

# **European Pine Shoot Moth (EPSM) Certification** FOR SHIPMENTS TO CALIFORNIA, HAWAII, MONTANA

#### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Any licensed Christmas tree or nursery stock grower exporting pine (Pinus spp.) from Oregon to California, Hawaii, or Montana, are required to be certified free of EPSM. Any person who anticipates shipping pine to California or Montana, either directly or through a broker, on the basis of the trapping program, must have all of their pine growing grounds (fields) trapped for EPSM. Note that Hawaii does not accept trapping results for certification.

### HOW DOES CERTIFICATION WORK?

Certification is based on selective pheromone trapping on pine growing grounds and/or by chemical treatment of nursery stock, depending on the shipping destination. Generally, locations trapped and found free of EPSM may be eligible for certification.

**California**: To be eligible for certification your growing location must meet one of the following conditions:

- 1. The location has been trapped by the ODA and found free of European pine shoot moth during the previous and current seasons.
- 2. No more than two moths were trapped during the previous and current seasons and the area was effectively treated during each season using an approved insecticide.
- 3. If treated, accurate application records must be kept. Such records will include application date, insecticide name, EPA number, insecticide concentration, and applicator's name.



**Montana:** To be eligible for certification your growing location must have been found free of European pine shoot moth based on negative trapping data, or the pines must be fumigated with methyl bromide.

Hawaii: Pine nursery stock must be fumigated with methyl bromide prior to shipping.

## HOW MUCH DOES TRAPPING COST?

A basic fee each licensed nursery or Christmas tree grower requesting EPSM trapping has been established at \$85 per location (field) per year.

## HOW DO I SIGN UP TO BE TRAPPED?

The Nursery and Christmas tree program provides notifications via our Nursery listserve. Notifications include import dates, a copy of the application form, and any updates for that year. Notifications are typically sent in March.

To subscribe to the Nursery Program emailing list go to: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORODA/subscriber/new

Once you have participated in the program, you are automatically added to the EPSM mailing list. Growers who are on the mailing list will receive notifications on trapping in February by mail. Your application will be sent along with a pre-paid envelope for free return mailing to the Salem office.