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April 10, 2026

9:00 AM Board Meeting

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AGENDA

1. Introductions of Board and Staff
2. Minutes of the February 27, 2026 Board Meeting

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director
Action Needed: Amend and/or Adopt

3. Election of Officers

The Board's statute requires an annual election of officers. The members will choose a chair and vice-chair to serve for the coming year.

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director
Action Needed: Nomination and Election of Officers

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4. Request for Variance Permit from Irving Woodlands and JBI Helicopters

Due to increased populations of spruce budworm and the threat of large-scale defoliation that may result in tree decline and death, aerial forestry insecticide applications are being considered for 2026 to combat the potential budworm outbreak. JBI Helicopters will be conducting aerial applications for Irving Woodlands and is seeking a variance permit for Chapter 22: Standards for Outdoor Application of Pesticides by Powered Equipment in Order to Minimize Off-Target Deposition Sections 3(B) and 3(C).

Presentations By: Alex Peacock, Director & Ron Lemin, JBI Helicopters, Inc.
Action Needed: Discuss; Approve/Disapprove Variance Request

5. Southern Maine Invasive Plant Coalition (SMIPC)

SMIPC has requested an audience with the Board to discuss the existing BPC Policy Concerning Denying Access to the Public for Seven Days to Areas “Open to Use by the Public” and potential amendments that allow volunteers to apply herbicides on public lands to manage invasive plants under the supervision of a licensed applicator.

Presentations By: Joan Griswold, Representative for SIPMC & Alex Peacock, Director
Action Needed: Discussion, Approve/Disapprove Policy Amendment

6. Discussion Regarding Appropriate Commercial Pesticide Applicator Category for Tree Injection Applications in Forest Settings to Control Invasive Insect Species

BPC Staff has received questions regarding the appropriate Commercial Pesticide Applicator Category for tree injections in forest settings. The commercial applicator category for forestry applications is Category 2 (Forestry). Tree injections are more commonly used under Category 3A (Outdoor Ornamentals). Discussion to determine if the Board agrees that both categories are appropriate for tree injections in a forest setting.

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director
Action Needed: Discussion

7. Update on PFAS Active Ingredients No Longer Registered in Maine

The BPC is acutely aware of concerns regarding PFAS in pesticides. This presentation is to inform the Board of several pesticide active ingredients that are no longer registered for use in Maine.

Presentations By: Doug Van Hoewyk, Ph.D., Pesticide Toxicologist & Julia Vacchiano, Pesticide Registrar and Water Quality Specialist
Action Needed: None, Informational

8. Consideration of Public Comments for Rulemaking Amendments to Chapter 40: Restricted and Limited-Use Pesticides

On February 27, 2026, the Board hosted a public hearing in accordance with MAPA for proposed rulemaking to add the 4 second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides and one herbicide active ingredient to the State of Maine list of Restricted-Use pesticides. The written comment period closed on March 9, 2026. The comments and responses have been summarized for the Board's consideration.

Presentation by: Alex Peacock, Director
Action Needed: Accept/Revise Comment Responses

9. Other Old and New Business

- a. Variance Permit for CMR01-026, Chapter 29, Dubois Contracting, Fort Kent
- b. Variance Permit for CMR01-026, Chapter 29, Parterre Ecological, Brunswick
- c. Variance Permit for CMR01-026, Chapter 29, Legacy Woodlot Services, Orono
- d. Variance Permit for CMR01-026, Chapter 29, Wilkinson Ecological Design, Freeport
- e. Syngenta to discontinue sales of Gramoxone Herbicide
- f. Letter to DACF Commissioner regarding forestry herbicide applications
- g. Update: Report on the Implementation of LD 356: Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control to Prohibit the Use of Rodenticides in Outdoor Residential Settings

10. Schedule of Future Meetings

The next scheduled Board meeting date is May 29, 2026, at the Marquardt Building, Room 118, Augusta

Future Meetings: July 10, 2026, August 21, 2026, and October 2, 2026

Adjustments and/or Additional Dates?

11. 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.
- 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. 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.