



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

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TO: Chair and Directors

FROM: Director Tim Caton, Chair – Northeast Invasive Plant Committee
Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services

DATE: December 14, 2009

RE: Northeast Invasive Plant Committee Meeting Recommendations

Following are recommendations arising from the December 8, 2009 Northeast Invasive Plant Committee Meeting for the Regional Board's consideration and approval. The meeting minutes are on the Consent Calendar for your perusal.

Recommendation No. 1 - Rig Mats

that the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee recommend to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to Mr. Dan Hanson, Oil and Gas Commission, requesting clarification on the procedure for removal of soils from rig mats and suggest that rig mats be kept within a specified area in an attempt reduce the import of invasive plant seeds from Alberta and other areas.

Recommendation No. 2 - Hawkweed

that the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee recommend to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to Linda Wilson, Manager, Invasive Plant Management Program requesting that all alien Hawkweed Species be added to the Regional List of prohibited weeds in the Weed Control Act.

Recommendation No. 3 - Hawkweed – District of Tumbler Ridge

that the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee recommend to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to the District of Tumbler Ridge requesting that they treat Hawkweed within their municipal boundary as fire mitigation work may result in the spread of Hawkweed into other areas.

Recommendation No. 4 - Northwest Invasive Plant Committee

that the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee recommend to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to the Northwest Invasive Plant Committee expressing appreciation for the work they undertook in the Pine Pass area in 2009.

Recommendation No. 5 - Pesticide Free Zone

that the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee recommend to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to the Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of Environment, requesting the use of aminopyralid within Pesticide Free Zones (PFZ's) as per Invasive Plant Management Regulation, Section 74, with a copy to the Northwest Invasive Plant Committee.


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Recommendation No. 6 - Pine Pass Invasive Plant Management Area

that the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee recommend to the Regional Board that continuation of the Pine Pass Invasive Plant Management Area (IPMA) be approved.

Recommendation No. 7 - Disposal of hand pulled weeds

that the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee recommend to the Regional Board that a best management policy / procedure for the disposal of hand pulled weed plants be implemented, including but not limited to:

- a) that may include the waiving of tipping fees for disposal;
- b) possible signage at disposal sites;
- c) do not recycle garden debris into a public park or natural area; and
- d) avoid composting invasive plants, as they can quickly re-establish themselves.

Recommendation No. 8 - Pipelines

- a) that the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee recommend to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to Steve Henderson, Spectra Energy Transmission and Pembina Pipeline Corporation requesting that their companies consider investing funding towards invasive plant management within their pipeline right-of-ways for the 2010 / 2011 season;
- b) with copies to Devin Scheck, Oil and Gas Commission and Marion Johannson, Spectra Energy Transmission.

Recommendation No. 9 - Cosmetic use of herbicides

that the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee recommend to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to the Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of Environment explaining the difference between cosmetic use of herbicides versus agricultural / forestry use of herbicides.