Jennifer's there.

1:15:24.740 --> 1:15:26.200

Evans, Jenna

I'm sorry. Did you say me?

1:15:26.20 --> 1:15:27.720

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Go ahead. Yeah, go ahead, Jenna.

1:15:28.750 --> 1:15:48.290

Evans, Jenna

I like totally understand the precautionary principle. I guess I'm just a bit hesitant, like in environmental health like there are so many things that can hurt us out there. There's things in our daily lives that can hurt us breathing the air, you know, the water bottles were drinking like this. Precautionary principle can be applied very broadly so.

1:15:50.490 --> 1:16:1.130

Evans, Jenna

I'm a little bit hesitant to say like you know, the group agrees to that if we think it might harm somebody at some point in the future, we're not gonna do it because I feel like.

1:16:2.110 --> 1:16:5.780

Evans, Jenna

When it comes to environmental health, it could be almost anything.

1:16:6.530 --> 1:16:7.120

Evans, Jenna

You know.

1:16:7.830 --> 1:16:10.500

Evans, Jenna

I don't know. Does anybody else think that or?

1:16:12.770 --> 1:16:21.930

Michael Casella

Yeah, I'm. I'm kind of in the same camp, John. I mean, I I think in talking with some of the scientists, cause we've been researching this for probably 40 years, right?

1:16:23.130 --> 1:16:49.280

Michael Casella

The precautionary principle, how they understand it, I think even having a definition cause I'm not an expert on on that either would be helpful for the group, but I I I think that would look at a lot more things like is plastic being used on farms at all like there there's a lot of other things that that has domino effects too that I think we gotta be cautious about. So I don't know if you know I think we gotta get some of that research and some of that.

1:16:50.490 --> 1:16:58.60

Michael Casella

That study and then really move whatever decision we're gonna make is what are the risks and what are the harms and not just say.

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Michael Casella

Cut and dry. I mean the the rubber on the roads, right? I mean, are we gonna take tires off every vehicle in the state? Is that something that we would look at as well, right.

1:17:11.140 --> 1:17:28.430

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Thanks, Mike. I don't, I don't want to squelch discussion on this, but I also want to like look at time and people's plans for their day and schedule. So we have 5 minutes in Carolina, didn't notice you had your hand up, but given the time frame more than likely this discussion might continue into next meeting, which is I think OK for the group.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Do you want to talk about the agenda for the next meeting? This might be an agenda item telling that can be brought to that. Does anybody want? I mean, certainly this is an open public meeting. You can tell us to send it to the expert at the VM to be in the the, the crowd sort of speak in the background. They could be here in person if they'd like. And then there's like Carolyn raised Caroline, raised her hand today and shared information and.

1:17:53.610 --> 1:18:3.840

ANR - Catamount NL D215

John Paul, thank you did as well they could. They could chime in like I think you can invite people to the meetings on trying to say experts so that you make the most use of time.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I guess I wanted to use the balance of the time to talk about agenda for the next meeting. What you want to get out of that. One of the things could be this tough given that.

1:18:14.180 --> 1:18:25.920

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Like run out of time? Sure, if we I think it would on this framework, the framework topic Tomas work and I'd be happy to say share around in the meantime a definition and sort of.

1:18:27.120 --> 1:18:32.610

ANR - Catamount NL D215

A reference point cause the the point is not paralysis. Actually the point is moving ahead and moving ahead with.

1:18:33.800 --> 1:18:46.190

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Without creating collateral damage unintentionally, so I'm kind of I'm parking lot in your thought and putting it for next meeting only for group functionality and looking at your charge, you know the three things we outlined the beginning.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

What do you want to do in the next meeting?

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Evans, Jenna

I I.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I don't know who the representative from the VM is is for some of my work with Dan. I've seen some names, but I mean, I would certainly be in favor of if there's a local expert, you could be at the next meeting.

1:19:4.10 --> 1:19:27.960

ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK, that may be a good starting point. I have no idea who that person is, but I've heard some names around, so that seems like a good starting place. I would like to hear from that individual at the next meeting if possible, or individuals. I think it would be helpful for us to clarify like the full scope of what we're unpacking here before we start engaging in the weeds. I think bringing people in suddenly gets us into the specifics and.

