

Agricultural Burning Practices & Research Task Force #98 Meeting Summary

DATE: June 8, 2016

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

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

Introductions, Announcements

The 98th Agricultural Burning Practices and Research Task Force (Task Force) meeting was held on June 8th, 2016 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

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

The title of the research project is: "*Alternatives for Managing Wheat Straw: Assessing Soil Water Storage, Micronutrient Status and Removal, and Weed Management.*"

Research update reports are available online at:

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

BMP's

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 a new BMP, the non-orchard pile burning BMP.

The Agricultural Burning Task Force approved minor changes to the orchard BMP by unanimous vote.

The Agricultural Burning Task Force reinstated the cereal grain BMP with no changes by unanimous vote.

The Agricultural Burning Task Force reinstated the non-cereal BMP with no changes by unanimous vote.

The Task Force reinstated the Spot Burn BMP with no changes by unanimous vote.

The Task Force reinstated the Bale Burn BMP with no changes by unanimous vote.

The BMPs are available at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/BMPAginfo.htm>

The newly instituted BMPs are valid through June 30, 2017.

Public Comment

There was public comment thanking Mr. Ingham for his service to the Task Force.

Next Meeting

The next meeting (Meeting #99) of the Agricultural Burning Practices and Research Task Force will be on Wednesday, November 9th, 2016, 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