

Option Z

Basic Explanation & Purpose

Option Z combines elements of prior Options B and D, with a different effective date. Delaying the effective date allows nursery businesses to sell their inventories on hand and provides time to plan for recommending other species' substitutions to customers.

This proposal:

A. Provides for all subtaxa in the genera of *Taxus baccata* (English yew) and *Taxus cuspidate* (Japanese yew) and all their subtaxa are plants listed on the Statewide Noxious Weed List and will be prohibited in Idaho *effective June 30, 2018*.

A1. The species *Taxus brevifolia* (native yew, Pacific yew) is not listed.

B. In the interim between December 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, these *Taxus* species and their subtaxa will be allowed for sale in the State of Idaho only with a clear warning label:

Figure 1.

WARNING

This plant has poisonous properties. *Do not eat or allow ingestion by humans, wildlife, bovines, or equines. Do not plant in neighborhoods visited by elk and deer. Ingestion of ornamental yews (Taxus) can result in severe sickness or death.*