



NORTHWEST MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL ASSOCIATION

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Attn: Coos County Board of County Commissioners
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Dear Board of County Commissioners:

It has come to the attention of the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control Association (the Association) that a substantial amount of misinformation was provided to the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) at the September 3, 2013 public hearing regarding emergency mosquito control applications to the Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and the surrounding communities in Coos County. The NWMVCA feels obligated to address the misinformation and to assure the Board that the plan put forward at the meeting by Nikki Zogg is an appropriate, justified, and prudent course of action to protect the health and well-being of the citizens of Coos County.

Several comments were made regarding the use of Dibrom[®] for aerial application to control adult mosquitoes. The Association assures the Board that Dibrom[®] is an appropriate product for the type of application presented and is highly effective in controlling mosquitoes. The label for Dibrom[®] allows for application over the area targeted, is more effective than other alternative products, and quickly degrades when exposed to sunlight and water. Many mosquito control programs in the Pacific Northwest use Dibrom[®] on a regular basis in aerial applications because of its effectiveness and label specifications. In emergency situations, such as the West Nile virus epidemic in Idaho in 2006, Dibrom[®] was the only product that could meet all of the specifications that were part of the State of Idaho epidemic response.

The comments made about MetaLarv S-PT[®] are completely unfounded and inaccurate. In fact, MetaLarv S-PT[®], applied at rates consistent with labeling, are effective at controlling mosquitoes while presenting a dose that is 105 times less toxic than the lethal dose required to have adverse effects on crabs and other aquatic crustaceans. In addition, the alleged negative effects on non-target organisms such as dragonflies are also erroneous. The Association is available to provide the Board with documented studies and trials that substantiate the benign effects of MetaLarv S-PT[®] on non-target organisms upon request.

The Association applauds the Board's decision to provide relief and protection from mosquitoes to its citizens. The plan developed by several agencies and presented by Nikki Zogg is fully supported by the Association and if the Board has any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Association by calling Jason Kinley, Executive Director, at (208) 365-5628 (office) or (208) 350-8693 (mobile). Thank you for your time and considerations.