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October 3, 2025

9:00 AM Board Meeting

Join the meeting in person in Room 101, Deering Building, 90 Blossom Lane, Augusta
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AGENDA

1. Introductions of Board and Staff

Welcome Jose Gayoso, Manager of Compliance!

Congratulations to Amanda Couture on being promoted to Manager of Pesticide Programs!

Congratulations to District 3 Pesticide Inspector, Heidi Nelson, on her retirement!

2. Minutes of July 18, 2025, Board Meeting

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director

Action Needed: Amend and/or Adopt

3. Rodenticides: Toxicological Overview

An overview of the different active ingredients in rodenticides and their modes of action.

Presentations By: Doug Van Hoewyk, Ph.D., Pesticide Toxicologist

Action Needed: None, Discussion

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

An overview of current rodenticide regulations in Maine and with the EPA. A look at what other states have done concerning rodenticide regulations.

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

5. 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.

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director & Doug Van Hoewyk, Ph.D., Pesticide Toxicologist
Action Needed: None; Discussion

6. LD 1697: An Act to Increase Penalties to Deter Violations of the Laws Regarding Improper Pesticide Use

Overview of bill and proposed rule adoptions. Preview of draft penalty matrix.

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

7. Board Enforcement Case Pre-Review Background Summary

The BPC Enforcement Protocol requires that the Board be alerted to repeat offenders. This case involves Trugreen Lawncare of Westbrook and includes an unauthorized application at the wrong property, failure to have a positive property identification system in place, pesticide applications during high winds, false reporting in the pesticide activity log, and employee exposure to pesticides.

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director
Action Needed: Discussion/Directive

8. Other Old and New Business
- a. Variance Permit for CMR 01-026, Chapter 29, Damariscotta Mills Consulting Inc., Dock Road, Alna, ME.
 - b. Variance Permit for CMR 01-026, Chapter 29, Damariscotta Mills Consulting Inc., Head Tide Road, Alna, ME.
 - c. Variance Permit for CMR 01-026, Chapter 29, Damariscotta Mills Consulting Inc., Midcoast Conservancy, Musquash Pond Preserve, Jefferson, ME.
 - d. Variance Permit for CMR 01-026, Chapter 29, Damariscotta Mills Consulting Inc., Chamberlain, ME.
 - e. Variance Permit for CMR 01-026, Chapter 29, Parterre Ecological, Staples Street Park, Biddeford, ME.
 - f. Variance Permit for CMR 01-026, Chapter 29, New England Spray Technologies, Rotary Park, Kennebunk, ME.
 - g. Variance Permit for CMR 01-026, Chapter 29, Legacy Woodlot Services, Unity, ME.
 - h. Variance Permit for CMR 01-026, Chapter 29, Lynch Landscaping, Vassalboro, ME
 - i. EPA Releases Documents on Genetically Engineered Mosquitoes for Public Comment and Peer Review
 - j. EPA Updates Aquatic Life Benchmarks for Registered Conventional and Antimicrobial Pesticides

9. Schedule of Future Meetings

The next scheduled Board meeting date is November 14, 2025, at the Deering Building, Room 101, Augusta

Future Meetings: December 12, 2025, January 14, 2025 (ATS)

Adjustments and/or Additional Dates?

10. 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.