

## Agricultural Burning Practices & Research Task Force #88 Meeting Summary

DATE: February 12, 2013

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

### **Introductions, Announcements**

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The 88<sup>th</sup> Agricultural Burning Practices and Research Task Force (Task Force) meeting was held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 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 February meeting is reserved for updating the Task Force on the Agricultural Burning Program costs and revenues, hearing research project reports, scoping future funding needs and discussing research direction. Per the Task Force Governance Document it is also scheduled for scoping changes and discussion about Best Management Practices, (BMP's).

### **Task Force Governance**

The Task Force approved modifying the Washington State Agricultural Burning Practices & Research Task Force Governance Document with the addition of the fee structure (which became effective as of July 1, 2012) for agricultural burning permit fees.

### **Agricultural Burn Program Costs and Revenues**

Kary Peterson, from Ecology's Eastern Regional Office, presented several tables illustrating the dollar-amount the Agricultural Burning Program brought in from permit fee revenue, and how much the program cost to operate over the past several years. This included the permit fee revenue and costs over the second half of 2012 which include revenue taken in after permit fee increases took effect on July 1, 2012.

### **Research Update Presentations**

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The research projects the Task Force recommended funding during the 2011-2013 biennium are coming to a close and researchers were invited to share their results at this meeting. The presenters discussed what they had accomplished over the past 18 months, how their research was progressing, problems they had encountered, and solutions they were trying.

Links to all presentations are in PDF format and are located below:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/research\\_pdf\\_files/StrawMgt\\_Pres\\_Spring2013.pdf](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/research_pdf_files/StrawMgt_Pres_Spring2013.pdf)

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/research\\_pdf\\_files/CanolaRes\\_Pres\\_Spring2013.pdf](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/research_pdf_files/CanolaRes_Pres_Spring2013.pdf)

### **Task Force discussion**

The Task Force asked to have Ecology draft a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit research grant proposals for the 2011-2013 funding cycle which begins July 1, 2011. Submitted proposals should be distributed to Task Force prior to the next meeting.

### **BMP's**

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Ecology and the task force members saw no need for changes to the Best Management Practices at this time.

The next meeting will be held June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013.