

# SFIREG: Region 10 report

## Pre-SFIREG Meeting

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Date:	Thursday, May 1st, 2025
Location:	The Heathman Lodge 7801 NE Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, WA
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Region 10 pre-SFIREG meeting was held in person at The Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA as part of the Western Region Pesticide Meeting (WRPM), with an online link option for those that chose to attend virtually.

## In attendance

- Alaska (ADEC): Bob Blankenburg
- Idaho (ISDA): Brian Hurzeler
- Oregon (ODA): Toby Primbs
- Washington (WSDA): Kelly McLain, Timothy Stein, Daleena Blair
- EPA (Region 10): Bethany Plewe

## Topics and State Responses:

### Feed-through pesticides

- **ODA:** To date, ODA Pesticide Enforcement Program has not encountered any significant issues with these types of products.
- **ISDA:** Not currently encountering issues. Potential for interactions if we do a joint inspection.

*\*No additional responses.*

### **EPA Label Amendment Cover/Acceptance Letters**

- **ODA:** To date, ODA Pesticide Enforcement Program has not had too many situations where the registration letters have been referred for follow-up. If received for follow-up and issues noted, depending upon the actual issue, it may be that we communicate the issue with EPA Region 10 to discuss addressing the matter.
- **ISDA:** How is EPA tracking these terms and conditions? We don't have a current system for tracking.

*\*No additional responses.*

### **General use pesticides that are reclassified to RUP**

*\*No responses.*

### **Mosquito control back-pack mist blowers**

- **ODA:** In the past two years, ODA Pesticide Enforcement Program has not had any significant complaints and enforcement actions surrounding this type of application equipment.
- **ADEC:** This has been Alaska's largest source of complaints, probably due to the number of applications, and the residential aspect. It is often difficult to prove drift in these cases. However, we did have one case where we established violations. Multiple applicators with one company, as well as the company itself, received Notices of Violation.
- **ISDA:** We get occasional complaints. Complaints are generally drift related. ID has a drift rule if the label doesn't provide its own language. It's viewed a differently generally based on the application intention, such as a commercial application versus a county doing an abatement.

*\*No additional responses.*

### **ESA Workplan and Strategy Implementation**

- **ODA:** The Insecticide Strategy states "...some conservation programs are likely to achieve 9 mitigation points, and EPA will be developing processes to identify, evaluate, and communicate qualified programs to the public." And "EPA recognizes that it needs to have

a system in place to qualify programs/parties to ensure the programs/parties will provide the necessary level of protection. In order to develop that process, EPA will engage with stakeholders to ensure that qualified programs are identified. Additionally, EPA will need to develop a process in which the Agency is able to evaluate the programs and a method to communicate qualified programs to the public.”

What is the anticipated timeline for EPA to engage stakeholders, and the timeline for the EPA method for communicating qualified programs to be released? How can programs be sent to EPA to be evaluated?

- **ISDA:** Updates to the tool box to simplify the information would be beneficial.

*\*No additional responses.*

#### **Bulletins Live Two (BLT)**

- **ISDA:** The addition of a listserv would be beneficial.

*\*No additional responses.*

#### **Implementation of the Final Biological Opinion on Carbary**

*\*No responses.*

#### **Pesticide Registration Decisions**

*\*No responses.*

#### **New and Ongoing Issues**

- **ISDA:** When looking at ESA requirements, we didn’t realize that states had a final say in Qualifying Conservation Program. So, without EPA parameters there isn’t guidance to say that we can enforce appropriately.

*\*No additional responses.*