

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOOD
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Joint Resolution to Eliminate the New Hampshire Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine

WHEREAS the emerald ash borer response in New Hampshire is a robust multi-agency partnership that has focused on survey, quarantine, management, recommendations, and outreach since April, 2013.

WHEREAS the emerald ash borer response program in New Hampshire has slowed the spread of ash mortality, allowing municipalities and property owners time to develop and implement emerald ash borer preparedness plans to reduce the costs associated with this destructive pest.

WHEREAS the quarantine delayed and suppressed transportation of emerald ash borer into non-quarantined counties in the state and provided time to develop the tools, strategies, programs, and outreach to support the ongoing emerald ash borer response.

WHEREAS the quarantine supported management efforts by regulating the trade in ash products from counties with emerald ash borer detections to counties without emerald ash borer detections.

WHEREAS the limitations of the quarantine included that it did not regulate trade within or between quarantined counties, nor did it affect the natural spread of emerald ash borer.

WHEREAS the benefits of regulating trade are reduced when emerald ash borer populations become widespread.

WHEREAS as of September, 2018, emerald ash borer has been found in 55 towns in a majority of the state's counties, including: Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, and Strafford.

WHEREAS transportation of potentially infested materials is unregulated in adjacent Massachusetts, Vermont, and Quebec.

WHEREAS emerald ash borer has been found in Maine.

WHEREAS Best Management Practices can be used by suppliers and consumers to reduce the risk of spreading emerald ash borer to uninfested areas.

WHEREAS the exterior firewood quarantine provides protection from introduction of invasive pests into New Hampshire from firewood movement.

WHEREAS RSA 433:28 prohibits the sale of nursery stock infested with dangerous plant pests or diseases.

WHEREAS RSA 433:29 – 433:30 provides the authority to inspect and require treatment or disposal of infested nursery stock.

WHEREAS RSA 430:51-430:55 provides the authority to protect the state from the spread of invasive species.

WHEREAS RSA 227-K: 17 prohibits the sale, offering for sale, giving away, moving or shipping any tree or forest product into or within New Hampshire that is known or believed to be infested with a forest pest declared as a dangerous insect or disease.

THEREFORE the state eliminates the emerald ash borer internal quarantine, such that the emerald ash borer regulatory program within the State of New Hampshire will no longer regulate trade in ash logs, ash chips, ash nursery stock, or hardwood firewood within New Hampshire. Any horticultural or wood products industry within New Hampshire wishing to export regulated articles outside of the federal emerald ash borer regulated area shall comply with published federal and international trade requirements.

THEREFORE Said Quarantine is ELIMINATED: October 1, 2018



Commissioner, Dept. Agriculture, Markets & Food

10/2/18
Date



Commissioner, Dept. Natural and Cultural Resources

10/1/18
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State Entomologist, Dept. Agriculture, Markets & Food

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State Forester, Dept. Natural and Cultural Resources

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