

NATIONAL PLANT BOARD

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Honolulu, Hawaii

RESOLUTION No. 3

SIREX NOCTILIO BIOLOGICAL CONTROL AND QUARANTINE

Since its 2005 discovery in New York State, the *Sirex noctilio* wood wasp has been found in Pennsylvania, Ontario Canada and most recently Michigan. A USDA Science Advisory Panel, composed of forest health experts from four countries, was formed to provide management and control recommendations. The panel has recognized the high mobility of *Sirex noctillo* and the threat it poses to North American pine resources. They recommended a three-part response consisting of survey to delimit the infestation; regulatory action to minimize the risk of artificial spread; and biological control to suppress the population.

RESOLVED by the membership of the National Plant Board at its 81st annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 22, 2007, that USDA implement the USDA Science Panel's recommendations including a sound biological control program, along with a quarantine as recommended by the panel. Further, it is expected that regulating the movement of all high risk articles including red pine poles and white pine log homes will more effectively slow the spread of *Sirex noctillo* and better protect the remainder of North America.

Motion to adopt: Gene Cross, Chair, Resolutions/Policy Committee

Seconded by: Ken Rauscher

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