

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**STEVENSON SUBCOMMITTEE**  
Plants Rules

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 18, 2017

**TIME:** Upon Adjournment of the Full Committee

**PLACE:** Room EW20

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Stevenson, Representatives Dayley, Erpelding, VanOrden, Kerby, Amador, Miller, Hanks

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Jared Stuart, Stacie Ybarra, Adam Schroeder, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA); Alan Martinson, Idaho Weed Control Association; David Herter, Dave Staley, Bannock County Weed; Jeffrey Pettingill, Bonneville County Weed; Bill Hargrave, Inland Empire Cooperative Weed Management Area (IECWMA); Bryce Fowler, Idaho Association of Weed Control, Fremont County; Brad Hunt, Office of the Administrative Rules Coordinator (OARC); Connie Jensen Blyth, Idaho County Weeds; Mitch Coats, Food Producers.

**Chairman Stevenson** called the meeting to order at 2:23 pm.

**DOCKET NO. 02-0214-1601:** **Stacie Ybarra**, Agriculture Program Specialist, Bureau of Weights and Measures, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0214-1601**. This rule incorporates the 2017 edition of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Handbook in regard to weighing and measuring devices. Ms. Ybarra stated that this update is most important because it incorporates use of the current handbook, which promotes uniformity, especially with surrounding states.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0214-1601**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0602-1601:** **Jared Stuart**, Agriculture Section Manager, Plant Industries, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0602-1601**, which incorporates the 2017 Official Publication updates of the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO), rather than the 2016 Official Publication. The main reason to incorporate these updates is to provide consistent standards between states.

**MOTION:** **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0602-1601**. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0612-1601:** **Jared Stuart**, Agriculture Section Manager, Plant Industries, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0612-1601**, which incorporates fertilizer registration and label review updates found in the 2017 Official Publication of the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO).

**MOTION:** **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0612-1601**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0622-1601:** **Adam Schroeder**, Agriculture Section Manager, Plant Industries, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0622-1601**. This rule adds four genera to Idaho's Statewide Noxious Weed List: *Cytisus*, *Genista*, *Spartium*, and *Chamaecytisus*. Mr. Schroeder stated that negotiated rulemaking was held and there was no opposition. The Idaho State Department of Agriculture received five letters of support from industry professionals. In response to questions on the negotiated rulemaking meeting process, Mr. Schroeder said the meeting was announced and no comments were offered; when the meeting was held, the only attendees present were State of Idaho employees. He reiterated that the department did receive letters of support.

**Mr. Schroeder** stated that a Washington State report on Scotch Broom (one of the species in the genera *Cytisus*) found an average of \$2.9 million dollars spent per infested county in Washington; the report also found a potential impact of \$36 million in lost business in that state. He also stated the genera added in the rule change are difficult to distinguish from each other; adding these genera lessens the weed controllers need to identify one plant from another.

**Alan Martinson**, Idaho Weed Control Association (IWCA), testified on the IWCA's support of the proposed rule change in **Docket No. 02-0622-1601**. Mr. Martinson stated that none of the genera added in the rule change are native to Idaho; he also said that prevention is the best option when it comes to weed control. He encouraged the adoption of this rule change.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Miller** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0622-1601**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0631-1602:** **Adam Schroeder** presented **Docket No. 02-0631-1602**, which updates certification of forage crops to North American Invasive Species Management Association's (NAISMA) standards. Mr. Schroeder said that NAISMA had updated its standards, and the Idaho State Agriculture Agency will not be able to support NAISMA's changes until this rule change is adopted. These rules changes include a language change, an update to Field Inspection Procedures, and updates to the North American Noxious Weed List, so as to conform to NAISMA standards. In response to the negotiated rulemaking process, Mr. Schroeder stated that the meeting notice was issued and industry and government representatives were notified. However, the only attendees were ISDA members.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Miller** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0631-1602**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0641-1601:** **Jared Stuart** presented **Docket No. 02-0641-1601**. This rule updates current rules in regard to regulatory soil and plant amendment registration and label review in the 2017 Official Publication of the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO), rather than referencing the 2016 Official Publication.

**MOTION:** **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0641-1601**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Stevenson** thanked the committee and the guests. She stated the subcommittee's recommendations would be sent to the full committee.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

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Representative Stevenson  
Chair

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Shelby Winkel  
Secretary