1:19:28.670 --> 1:19:40.550

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Maybe at the end we can have space for somebody, but I think we should really outline like, what are the things that this could in order to hit these, you know, three points, how are we gonna do that and therefore who are the people we need to bring in?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

You had some heads nodding comma. I wanna go to Jenna.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

But.

1:19:46.670 --> 1:20:18.300

Evans, Jenna

Yeah, I think I'm just echoing, I think that was Tom, what he was saying that I personally have not read the the legislator legislative document. So I don't have a super thorough understanding of what is exactly in the law and what is exactly the problem and who the players are. So like an A broad overview of the whole spectrum of the issue would be super helpful or if they're maybe the website has the background documents so that I can do some homework before the next meeting of like.

1:20:18.380 --> 1:20:19.420

Evans, Jenna

To get up to speed.

1:20:19.820 --> 1:20:29.800

Evans, Jenna

Umm, because I'm coming in from, you know, a company, a food production company standpoint. I'm not super involved in the organics law, so.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Thanks for that, general. Mike, did you have something you gonna say?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Or.

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Michael Casella

Yeah, I was just gonna. I kind of agree with Tom trying to get all the topics of discussion and having a methought full discussion on that to say, hey, here are the real hot topic. I films and then we go from there and kind of frame that out from the legislative mandate.

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Michael Casella

And then we can discuss each one at like in an agenda format at a meeting.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

All right, so I so I'll just reflect back what I'm hearing is we to talk at the next meeting about your charge and to talk about basically what you do with that charge and how you format your approach to it.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

They get that somewhat right tone and and therefore who we might wanna, you know, the the types of at least expert opinion we might wanna see.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, I agree that defining like we could spend potentially a whole meeting breaking out the three things that we're focusing on and and and hope maybe some, I don't know if and R has the capacity to or the desire to try to identify like what are the hot topics in 1/2 and three that might be might might help us you know save 20 minutes of listing when we get to that in the next meeting.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

But but it it would take a while to just identify all the things and but without going into any real content on. Yeah, what those things are or or actual debate or but but agreed that bringing in expertise maybe we're that's a jump in the gun if we're trying to do that right off.

1:22:7.730 --> 1:22:27.840

ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think we can be conversant in, as Jenna mentioned, not being conversant in the organics law and all of its nuances and are is pretty conversant there and can share with you all one and two are pretty clear. They're gonna discuss the organics management hierarchy and how that is used essentially in law. And Caroline, you know you know about this.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Amazon, before people here have testified on it before, the next one is source separation, which again is in the law we talked about and specifically the policy that the NRA's policy document and our put out. And then the last one just get back to sort of what Billy was representing is a little bit more.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Rod and that's where it toxicology, environmental talks, health talks could be part of that discussion anyway. So I think we can get into that because it's about recommendations of the used packagers.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

All are going to have a lot of opinions on it.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK. So we're just about the hour. Any other comments before? I don't wanna talk over anybody. Go ahead. So are there is there a consensus or majority consensus I guess on at least one or two people we could schedule?

1:23:18.610 --> 1:23:20.270

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Our next meeting just so that.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

It or sticking? Yeah, we're we're invite so that we're.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

For making sure that we're clear on, you know what, what our charge is, but also we can jump right in and start hearing from people.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Given that the time is showing.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Instead of clarifying question, is the intent for this group to meet monthly or are you setting?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

The meeting agenda now, I mean cause I think that also will impact some of the things that are being raised down the timing. Yeah, good point. I would like to sit it now if we can.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Injector.

1:23:58.530 --> 1:24:0.870

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Are we allowed to go over a minute from now whenever that?

1:24:0.940 --> 1:24:11.730

ANR - Catamount NL D215

Have I? Yes. Yes, it's not like a a legislative committee where they have to go into the next thing and they often run over as well. Yeah. So yeah, we can go. I mean, unless anybody has a hard stop.

