

## Agricultural Burning Practices & Research Task Force #92 Meeting Summary

DATE: June 10, 2014

LOCATION: Department of Ecology Eastern Regional Office, Spokane WA.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>		<b><u>Representing</u></b>
Karen Wood-Chair	Air Quality Program	Department of Ecology
Larry Cochran	Grower	Conservation Districts
Jay Penner	Washington Association of Wheat Growers	Agricultural Community
Michael Ingham	Alfalfa Seed Industry	Agricultural Community
Don Potts	WA. Dept of Agriculture	WA. Dept. of Agriculture
Dan McCarthy (by phone)	Okanogan Horticultural Association	Agricultural Community
<b><u>Alternates Present</u></b>		<b><u>Representing</u></b>
Matt Holmquist (by phone)	Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency	Eastern Washington Local Air Authorities
<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>		
Gary Pruitt	Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency	Eastern Washington Local Air Authorities
Sverre Vedal	University Of Washington	Public Health
Bill Johnston	Washington State University	Academia, (Crop & Soil)
Michael Bush	WSU Extension	Academia, (Tree Fruit)

### **Introductions, Announcements**

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The 92<sup>nd</sup> Agricultural Burning Practices and Research Task Force (Task Force) meeting was held on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Department of Ecology's Eastern Regional Office in Spokane, Washington. The Task Force meeting began with the introduction of Task Force members and guests.

The June meeting of the Task Force is reserved for hearing research project updates, and for the Task Force to consider revising, amending, and approving the Best Management Practices, (BMP's) for the upcoming year.

### **Research Presentation**

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The Task Force received an update report from one research project presented by Dr. Tim Paulitz from Washington State University.

The title of the research project is: *Management of Fresh Wheat Residue for Irrigated Winter Canola Production.*

Research update reports are available online at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/research.htm>

## **BMP's**

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One of the required activities at the June meeting of the Agricultural Burning Task Force is either to modify or reconfirm existing Best Management Practices (BMP's), and to institute new BMP's.

The Agricultural Burning Task Force approved minor changes to the cereal grain BMP, requiring growers to deduct estimated residue levels of straw on fields which have undergone a year as chem.-fallow. It is available at:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/research\\_pdf\\_files/Cereal\\_BMP-2014.pdf](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/research_pdf_files/Cereal_BMP-2014.pdf)

The Agricultural Burning Task Force reinstated the orchard BMP with no changes by unanimous vote. It is available at:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/research\\_pdf\\_files/Orchard\\_BMP-2014.pdf](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/research_pdf_files/Orchard_BMP-2014.pdf)

The Agricultural Burning Task Force reinstated the non-cereal BMP with no changes by unanimous vote. It is available at:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/research\\_pdf\\_files/Non-Cereal\\_BMP-2014.pdf](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/research_pdf_files/Non-Cereal_BMP-2014.pdf)

The Task Force reinstated the Spot Burn BMP with no changes by unanimous vote. It is available at: [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/research\\_pdf\\_files/Spot\\_Burn\\_BMP-2014.pdf](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/research_pdf_files/Spot_Burn_BMP-2014.pdf)

The Task Force reinstated the Bale Burn BMP with no changes by unanimous vote. It is available at: [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/research\\_pdf\\_files/Bale\\_Burn\\_BMP-2014.pdf](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/research_pdf_files/Bale_Burn_BMP-2014.pdf)

The newly instituted BMPs are valid through June 30, 2015.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting (Meeting #93) of the Agricultural Burning Practices and Research Task Force will be on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014, from 10am to 4pm in Spokane, Washington. Information about the Task Force meetings, meeting summaries, completed and on-going research can be found on the Agricultural Burning website:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/agricultural\\_homepage.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/agricultural_homepage.htm)