



**Interstate Pest Control Compact and Pest Control Insurance Fund
Mid Year Meeting of the Governing Board
Sunday, February 10, 2008
The Renaissance Washington DC Hotel, Washington, DC
7:00 am to 9:00 am**

Attendees:

Member States Present (21):

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| Arizona | – Don Butler (IPCC Secretary) |
| Arkansas | – Darryl Little |
| California | – A.G. Kawamura |
| Colorado | – John Stulp (IPCC Executive Committee) |
| Delaware | – Michael Scuse (IPCC Vice Chair) |
| Florida | – Charles Bronson |
| Georgia | – Tommy Irvin (IPCC Treasurer) |
| Maine | – Ned Porter (MDAFRR staff) |
| Maryland | – Mary Ellen Setting (MDA staff) |
| Michigan | – Brad Deacon (MDA staff) |
| Mississippi | – Rickey Gray (MDAC staff) |
| Nebraska | – Greg Ibach (IPCC Chair) and Denis Blank (NDA staff) |
| New Jersey | – Charles Kuperus |
| North Carolina | – Richard Reich (NCDACS staff) |
| North Dakota | – Roger Johnson and Jeff Knudson (NDDA staff) |
| South Carolina | – Larry Boyleston (SCDA staff) |
| Tennessee | – Gray Haun (TDA staff) |
| Texas | – Cary Dupuy (TDA staff) |
| Washington | – Lee Faulconer (WDA staff) |
| West Virginia | – Gus Douglass (IPCC Executive Committee) and Steve Hanna (WVDA staff) |
| Wyoming | – John Etchepare and Jason Fearnelyhough (WYDA staff) |

Non-Member States Present (1):

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| Louisiana | – Mike Strain (Commissioner), Fred Bass and Brent Robbins (LADA staff) |
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Others Present (1):

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| Bob Balaam | – Executive Director, IPCC |
| NASDA | – Rick Kirchhoff |

Call to Order

Chairman Greg Ibach (NE) called the meeting to order at 7:15 am.

Roll Call of Member States

IPCC Executive Director, Bob Balaam, took roll call, declaring 21 member states present. Commissioner Mike Strain from Louisiana introduced himself and acknowledged his interest in learning more about the Compact in consideration of joining.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Ibach called for an approval of the September 23, 2007 meeting minutes. Acceptance of the minutes was moved by Michael Scuse (DE) and was seconded by Mary Ellen Setting (MD). Motion passed with a majority vote.

Report of the Chairman

Chairman Ibach deferred his report to that of the Executive Director. He urged all members to encourage their neighboring states, who are not members of the Compact, to join. He explained the benefits to the individual states and to the organization as a whole.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer Tommy Irvin asked the Executive Director to present the Treasurer's Report. There was no discussion on the report. A motion to accept the report was made by A.G. Kawamura (CA) and was seconded by Michael Scuse (DE). Motion passed with a majority vote.

Report of the Executive Director

Bob Balaam gave a report highlighting issues affecting the Compact since the September 2007 meeting as follows:

- Membership
 - There are 37 current member states. No new members have joined since September's meeting.
 - All current members have completely paid their membership fee. Six members are without enabling legislation (AZ, AR, FL, NE, PR and VT). These members have until September 2010 to pass enabling legislation or they will rescind all voting rights. The States of Arizona (SB 1168) and Florida (SB 1638) have introduced enabling legislation in their current legislative sessions. Don Butler (AZ) reported on the difficulty he is having in getting legislation passed in his state and that he may have to withdraw the legislation from this session in order to get his larger omnibus bill passed.
- Insurance Fund Claims - Hemlock woolly adelgid eradication project in Michigan continues. The Compact approved Ohio's request and committed \$75,000 to the State of Michigan for eradication and delimiting survey efforts. To To date, \$60,000 has been provided to the State of Michigan. The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) has not exhausted the \$60,000 funding (balance remaining to date is \$21,296.19) provided by the IPCC in 2007. This is primarily due to overestimates of the cost of contracted tree removals and pesticide treatments. In addition, MDA utilized IPCC funds as MDA's cost-share in leveraging and equal grant from the U.S. Forest Service. The funding for the IPCC agreement expired on October 23, 2007. MDA has therefore requested an

extension to the existing cooperative agreement until June 1, 2008. The extension will provide MDA with the resources necessary to conduct the following activities in 2008 which will provide added assurance of control of this pest. The Executive Director asked the Governing Board to approve this extension (Motion – Stulp (CO), second - Butler (AZ); approved).

- Apply a third pesticide application to approximately 150 hemlock trees growing in close proximity to trees indentified as HWA positive in 2006 and 2007.
- Conduct a second survey around five positive and 27 invoice sites identified in 2006 and 2007.
- Conduct surveys at additional high risk sites within the Charlevoix/Petoskey/Harbor Springs area, such as forested and lakeshore residential developments.
- Continue traceback work to identify additional plantings of hemlock originating from outside Michigan.
- Publish outreach materials to educate the public on the threat of HWA, its identification, and regulations on the movement of hemlock.
- At the 2007 midyear meeting of the IPCC, the Governing Board voted to transfer the IPCC funds to NASDA for management (investment and operating accounts). Due to various problems at the NASDA office, and to the impact of investment decisions and accounting issues with the Smith Barney investment procedures, the Executive Director has spent a considerable amount of time dealing with the IPCC operating and investment accounts. We will continue to work with NASDA to improve the current situation.
- Passage of enabling legislation by existing member states continues to be an issue. In the past, based on information received from the National Center for Interstate Compacts within the Council of State Governments, the Executive Director has advised States that they needed to adopt the model IPCC enabling legislation verbatim. This has recently caused significant problems for such states as Florida and Arizona, whose legislature wanted to alter the model language in their legislation to varying degrees. I have since been informed by the Council of State Governments that the language in the model enabling legislation, if absolutely necessary to ensure passage, can be changed by individual state legislatures as long as the intent of the legislative elements are not changed and those changes are not substantive. It is still recommended, however, that the identical language and form of the model legislation be retained whenever possible.

New Business

Executive Director Balaam gave a brief presentation on the USDA APHIS Caribbean Safeguarding Initiative as an example of one of the offshore pest mitigation activities being conducted by USDA APHIS in an effort to put less emphasis on port exclusion activities and more emphasis on solving pest problems in the source country

Adjourn

Chairman Ibach adjourned the meeting at 8:45 am.