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Subject: RE: zoom meeting this week?
Date: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 7:35:17 AM

Hi Asher,

I suggest you work with Megan Patterson the BPC director and Mary Tomlinson, the Pesticide Registrar. I have cc'd both of them on this reply.

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Hi Gary,

I apologise, I may have been unclear in my email, this is in regard to the MMP program, although it seems there should be some unity with hemp too. My understanding was that there were some sort of lists within the hemp and adult use programs for allowable pesticides.

I knew you were with the board of pesticide control and now your cannabis experience, made me think of you. Is there someone you'd recommend speaking to at the pesticide board? We'd definitely like professional input and recommendations. We are including folks from Mofga as the adult use standards seem to be pulling from there and we'd love to steer this towards organics. Mostly just looking for some direction in pulling together facts from professionals in these fields. Just trying to push people towards some safe standard practices. Thank you for your time.

Asher

On Mon, May 3, 2021, 12:12 PM Fish, Gary <Gary.Fish@maine.gov> wrote:

Hi Asher,

On Tuesday the ACF Committee is holding a work session on LD 33. I will not be available that day because there is no way of knowing when they will take it up. We are very interested in helping growers make sound IPM decisions. Seems like you should also include someone from the Board of Pesticides Control. Unfortunately there will be no easy answers to this dilemma for some time. Until the research can be done, pesticides will not be labeled for use on hemp. Since hemp is not a major crop the pesticide manufacturers will not pursue the research needed to provide EPA with the registration data. They will rely on the IR-4 Program at our Universities to do the research.

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Hi Gary,

My name is Asher Putterman, I'm a farmer in Warren. My wife and I have a cut flower farm, we also grow some Cannabis and were participants in the hemp program a couple years ago. I'm involved in helping develop cannabis policy at the state level and have been working with other caregivers and farmers in the state as well as several advocacy groups for several years. Currently we're trying to craft general ag practices, allowed pesticide lists, etc.. Your name came up the other day as we were discussing some options to get growers on a similar page of best practices. I personally appreciate all you did to advocate for hemp farmers in the early years of the hemp program. I was wondering if you could join myself, John Jemison, maybe Chris Grigsby and Arleigh Kraus on a quick zoom this week, maybe tues or thurs. to chat briefly about what directions we could go with some ideas we have. We would love to hear your thoughts and insights in the arena of developing an approved pesticides list as well as general ag practices.

We'd love to steer this emerging industry in the direction of adopting organic standards and were thinking of building our list from that side of regulation.

Sorry for the short notice, these issues have moved very quickly through the legislature. There's a work group on Monday and we hope to try to get some ideas clarified by the end of the week.

Thank you,

Asher Putterman

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