1:24:12.910 --> 1:24:16.620

ANR - Catamount NL D215

But we can look at calendars if you'd like and start that process.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, I I mean that that can go bad quickly as well. Like we're all trying to figure out individual dates. But if we could just at least try to collectively decide how many of these meetings we think we want to fit in, in two to three months and how often I mean. And I just want clarification, if you're talking about bringing experts in for the next meeting or the meeting after that like I was, I think what Aaron Summit

is the next this coming meeting and what Tom saying is we have to the group has to discuss what you're gonna do before you have.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Before you jump over that and have an expert testify. So I think you're trying to see if you can have the sweet spot of both, if it's possible in the next meeting. I don't know well, but to clear, but I think Natasha's point end also, I'm sorry I'm forgetting you're in here and I'm just gonna get it right. Actually, I think Aaron's point, too, is, like clarifying how many meetings will help us determine how urgent, say, getting testimony next meeting is so OK, let's maybe tackling that kind of.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

2nd that piece and then coming to the question of next meeting specifically.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I mean.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, November is very ambitious.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

That was, by the way, that was just coming right against the agency. Threw that out. You can decide we're not gonna get it until December.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Poor. But you need to create the. You probably have a certain minimum of time you need to put it up for public comment now.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

There is no public comment. It doesn't specify it would be up to you guys to say what you wanna do.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think in January to set fixed thing, January's are fixed thing.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Hello. Christmas. That's right. That's right.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

It's like the availability is hard enough as it is, and then during the holidays, so to have a draft that everyone can comment on because yeah, I think I could probably get there, but everyone's gonna have some new tweaks to make. So the November date is tentative. It was just something we threw out there. So people can change that, that draft agenda stuff as as you see fit. It's your stakeholder group. So we're open to, Are you ready to meet in September again, I assume so. Let me just put that out there.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

It's basically September 8. Two. Yeah. Gonna need to. So the question is almost like, can you meet every two weeks? That too much? Is it once a month? I'm just putting fodder out to get discussion. Some of this will depend on how.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

How much work we collectively put in between the meetings, you know? So I think if we, if we did set up active correspondence and could actually not show up to the meetings and and start the conversation from the beginning, but at least be able to share ideas, not try to arrive at any decision making between meetings, so that, you know, for instance, like, it's not an entire, we're not going through what the precautionary principle is next meeting, but we're just determining whether we feel like that's useful. You know, we can use the time between now and then to get the clarification part.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

So push that draft out till the end of November. We have three months. So if my mind it's either three meetings or six meetings, it's coming down.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

More than six is not tenable.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

For me.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Ohh.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I would recommend shooting for six, like trying to schedule 6 and knowing that we're gonna fail weekly at that and being OK with somewhere in between 3:00 and 6:00 and know that probably not every person would be able to make every meeting and.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Uh, but having more?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Aiming six, I think would be smart given the breadth of what we're trying to talk about.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

From scratch. Kind of on some of it. So.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I can just add quickly I not that I'm a member of that, but if you're hope is to get a variety of experts in having more than one date that you're trying to invite them to increases the likelihood of their availability.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Knowing how all of our schedules are and the experts schedules and that they're volunteers and that they're volunteering their time, they're not necessarily gonna be like, sure, I can make that exact time, but does not take you with this. Yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Should be. So just in terms of thinking through that, one of the goals is to hear from a variety of people having more options available to them will increase that likelihood in terms of scheduling the next meeting we can do doodle polls for you and all that stuff. So we don't have to pull out calendars unless you want to.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And then yeah, we could even try for six and see how it looks.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

One you would like other question I might raise is I think I prefer the in person format, but I also know that the digital format can be easier. So is there thoughts in the group is to continuing on with in person with hybrid or fusion? Yeah, people think the hybrid allows us the most flexibility if you can make it in here make it in here. There's too much construction.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

If you go the wrong town.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Can you talk?

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Evans, Jenna

From from being on the line, I can hear everybody really well, so it's not there's no issue from my perspective on a hybrid keeping it hybrid.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I agree with Tom suggestion to you know, keep the conversation going in between means. But how do we do that so that we also adhere to the public meeting? We'll right because we have in this draft, it actually discourages you from doing that based on some of the text that Ben got out of the public meeting rules. I think there's room for you to share information amongst each other like Paul, the the gentleman Paul who chimed in about this process decision making would be really helpful to read up on. So it's the reading up on, it's not making decisions over e-mail.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Or having public dialogue type.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Stuff that's going to be hammering out stuff. It needs to happen. And there's Josh. It's mostly mostly decision making shouldn't be done by them. Yeah, right. It does happen. It needs to get shared publicly on the website if you're just if the group wants to suggest, like, hey, we should probably have invite somebody from this realm of the world that has this expertise, I think that's probably fine. And that's probably encouraged and necessary to do offline.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Outside of these meetings, just to keep things rolling. So I think that's that might be a good place to good line to draw no decisions, but certainly keep the conversation rolling if it's appropriate.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

