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**BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL**

**September 13, 2019  
9:00 AM**

Room 118 Marquardt Building  
32 Blossom Lane, Augusta, Maine

**AGENDA**

1. Introductions of Board and Staff

2. Minutes of the July 15, 2019 Board Meeting

Presentation By: Megan Patterson, Director

Action Needed: Amend and/or Approve

3. Consideration of a Request for a Variance from Chapter 29 from Taylor's Invasive Plant Control to Treat Invasive Plants for Biddeford Pool Land Trust

Taylor's Invasive Plant Control is seeking a variance from Chapter 29, Section 6, Buffer Requirements, to treat invasive plants on Biddeford Pool Land Trust property, adjacent to Ocean Avenue in Biddeford. Although Board policy indicates staff may approve requests for variance from CMR 01-026 Chapter 29 for control of invasive plants, this variance includes the management of invasive plants within an area designated as significant wildlife habitat.

Presentation By: Megan Patterson, Director

Action Needed: Approve/Disapprove the Variance Request

4. Update Regarding Staffing Changes

During the first regular session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Maine legislature, the Board received approval of a new Environmental Specialist III position. This position will join the BPC team and will

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work in both water quality monitoring and pesticide product registration. Historically, the water quality and pesticide product registration programs were managed by two full time staff members. Existing staff work tirelessly to conduct water quality monitoring and provide timely responses to product registration requests, however the demand for these two important areas of work have increased substantially in the last few years.

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Action Needed: None, Informational Only

5. Other Items of Interest

- a. Obsolete pesticides press release
- b. Staff updates
  - a. Water Quality
  - b. Certification Program
  - c. State Plan
  - d. Pesticide Risk Assessment for Management of Browntail Moths Near Marine Waters

6. Schedule of Future Meetings

November 8, 2019 is the next proposed meeting date.

Adjustments and/or Additional Dates?

7. Adjourn

## NOTES

- The Board Meeting Agenda and most supporting documents are posted one week before the meeting on the Board website at [www.thinkfirstspraylast.org](http://www.thinkfirstspraylast.org).
- Any person wishing to receive notices and agendas for meetings of the Board, Medical Advisory Committee, or Environmental Risk Advisory Committee must submit a request in writing to the Board's office. Any person with technical expertise who would like to volunteer for service on either committee is invited to submit their resume for future consideration.
- On November 16, 2007, the Board adopted the following policy for submission and distribution of comments and information when conducting routine business (product registration, variances, enforcement actions, etc.):
  - *For regular, non-rulemaking business*, the Board will accept pesticide-related letters, reports, and articles. Reports and articles must be from peer-reviewed journals. E-mail, hard copy, or fax should be sent to the Board's office or [pesticides@maine.gov](mailto:pesticides@maine.gov). In order for the Board to receive this information in time for distribution and consideration at its next meeting, all communications must be received by 8:00 AM, three days prior to the Board meeting date (e.g., if the meeting is on a Friday, the deadline would be Tuesday at

8:00 AM). Any information received after the deadline will be held over for the next meeting.

- During rulemaking, when proposing new or amending old regulations, the Board is subject to the requirements of the APA (Administrative Procedures Act), and comments must be taken according to the rules established by the Legislature.