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December 19, 2025

9:00 AM Board Meeting

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AGENDA

1. Introductions of Board and Staff
2. Minutes of November 21, 2025, Board Meeting

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

3. BPC Budget Update

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director
Action Needed: None, Informational

4. Pesticide Container Disposal Concerns

Recently, inspection staff have been alerted to the improper disposal of pesticide containers, including the burying and burning of containers. Staff are considering options to prevent this

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activity in the future, including potential rulemaking. Mark Hudson of the Ag Container Recycling Council and Frank Leavitt of Nutrien Ag Solutions will discuss current recycling activities.

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director
Action Needed: None, Discussion

5. 2025 IPM Program Update and 2026 Funding Request

Annual report on 2025 IPM Program activities and funding request to continue mosquito monitoring and promote Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in 2026.

Presentation By: Hillary Peterson, Ph.D., IPM Specialist
Action Needed: Discussion, Approve/Disapprove

6. LD 356: Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control to Prohibit the Use of Rodenticides in Outdoor Residential Settings

Continued discussion of LD 356 and review of the draft preliminary report due to the ACF committee on January 15, 2026. The Board has sought additional input from stakeholders. This item will include a dialogue with stakeholders present.

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director
Action Needed: None, Discussion

7. LD 1323: An Act to Prohibit the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides and the Use and Sale of Neonicotinoid-treated Seeds

Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control to Evaluate the Impact of Neonicotinoids on Pollinators, Humans, and the Environment. Update on current activities conducted by staff to satisfy this legislative directive and review of the draft preliminary report due to the ACF committee on January 15, 2026.

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director
Action Needed: None; Discussion

8. Overview of Newly Approved Active Ingredients by USEPA

Presentation about 7 new pesticide active ingredients recently approved for use by USEPA.

Presentation By: Julia Vacchiano, Pesticide Registrar & Doug Van Hoewyk, Ph.D.,
Pesticide Toxicologist
Action Needed: None; Discussion

9. Other Old and New Business

- a. Chapter 50: Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements, Annual Summary Report by Commercial Applicators and Annual Pesticide Sales Reports must now be submitted electronically.
- b. Obsolete Pesticide Collections 2025
- c. USEPA Updates Review on Potential Paraquat Volatilization and Plans to Request Additional Data from Manufacturers
- d. Draft Policy regarding elements of Continuing Education Credit Classes

10. Schedule of Future Meetings

The next scheduled Board meeting date is December 19, 2025, at the Deering Building, Room 101, Augusta

Future Meetings: January 14, 2025 (ATS), February 27, 2026, April 10, 2026, May 22, 2026 (Memorial Day Weekend), or May 29, 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.