The group e-mail.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Is OK for that. Just for making suggestions on who to bring in or links to some resources that we don't necessarily have expertise in right now, we're trying to. If we're trying to, yeah, that's fine. That all plays into it and then yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

So. So with kind of.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Moving things forward to try to get it cohesion around next meeting and setting an agenda, I just sat out, sat down. Dan suggested 6 meetings. You know what? If we took next meeting to be a planning meeting and really hashed out what the next five meetings are gonna really look like, who we need to have in here, what are the big gaps in information.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Sure, concerns a little bit more time to tackle some of the stuff Jenna and talked about. Just so everybody's framing this completely.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And then we take the next three to, you know, spend at least half of our time or more gathering input.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And then have two meanings at the end to process that together and contribute to the report.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And then would probably will end up needing to somehow convene in.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Once the report is out and you know that in some capacity.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

End up getting.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

It does.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

You make these meetings 2 hours.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I would think so.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

That.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

All right, so we have a 2 hour meeting. Any other? Any other comment on the agenda that Tom sort of laid out? I think we have a rough sketch Dome of that, like really a planning meeting.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

There are people here who have other expertise that are out in the room, but in the room virtually and physically, that are still welcome to come and we'll be welcome to come for the process and also others may join like VM professors may be on at some point. I don't see any problem with that. It may be though that your time like today runs out and they don't get a chance to be a subject matter expert. And so the next thing that they if they voluntarily come.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah. So I think go ahead, Carol. I wanna make a suggestion earlier, just about framing the conversation when looking at the three questions to explore and the discussions.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I thought it might also be helpful to review the 2019 eighty AR policy. Yep, and how that would potentially folds into those questions of, and maybe when testimonies taking to include time for discussion and.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Recap on the charge questions as well. Yep. So I think 2, right.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

That is item 2 actually of charge of the committee and it's on the website. So on that Web page is the policy document. I printed a few out, didn't have a few copies because yeah, we can make more copies for you if you'd like.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Dan, sorry. Yeah, terms of documents and like if we're we've talked about sharing things via e-mail and trying to move things along via e-mail as long as there's no decision making involved, does that an e-mail of 10 people or is that an e-mail of 30 people plus whoever shows up as subsequent meetings? How do those people get access to the information? Is it only through the website? We have an e-mail list right now that's not on the website, which is you got you all your emails and then a set of other stakeholders.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

It's it's an Excel server spreadsheet. It's public information. We can share that if anybody wants. We just add people to the spreadsheet as we hear somebody says I wanna be in that meeting.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Umm. And based out of the university recycling stakeholder group that we had, no, we took all those from the universal Recycling Stakeholder group and just plunked him in to be sure that we weren't missing anybody. Yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Initially.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

But you're not going to flood them with individuals, but I can't imagine you all want to have. I don't know. It's up to you, though, if you wanna. No, I think the my vision was and tell me if you disagree with my vision was always to have any of the documents that are used by this group to to review or to make decisions posted on the website. And then the only time we would reach out to the other interested party group is just to let them know when the meetings are or to invite them to a meeting. If it's if it's somebody that's not already on the e-mail list but everything's gonna be publicly facing already. It's just gonna be posted like the minutes from this meeting once they're approved will be posted there and the draft agenda.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Likewise, so any any of the documents that you generate or that you request to see, like Tom Research earlier, anything that's valid and wants to you want to dig up for use here. I think we'll just post there just say it's all, it's all there. Here's the link.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

But for the my thought about the the doing work between meetings a little bit, it was would be that it be simply the stakeholder, so it's discrete. Simple not creating a lot of discussion.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Great.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK. So do we wanna set actually set an agenda like in name those items for next meeting? Or do we wanna do some of that by e-mail? But I heard that Jenna's, I mean, wants to talk through the charges that are in the statute to just go through them. And I think, Tom, that's a good springboard for your broader framework.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Approach the group might take and so.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

That's the first. I don't know, that's that would be the first item which may take a good chunk of the meeting.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

