

Idaho State Department of Agriculture
02.02.05 Rules Governing Stone Fruit Grades
September 16, 2019, 9:30 a.m.
Laura Thomas, Facilitator

Present: Candi Fitch, Idaho Apple Commission; Katy DeVries, Office of Attorney General – ISDA; Cindy Stark, ISDA; Laura Thomas, ISDA; Brian Oakey, ISDA; Janis Perry, ISDA.

AGENDA ITEMS

WELCOME

Laura Thomas convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. She explained that this meeting is to review the combination of three rules – Prune Standards, Idaho Standards for Grades of Sweet Cherries, and Idaho Standards for Apricots. She indicated that Idaho grade standards are based on the federal standards. Brian Oakey stated that the agency, at the request of the governor’s office, has combined rules that regulate similar activities. He also indicated that the requirements are the same as before, but the rules were combined and updated.

Laura Thomas identified a couple of areas that could be updated at a future rulemaking, such as the processing grade and the color requirements of plums and the Riland variety for apricots. Candi Fitch suggested that the agency may want to attend the Horticulture Society meeting to discuss the rule and possible changes. She indicated that she would suggest that such a presentation be placed on the agenda in November.

Laura Thomas adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Janis Perry