

Eastern Plant Board
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Egg Harbor, New Jersey

Resolution 1: Pine Shoot Beetle Program Review

Pine Shoot Beetle, *Tomicus piniperda*, was first discovered in the United States in 1992 and was placed under federal quarantine in that year. Little change has occurred in the federal quarantine since its inception, except for additions to the area under quarantine. Pine Shoot Beetle is now present in 13 states in the United States and has not been shown to be a major pest of economic concern in the states in which it is located. Thirteen years of experience dealing with Pine Shoot Beetle and a recent limited pest risk assessment conducted by USDA-APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine's Center for Plant Health Science and Technology indicates that the current quarantine may be more restrictive than necessary to prevent the risk of artificial spread of Pine Shoot Beetle.

Be it Resolved, that the Eastern Plant Board, at its 80th annual meeting in Egg Harbor, New Jersey from April 4-7, 2005, encourages USDA-APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine to undertake a review of the Pine Shoot Beetle Quarantine, to determine whether the degree of risk caused by the Pine Shoot Beetle warrants modifications to the current quarantine, or consideration of alternatives to the quarantine, such as regional management plans, that could be implemented to accommodate regional needs. This review and possible amendment to the quarantine should be completed before the next high risk period, which begins April 1, 2006.

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