At the bio means. What else do you have? Well and then like if we're going to have three meetings, then of information gathering, we might want to start mapping out sort of like fundamentally really what are they, what are, what are the questions, the sub questions we need to answer to answer those three questions. Yeah. Who do we need to hear? And really I'm in my mind we're sort of gonna create a blueprint that next meeting so it could be one.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Overarching.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Topic that takes up, you know, good chunk of our time.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Think we're happy to put together a draft or if you wanna put together a draft and send it to us, then we could send it out to the group or or you could just send it out to the group. We could start that and then once the draft is reasonable, we can post it on the website then is that that seems like we could do it that way. No, that's fine.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Anything else in my like anybody not get a chance to talk or?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Any participant. Go ahead. Sorry, someone. The only question I have is, are we setting all six of the dates?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

In advance like is it is it. I guess there's two questions. We're setting them in advance, cause frankly, I think that's easier for all of us to leave ahead, right? Yeah. But also, is it easier to say, OK, the.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

2nd and 4th Thursday works for everybody. Or are we gonna have like?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Checkerboard a checkerboard? Yeah. Yeah. A doodle poll is usually really messy. I actually don't love them, but that's just me, particularly for multiple meetings, right? Yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Anybody have an opinion on what there's available to you on a good day of the week and good times.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Sunday morning, 8:30.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I can.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Scarier.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

It's a little easier for me to commit to the pattern I like. Generally the gaming just the second, third, whatever. But September's pretty crazy. I don't have an easy view of my calendar right now, so that might be easier for me to take on a case by case October, November we can.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Be more prescribed about this, so maybe we can. We can we do that October or November? Set those. Yeah. Then we can do a doodle for September 2 means yeah. OK.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Great idea.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

We had to go team. We're doing a doodle for September.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

And you guys will decide in November, October at the October, November at the next meeting.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, maybe his homework. We could have some. What we know in advance what works best for us individually for October, November so that we can. Yeah, let's do that.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Familiar with Anthony as a scheduling tool that might be easier than a doodle when it's something so brought open. It's where everybody just puts in your availability for the whole month and it overlaps everyone and it just shows on a color spectrum where the common things are because in doodles you have to be like.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

You know, 8 to 1010 thirty 930. There's, like, a bazillion choices. Yeah. Whereas when to meet you just aged person just fills out their availability on the calendar, and it automatically overlaps it.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I've been using that more than doodle. This. Yeah, we could try that with you. Yeah. OK. It does require that everybody participates in time zone is timely manner.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Well, yes, but that's true for doodle as well. That's true.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK, I think we have a rough plan. Tom's gonna maybe come up with a sketch of an agenda. We will work with you all to put some more flesh on that. We'll post on the website.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

We will be sending you a doodle poll for the September meeting or a or a when to meet. Thank you. And you'll plan on your homework as to think about what days work well in October, November, Mike. So did you have a comment?

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Like talk over you.

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Michael Casella

Nope.

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Michael Casella

All good.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I have one comment if it's snowing hard, it is to schedule. I think if you all could think about and try to maybe share before the next meeting those times that might work.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

For October and November.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

You might be ahead again. Yeah. Yeah, they might still be available. Yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yeah, I guess maybe we we could do that between the meetings. We don't need to take meeting time with that. I don't know if that's something that staff can, yeah, facilitate happening between the meetings. Yep, we can ask you when we send you the when to meet what your general availability is in October.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

To that end, I generally if we're trying for the hybrid meeting, I assume we wanna do it when national life is open, presuming I don't, I could be wrong, but that this is what we're gonna be shooting for for central meeting location. It's got the hybrid option. You can still do night meetings here, OK. It is available if you so desire.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

We have done it.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I'm not saying you want. I'm just saying you can.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yes, it is just really building out of here.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

You kind of implied.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

OK.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Yep, we can consider different locations as well, yeah.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Thing might prefers that. Yeah, a Waterbury looking.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

Alright, I see the group starting to break up.

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ANR - Catamount NL D215

I think we have a wrap and a plan for next time and thanks to other other stakeholders for joining and and if we can try and Tom, if we want to put in the draft agenda, any, any commentary from them, we can maybe still have that the very end as a if there's people that have a comment they wanna submit, it's hard to know if anybody was talked over. But again folks who joined virtually, you can always use the raise your hand function and I will do my best to recognize that for the for this participant group. Thanks everybody for showing up today virtually or in person.

1:41:58.890 --> 1:41:59.190

Michael Casella

Thank you.