

State of Hawaii  
Department of Agriculture  
Honolulu, Hawaii

AGENDA

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PLANTS AND ANIMALS MEETING	Monday May 9, 2016 1:30 P.M.	Plant Quarantine Conference Room 1849 Auiki Street Honolulu, Hawaii Phone 832-0566
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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTION
- III. COMMENTS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS (ORAL OR WRITTEN)
- IV. REQUESTS TO BE REVIEWED BY COMMITTEE

Invertebrate and Aquatic Biota

Request to: (1) Allow the Importation of Kumamoto Oyster, *Crassostrea sikamea*, Pacific Oyster, *Crassostrea gigas*, and Manila Clam, *Tapes semidecussata*, Animals on the List of Conditionally Approved Animals, by Permit, for Wet Storage and Live Retail Sales, by Kona Coast Shellfish, LLC; and (2) Update Permit Conditions for the Importation of Kumamoto Oyster, *Crassostrea sikamea*, Pacific Oyster, *Crassostrea gigas*, and Manila Clam, *Tapes semidecussata*, Animals on the List of Conditionally Approved Animals, by Permit, for Wet Storage and Live Retail Sales, by Kona Coast Shellfish, LLC.

Plant Quarantine Branch

Request for Review and Recommendation for Preliminary Approval of Proposed Amendments to Chapter 4-72, Hawaii Administrative Rules, "Plant Intrastate Rules," to Prohibit the Intrastate Movement of *Metrosideros* (all species in genus) (Ohia) Plants and Plant Parts, Including Flowers, Leaves, Seeds, Stems, Twigs, Cuttings, Wood, Logs, Mulch, Greenwaste, Frass, and Soil, All of Which are Known Hosts or Carriers of the Fungus, *Ceratocystis fimbriata*, Known to Cause Ohia Wilt (Rapid Ohia Death), From the Island of Hawaii to Rapid Ohia Death Restricted (Non-Infested Islands) Except by Permit Issued by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (Department). (*Proposed Permanent Rule to Replace Department Plant Quarantine Interim Rule 15-1 Approved 8/25/2015.*) (**See Attached Summary of Proposed Amendments.**)

- V. ADJOURNMENT

Attachment to Advisory Committee on Plants and Animals 5/9/2016  
Meeting Agenda

Summary of Proposed Amendments to Chapter 4-72, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), the Hawaii Department of Agriculture's Plant and Non-Domestic Quarantine, Plant Intrastate Rules, Relating to Regulating Intrastate Movement of Plants, Generally, and Soil.

Amendment to chapter 4-72, HAR, is proposed to add a new section section 4-72-\_\_ entitled: Restrictions on ohia and soil from rapid ohia death infested areas. The proposed permanent rule would replace Hawaii Department of Agriculture Plant Quarantine Interim Rule 15-1, approved August 25, 2015. The proposed rule would establish a permanent quarantine to prohibit the intrastate movement of *Metrosideros* (all species in genus) (ohia) plants and plant parts, including flowers, leaves, seeds stems, twigs, cuttings, wood, logs, mulch, greenwaste, frass, and soil from the island of Hawaii, known to be an island infested by Ohia Wilt (also known as Rapid Ohia Death, to non-infested islands of the State, except by permit issued by the Department and subject to conditions consistent with preserving the quarantine, including science-based testing and, if appropriate, treatment. The rule describes generally the conditions under which the regulated material may qualify for intrastate shipment. The proposed rule is necessary to prevent the further spread and establishment of a specific strain of *Ceratocystis fimbriata*, a fungus known to cause a wilt disease in ohia lehua. Ohia trees make up about 50% of the biomass of Hawaii's native forests. A massive dieback of Hawaii's native forest could have very damaging effects on native flora and fauna and adversely impact the State's groundwater systems.