

**Washington State Dept. of Agriculture
(WSDA)
Authority Over Pesticides**

WSDA – State Lead Authority Under EPA for FIFRA Enforcement

- The Washington State Department of Agriculture has been the lead agency administering laws and rules related to pesticides since the 1940's.
- Objectives
 - is to protect pesticide users, workers, general public, and environment from adverse effects of pesticides.
 - maintaining pesticides as a tool for use in producing agricultural and forest crops, protecting human and animal health, food supplies and structures.
- **FIFRA** (The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, Rodenticide Act) Enforcement
- **Licensing and Recertification of Pesticide Applicators**
- **Registration of Pesticide Products**
- **Enforcement** of the Sale, Use, Distribution and Disposal of Pesticides in WA

Washington Pesticide Control Act

- **RCW 15.58**
- **15.58.020 Declaration Of Public Interest.**
- **The formulation, distribution, storage, transportation, and disposal of any pesticide and the dissemination of accurate scientific information as to the proper use, or nonuse, of any pesticide, is important and vital to the maintenance of a high level of public health and welfare both immediate and future, and is hereby declared to be a business affected with the public interest. The provisions of this chapter are enacted in the exercise of the police powers of the state for the purpose of protecting the immediate and future health and welfare of the people of the state.**

Washington Pesticide Application Act

- **RCW 17.21**

17.21.010 Police Power and Purpose:

- The **application and the control of the use** of various pesticides is important and vital to the **maintenance of a high level of public health and welfare** both immediate and future, and is hereby declared to be affected with the public interest. The provisions of this chapter are enacted in the **exercise of the police power of the state for the purpose of protecting the immediate and future health and welfare of the people of the state.**

GENERAL PESTICIDE RULES

WAC 16-228

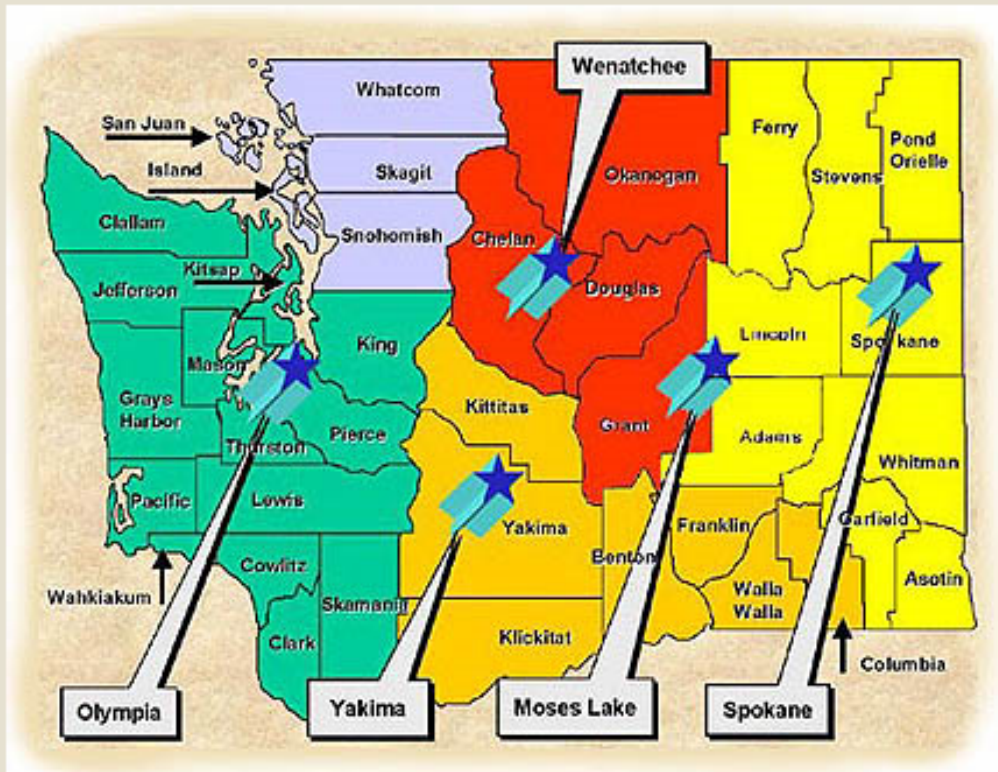
- **WAC 16-228-1500 Violations**
 - **False/Fraudulent Claims, Records**
 - **Pesticide Use Inconsistent with the LABEL !**
 - **Known Ineffective or Improper Pesticides**
 - **Faulty or Unsafe Apparatus**
 - **Operated in a Faulty, Careless OR Negligent Manner**
 - **Unlicensed Applicator when required**
 - **Aiding and Abetting**
 - **Etc.....**

WSDA Pesticide Management

WSDA - Pesticide Management Division

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What is a Pesticide?

