

Section II

Bee Poisoning, Environmental Toxicology, Regulatory Issues

WASHINGTON STATE COMMISSION ON PESTICIDE REGISTRATION

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The Washington State Commission on Pesticide Registration was formed in 1995 to support evaluations, studies, or investigations approved by the commission on pesticide registration regarding the registration or reregistration of pesticides for minor crops or minor uses.

In 1999, recognizing the need to pursue pest management solutions beyond pesticides the mandate of the Commission was broadened evaluations, studies, or investigations approved by the commission regarding research, implementation, and demonstration of any aspect of integrated pest management.

At the time of the transition from an entity solely devoted to pesticide registration to one devoted to integrated pest management no provision was included to change the name of the Commission on Pesticide Registration. The Commission continued on with its new mandate and its old name. The Commission funds projects in three areas; protection of human health, reducing risk to the environment and economic development.

The economic impact of the Commission between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2007 will exceed \$23 million. The cumulative impact of all projects funded by the Commission since 1995 will exceed \$1 billion. In the period covering the 2006 and 2007 fiscal years, the Commission has funded 103 projects representing over 85 crops. Funding totaled \$1.53 million during the prior or an average of \$14,854 per project. The participating organizations provided \$2.05 million in matching funds and in-kind support, an average of \$18,049 per project. For every state general fund dollar provided by the Commission, participating organizations contributed \$1.06 in matching support. Combined Commission and matching funds spent during this period were \$3.6 million or an average of \$32,902 per project.

Between the time the Commission first met in October of 1995 and the end of the 2007 fiscal year, it has funded 613 projects veering over 100 crops and sites. The WSCPR funded an average of \$14,607 per project, for a total of \$33,392 per project over the past ten years.

The Commission was instructed to spend at least 25% of its funding on minor, minor crops (those crops not in Washington's top 20 in terms of value of production.) Of the \$1.53 million

spent by the Commission during the 2006 and 2007 fiscal years, 44% supported projects on minor, minor crops.