



FACILITATION OF COOPERATIVE CONSERVATION

Executive Order 13352

Position Statement 07-PS10-06

North American Weed Management Association

Situation

Executive Order 13352 Facilitation of Cooperative Conservation, was signed by President Bush August 26, 2004. The executive order directs the Departments of Interior, Agriculture, Commerce and Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out the activities relating to the environment and natural resources in a manner that:

- Facilitates cooperative conservation,
- Considers interests of landowners and others with interest in land and other natural resources,
- Accommodates local participation, and
- Considers protection of public health and safety.

The named Departments and EPA are to report annually to the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality on actions to implement this order. A White House Conference on Cooperative conservation was held to facilitate exchange of information and means for achievement of Cooperative Conservation. The NAWMA president participated in this conference.

Position

The North American Weed Management Association supports the principles set forth in this executive order. Noxious and invasive weed management are activities that directly relate to the environment and natural resources, therefore the Departments of Interior, Agriculture, Commerce and Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency should apply the principles of this order any time they have activities affecting noxious and invasive weed management.

NAWMA is looking for the full implementation of this order for the benefit of our environment and natural resources by involving the landowners, others with interest in the land and other resources through local participation. NAWMA feels that the Departments of Interior, Agriculture, Commerce and Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency should discuss and coordinate their noxious and invasive weed management activities between each other and the local level. Efforts should be made to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of these activities.

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