

02.04.17 Rules Governing Dead Animal Movement and Disposal  
Minutes of April 6, 2022, 9:00 am

Host/Facilitators: Lloyd Knight, ISDA  
Dr. Scott Leibsle, ISDA  
Chanel Tewalt, ISDA

Stakeholders Present: Tricia Hebdon, IDFG  
Marvin Patton, Milk Producers  
Mary Anne Nelson, IDEQ  
Bob Nearabout, Idaho Dairymen's Association  
Garret Visser, Wildlife Federation  
Cameron Mulrony, ICA  
Steve Maggard, Simplot  
David Callister, U of I Extension  
Sawyer Fannesbeck, U of I Extension  
Joel Packham, U of I Extension

Department Staff: Dallas Burkhalter  
Scott Barnes, DVM  
Katy DeVries  
Pamm Juker

Lloyd Knight called meeting to order. Will be taking comments until April 29<sup>th</sup>. Look forward to all comments.

Dr. Leibsle stated no comments have been received. Has been misunderstandings of what constitutes composting as opposed to just a pile of dead's. Three references on composting have been posted including NRCS Composting Guide, Colorado State University Composting Manual and Victoria Composting Guide. Need to incorporate a protocol so people have something to follow. Opened for discussion as to whether needed or not.

Bob Nearabout - How will they be referenced?

Dr. Leibsle - In Dairy standards there are requirements for best management practices. A protocol will just be added as guidance, not a requirement.

Bob Nearabout – See no problem if just used as guidance. As an industry have complaints been filed on composting?

Dr. Leibsle - Have had no complaints on improper composting.

Cameron Mulrony – Guidance would be the way to go rather than a standard.

David Callister - Like the idea of guidance.

Dr. Leibsle – Will create a short general checklist.

Marv Patton – As State Veterinarian is that appropriate with disease control?

Dr. Leibsle – Depends on protocol. Elevate internal temperature to denature pathogens. Will be added to “Incorporate by Reference” section. Once developed, will post guidelines for comments.

Dr. Leibsle - Burial setbacks. Should it be standardized?

Bob Nearabout – Same as in composting, not dead composting?

Dr. Leibsle – No, they are not. Nutrient composting is different from dead composting.

Marv Patton – Difference is distance from the well. Part of it falls under county jurisdiction. I would recommend leaving it the way it is.

Mary Anne Nelson – Recommend moving Section 10, a, b, and c to introduction section.

Bob Nearabout – Who is in charge of enforcing transporting dead animals?

Dr. Leibsle – ISDA

Any questions on language in the rule to discuss?

Last meeting it was mentioned that Idaho has CWD in wild cervids. Issue is if disposing of carcasses with CWD, wild or domestic, what are acceptable methods of disposal. Two landfills are approved to accept, Pocatello and Burley. Plan for now is to add language “must be disposed of by method approved by Administrator” and work on developing a protocol. It can be modified in the future.

Tricia Hebdon – Fish & Game is looking at development of different type of landfill design in southern half of state to accept carcasses. Working with waste managers in north Idaho, carcasses are currently going to Montana. Looking at putting dumpsters on landscape areas for disposal.

Garrett Visser – Flexibility as Administrator. Develop guidelines as it comes along?

Dr. Leibsle - Main intent is ISDA be notified. Then discuss case by case, acceptable method of disposal.

Open for discussion.

All rule drafts, proposed and pending, meeting minutes, guidelines, are posted and will remain posted.

Garrett Visser - How will hunters know where to dispose of carcass?

Tricia Hebdon – Currently animals have to be tested. Hunters can check website for results. They will be notified, and F&G will work with hunters.

Meetings are recorded including chat comments.

Meeting adjourned.