

IDAPA 02.06.05 Rules Governing Plant Disease and Quarantine
Minutes of March 17, 2022, 1:30pm
Meeting held via Webex Conference

Host/Facilitators: Lloyd Knight – Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Andrea Thompson – Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Chanel Tewalt – Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Stakeholders: Juliet Marshall – University of Idaho
Patxi Larrocea-Phillips – Southern Idaho Potato Cooperative Inc., Idaho Onion Growers' Association
Richard Winn – HM Clause, Nampa ID
Barbara Hellier – USDA ARS Horticulture Crops Program
Tubbs Berry Farms, Twin Falls ID
Ann Bates – Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association
Hollie Arnell – Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association
Jeffrey Bryant – Allium Grower, Idaho Falls ID
Jennifer Moss – Moss Greenhouses, Twin Falls ID

Department Staff: Dallas Burkhalter – Deputy Attorney General
Jared Stuart – Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Jason Kittridge – Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Tina Eiman – Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Pamm Juker – Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Katy DeVries – Deputy Attorney General

Lloyd Knight opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and outlined the rulemaking process and meeting expectations. This is the first of two meetings with the second to be held April 7, 2022, at 1:30pm.

Andrea Thompson reviewed:

- Subchapter A – Diseases of Hops. Rule intent is to maintain consistency between Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. New language proposed to provide additional laboratory testing options. Deletion of language to align with actual practice, remove duplicated language in existing statute.
- Subchapter B – White Rot Disease of Onion. Proposed to remove references to machinery/equipment and remove redundant language found in existing statute. New language proposed to provide field inspection option for production outside the quarantine zone.
 - Jeffrey Bryant suggested an alternative option for testing or field inspection from Pullman WA.
- Subchapter C – Apple and Cherry Pests. Proposed removal of Cherry Fruit Fly, amend Apple Maggot, link Plum curculio to harmonize language with Washington. Update regulated areas, requirements. Deletions recommended due to inability to enforce.
 - Jared Stuart suggested non-infested area be modified to any designated area surveyed.
- Subchapter D – European Corn Borer. Subchapter recommended for deletion. The pest has been found as far west as Wyoming, suspected in Idaho though not confirmed. Lack of enforcement.

- Mr. Stuart asked if similar quarantines in neighbor states. Ms. Thompson advised yes in Washington, Oregon, Nevada, and California. No seed corn export concerns.
 - Richard Winn – HM Clause no concerns on European Corn Borer.
- Subchapter E – Peach Tree Diseases. Washington, Oregon & California similar language. Proposed changes to remove itemized state list and remove duplicated statute language.
- Subchapter F – Disposal of Cull Onions and Potatoes. Proposed removal of feeding recommendations, no longer enforceable and remove duplicated language already in statute.
- Subchapter G – Mint Rootstock and Clone Production. Subchapter recommended for deletion due to lack of utilization, not necessary to facilitate export, and does not prevent pest introduction. Mint moves freely despite restrictions.
- Subchapter H – Grape Planting Stock. Proposed removal of duplicated statute language.
- Subchapter I – Japanese Beetle. Proposed to strike treatment window, update limitations on privately owned house plants, add pre-notification requirement and removal of duplicated statute language.
 - Tina Eiman asked if removal of treatment window a sufficient change with production during a pest free window not accounted for in the rule.
 - Jennifer Moss expressed concern that Idaho is too restrictive. Ms. Thompson advised proposed changes may address concerns in part and production during a pest free window option, not outlined in the rule, could align closer with the National Plant Board Japanese Beetle Harmonization Plan (JBHP). Ms. Moss asked if treatment options are required for geraniums and bulbs. Ms. Thompson noted “all plants” is the terminology used by neighboring states and mirror the JBHP. Mr. Knight asked INLA to submit additional language as needed to clarify. Ms. Tewalt noted it would be important to see state by state comparison. Mr. Knight suggested a website link to the JBHP.
 - Ms. Moss asked about grapes, hops, and allium ornamentals that suppliers are limited. Ms. Thompson commented for grapes and hops there is a tristate alliance of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho to ensure congruence of requirements. Ms. Eiman offered to send more information on allium ornamentals.
- Subchapter J Anthracnose Disease of Lentil. Subchapter marked for deletion as it is not enforceable.
- Subchapter K Plum Curculio. Recommended for deletion as it is incorporated into Subchapter C.

No other comments were offered by stakeholders.

Mr. Knight announced the next meeting will be held April 7, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.