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Brief Summary of Public Hearing Held On December 4, 2014

Theodore G. Andreadis, Director

A public hearing to announce a recession of current quarantines for the emerald ash borer (EAB) in New Haven, Fairfield, Hartford, and Litchfield counties that were established in 2012 and 2013, and the extension of the EAB quarantine throughout the entire state of Connecticut as a result of its detection in Middlesex and New London counties, effective December 5, 2014 was held on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 1:30 PM at the Middlesex County Extension Center, 1066 Saybrook Road, Haddam, Connecticut. The required public notice was published in the Hartford Courant, Middletown Press and New London Day on November 24, 2014. An additional press announcement was released on November 12 2014.

Dr. Theodore G. Andreadis, director of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) presided over the hearing. Additional panel members included, Dr. Kirby C. Stafford III, State Entomologist (CAES); Christopher R. Martin, Director and State Forester, Division of Forestry (Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection); Kate Aitkenhead, Acting State Plant Health Director for CT/MA/RI, USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine; Dr. Victoria L. Smith, Deputy State Entomologist (CAES); Dr. Claire Rutledge, Assistant Research Entomologist (CAES); and Thomas Worthley, UConn Cooperative Extension Forestry Program.

Dr. Andreadis's opening remarks included the purpose of the meeting, the statutory authority (CT General Statute 22-84) for the quarantine, a statement that the proceedings would be recorded by CT-N, verification for publishing of legal notices in newspapers, and a comment that sign-up sheets were available for persons to speak. The following exhibits were available: copies of the state order to rescind the current quarantines for the emerald ash borer (EAB) in New Haven, Fairfield, Hartford, and Litchfield and extend the quarantine state-wide to include all eight counties, state regulations concerning the

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movement of firewood, copies of application forms for a permit to move regulated articles, current EAB distribution map, EAB specimens and feeding damage to ash.

Dr. Andreadis announced that with this quarantine the movement of emerald ash borer, ash logs, ash materials, ash nursery stock, and other regulated articles within and between the eight counties of Connecticut will no longer be subject to state or federal quarantine. However, the transport of firewood of all species, including ash, will continue to be regulated by § 22-84-5g of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. Dr. Andreadis then proceeded to give a brief summary on the biology, origin, spread, and feeding damage caused by the EAB since its introduction into the United States and provided a timeline on its previous detections in Connecticut and prior quarantine orders to slow its spread. Mr. Martin thanked people for attending, stressed the effectiveness of the multi-agency response to the EAB infestation in CT, its impact on homeowners and residents, and the need to carefully review options for management of infested trees. Ms. Aitkenhead noted that a federal quarantine will now be implemented and that it will mirror the CT quarantine. Dr. Stafford reviewed regulations for movement of all firewood products in and out of CT.

The public session of the hearing provided opportunities for citizens to ask questions. Five individuals signed in and a total of twenty people were in attendance. Questions included: clarification on the movement of firewood into and out of Connecticut from regulated and nonregulated states such as Vermont, Massachusetts, New York and Canada, removal of infested and non-infested ash trees from forest stands, control options and current research initiatives for biological control of EAB. No written comments were submitted.

The hearing was adjourned at 2:00 PM.