(31) "Pesticide" means, but is not limited to:

(a) Any substance or mixture of substances intended to

- prevent, destroy, control, repel, or mitigate
- any insect, rodent, snail, slug, fungus, weed,
- and any other form of plant or animal life or virus, except virus on or in a living person or other animal which is normally considered to be a pest or which the director may declare to be a pest;

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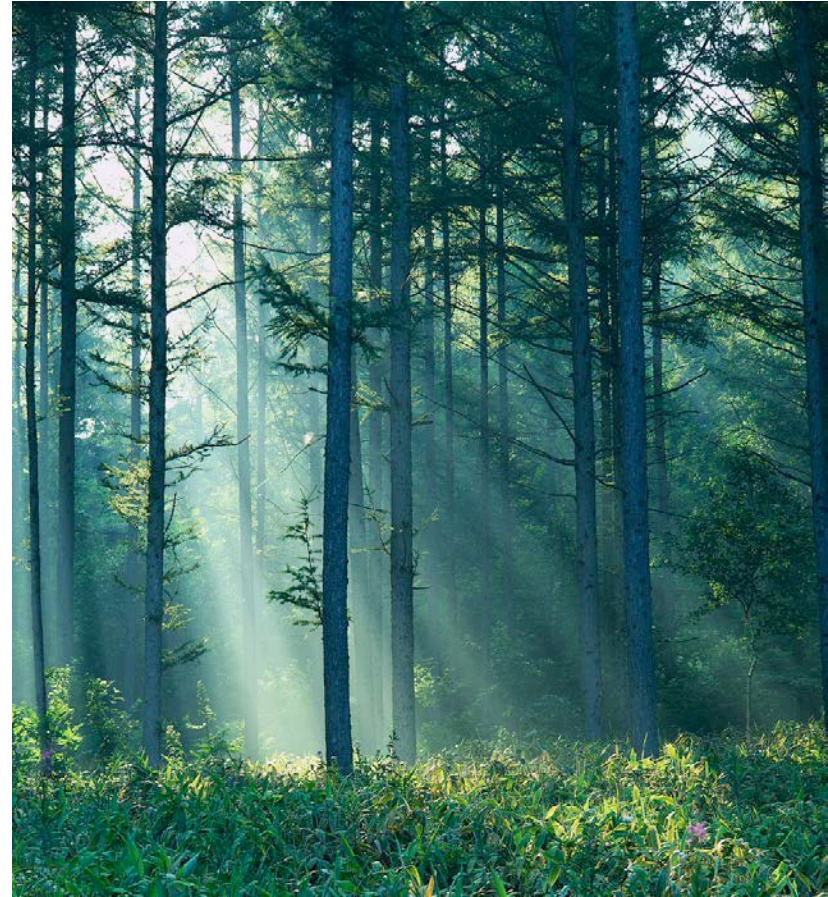
Herbicide With Aquatic Sites

- **Lakes, Rivers, Streams, Ponds, Seeps, Drainage Ditches, Canals, Reservoirs, Swamps, Bogs, Marshes, Estuaries, Bays, Brackish Water**
- **Transitional Areas Between Terrestrial And Aquatic Sites And Seasonal Wet Areas.**



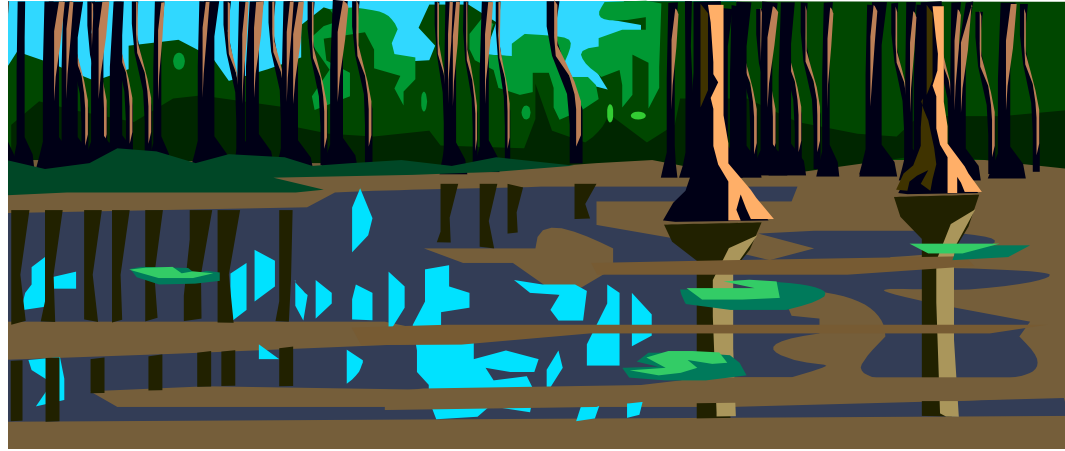
Forestry Herbicide Sites:

- Conifer and Hardwood Plantations
(Including Grazed Areas on These Sites)
- Ditchbanks of Dry Drainage Ditches
- Unimproved Turf Grass,



Forestry Herbicide Precautions

Precautions:



- This Herbicide may be applied: in conifer and hardwood plantations, and non-crop sites that contain areas of temporary surface water caused by the collection of water between planting beds, in equipment ruts, or in other depressions created by management activities.
- It is permissible to treat intermittently flooded low lying sites, seasonally dry flood plains and transitional areas between upland and lowland sites **when no water is present**.
- It is also permissible to treat marshes, swamps and bogs after water has receded as well as seasonally dry flood deltas.
- **DO NOT** make applications to natural or man-made bodies of water such as lakes, reservoirs, ponds, streams and canals.

Forestry Herbicide Aquatic Restrictions



ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment washwaters or rinsate.

This herbicide is injurious to plants at extremely low concentrations. Nontarget plants may be adversely effected from drift and run-off.