



## 2020 WSSA Standing Committee Report

Committee Name and Code: WSSA TAG USDA APHIS

Committee Chair: Te-Ming (Paul) Tseng

Committee Members (includes sub-committee members):

Board of Directors Liaison:

Committee members rotating off and recommended replacements:

Summary of past year's activities including:

- Committee goals
- Committee accomplishments

### 1. Petitions

a. Received and reviewed one petition since July 2020 (last meeting); a total of two petitions in 2020.

b. Petitions:

i. A petition for the introduction and open-field release of the seed-feeding weevil *Mogulones borraginis* (Fabricius) (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) for the biological control of houndstongue (*Cynoglossum officinale* L.) in the United States.

a. Houndstongue is a toxic biennial plant introduced from Europe, likely as a contaminant in cereal seed. Like other members of the Borage family, houndstongue is rough in texture and produces flowers in long, coiled stalks

- Petitioner: Mark Schwarzlander, Professor. Department of Entomology, Plant Pathology and Nematology, University of

Idaho, Moscow, ID 83844-2329. Phone: (208) 885-9319,

Email: markschw@uidaho.edu

- Recommendation: Recommend without reservation (WSSA); Under review (TAG)
- ii. A petition for the introduction and open-field release of the gall-forming weevil *Ceutorhynchus cardariae* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) for the biological control of hoary cress species (*Lepidium draba*, *Lepidium chalepense* and *Lepidium appelianum*) in North America
  - a. Hoary cress is a highly competitive plant forming a monoculture, and once established, it easily displaces native vegetation. It has the potential to reduce the value of high-price wheat lands. It commonly grows in disturbed sites, pastures, roadsides, saline soils, and along river banks and other waterways. Please click here to see a county level distribution map of hoary cress in Washington.
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2. Annual TAG meeting (April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021?)

a. Based on Doodle poll; virtual.

b. 2020 Annual Meeting was canceled due to federal COVID-19 restrictions.

3. Upcoming Annual TAG conference call

a. October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (10-11 am CST)

- WSSA funds requested if any?
- Current state of the committee's projects or activities? (see accomplishments)
- Any new information posted on the WSSA website?

Summary of plans for next year (changes in goals, key initiatives, plan of action, etc.):  
(see accomplishments)

Recommendations for Board or Membership action (funds or other requests):

