

What Will Be Covered:

- Plant Quarantine Branch Overview
- Permitting
- Christmas Tree Compliance Agreement
- Other Strategies to Obtain Compliance
- Closing and Questions

Plant Quarantine Branch Overview INSPECT TO PROTECT



PQB's Purpose:

► The PQB is the State's regulatory agency for the importation and possession of <u>live plants</u>, <u>non-propagative plant parts</u>, <u>non-domestic animals</u>, <u>microorganisms</u>, and <u>soil</u> into the State to protect agricultural and horticultural industries, the environment, and public and animal health.

▶ 85 staff members statewide for daily operations

What does The Plant Quarantine Branch (PQB) Regulate?

- ► The PQB regulates pests.
- ▶ A "Pest" means any animal, insect, disease agent or other organism in any stage of development that is detrimental or potentially harmful to agriculture, or horticulture, or animal or public health, or natural resources including native biota or has an adverse effect on the environment as determined by the board.

Permitting FROM AN AMOEBA TO A ZEBRA



Permit Issuance

- ▶ Permits are the main form of pre-entry compliance for restricted commodities.
 - ► For non-domestic animals, permit conditions are species and use specific. Must go through a multiple tiered review process prior to permit issuance.
 - ► For microorganisms, generally by Administrative rule.
- ► Inspection and Compliance Specialists for each section: Land Vertebrates, Invertebrates and Aquatic Biota (except insects), Plants, Microorganisms and Insects.

Christmas Tree Compliance Agreement

A PARTNERSHIP OF SUCCESS



Christmas Tree Compliance

- ► Two separate compliance agreements between HDOA and Washington Department of Agriculture and Oregon Department of Agriculture.
 - ▶ It requires specific Best Management Practices and certifications to ensure Christmas Trees are Pest Free upon entry into Hawaii.
- Extremely Successful:
 - ▶ In 2012: 240 containers imported, 93 held, 71 required treatment or other measures. *Roughly 61% compliance.*
 - ▶ In 2018: 185 containers imported, 2 held, 2 required treatment. Roughly 98% compliance.

Other Strategies to Obtain Compliance

WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE A COMMON GOAL



Other ongoing Strategies:

- Continually Increasing Communication with Partner Agencies and Stakeholders for target pests such as the Brown Tree Snake.
- Agricultural Declaration Forms
- Education and outreach for shippers to Hawaii and importers within the State.
- ► Electronic Manifesting (E-Manifest).

• QUESTIONS?

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