

Bills, Anne

From: NANCY ODEN <cleaneearth@myfairpoint.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 5:26 PM
To: Bills, Anne
Cc: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Re: Addendum to April 12, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda

Ms. Bills - Please put the following note in the Pesticide Control Board members' packets for this Friday's meeting:

Pesticide Control Board members:

Japanese Knotweed is a nutritious, tasty food source, as are Dandelions and many other so-called "weeds." In these times of food scarcity, we should be looking more to nature and "wild-crafting" foods which have been put here on earth for us to eat for good health.

Breaking off the stems of Japanese Knotweed (also called False Bamboo) when they're up to 4 feet or so high, then breaking them into pieces that fit in a pan, steaming them for a couple of minutes yields tasty, healthy food that tastes good, very much like lemony asparagus.

Japanese Knotweed contains Resveratrol, which is the healthy ingredient touted in red wine, as well as in grapes.

Rather than poisoning the plant and the groundwater with pesticides, we should be using this healthful plant to supplement our own diets, as well as the diets of people who use food pantries.

It's past time you stopped approving every application to poison our earth, water, and all extant life forms.

Please do not approve this application, but give them this note instead so they can begin to do what's right - and not waste and poison nature's bounty.

Thank you.

- Nancy Oden, Jonesboro, Maine 04648

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From: Bills, Anne
To: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 9:34 AM
Subject: Addendum to April 12, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda

Attached is a Chapter 29 variance request to treat Japanese knotweed in Northeast Harbor, which needs to be considered at Friday's meeting.

Additionally, the file containing miscellaneous articles of interest is attached, as it was not included in the original packet.

Anne

Anne Bills
Pesticide Safety Educator

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From: NANCY ODEN <cleaneearth@myfairpoint.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 11:48 AM
To: Bills, Anne
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Thanks, Anne. Appreciate it. Henry - Would you please read it aloud during comment time? That way the Board members who haven't read it can hear the voice of the people.
Please add this to the Note (thanks!):

"If you approve this one frivolous excuse to poison the intertidal zone of the Atlantic Ocean, why, then would you not approve any excuse to spray poisons right at the edge of the ocean where much of life is born? What is the point of the Board's rules if anyone can ask and get permission to spray poisons anywhere? The ocean's edge should be an absolute no-spray zone, and I hope the Board agrees.
This is a really bad idea. Please do not approve it, especially because it's merely for aesthetic reasons.
It's only so these waterfront owners don't have to mow down the Knotweed, which is easy to do and eventually weakens the Knotweed so it's totally manageable by hand.
Perhaps these people don't realize that the deep roots of the Japanese Knotweed are keeping the waterfront from eroding - - so poisoning the Knotweed would cause erosion of the waterfront soil.
The ominous side effect, poisoning the fisheries which are already struggling with agricultural and industrial poisons, ocean acidification, and warming ocean waters, are enough reason to deny this application.
That these oceanfront property owners don't happen to like Japanese Knotweed, or are unaware of its importance as a potential food source, says to me that they should be made aware of that fact, as well as the fact that Japanese Knotweed is an important source of late-season pollen and nectar for honeybees before winter.
There is no economic reason for this application, only harm will come if the Board approves it. We hope you turn it down so the fisheries will not suffer this particular insult, along with everything else they are trying to overcome in their struggle for survival."

that's it. Thanks..... - Nancy Oden

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From: Bills, Anne
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Ms. Oden,
Thank you for your comments. I will be sure the Board Members receive copies at the April 12 meeting.

Anne

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