

IDAPA 02 – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

02.06.09 – RULES GOVERNING INVASIVE SPECIES

DOCKET NO. (OARC will assign)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES - NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Sections 67-5220(1) and 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Section 22-1907, Idaho Code.

MEETING SCHEDULE: A public meeting(s) on the negotiated rulemaking will be held as follows:

June 13, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (MDT) – Idaho State Department of Agriculture, 2270 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, ID 83712

June 27, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (MDT) – Idaho State Department of Agriculture, 2270 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, ID 83712

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking must do the following: Interested members of the public who wish to participate must submit any written comments, questions, recommendations, or ideas to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture addressed to Matt Voile – Section Manager Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds. Individuals may also attend the public meetings to be conducted on the above dates during which the Idaho State Department of Agriculture will allow oral comments or presentations to be made.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principle issues involved:

The proposed rule amendments will add two additional Invasive Species Lists – “Invasive Plants - Biofuels” and “Invasive Plants – Trap Crops.” The proposed amendments will also create two new related sections addressing research and possession permitting of “Biofuels” and “Trap Crops.”

Technical changes to the rule will be made to update, add, or delete certain insects, snails, and pathogens from the current invasive species list. Changes will also be made to possession permit requirements for the New Zealand Mud Snail.

CONTACT INFORMATION, WEB ADDRESS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking, contact Matt Voile – Section Manager Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds, (208) 332-8620. Materials pertaining to the negotiated rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the Idaho State Department of Agriculture web site at the following web address: http://www.agri.idaho.gov/Categories/LawsRules/sub_rules/Rulemaking.php.

All written comments must be delivered on or before June 28, 2013.

DATED this 10th day of May, 2013

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