



107th Western Plant Board Annual Conference

April 20th - 23rd, 2026

Location: Four Points by Sheraton
 Bellingham Hotel & Conference Center
 714 Lakeway Dr, Bellingham, WA 98229
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	Monday, April 20 th , 2026	Presenter	Location
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Registration		Hotel Foyer
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Welcome Reception (2 Drink tickets provided with registration)	Appetizers provided by WA Tree Fruit Association	Bar/Conference Room
	Dinner on Your Own		
7:00 PM	Hospitality Room		

	Tuesday, April 21 st , 2026	Presenter	Location
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet		
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration Desk Open		Hotel Foyer
8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	Welcome from WSDA	Director Sandison, WSDA	Conference Room
8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	Welcome to Bellingham, WA	Sven – Erik, Spichiger, WSDA	Conference Room
8:30 AM – 8:35 AM	State Plant Regulatory Official Roll Call	Wondirad Gebru, WPB Vice- President	Conference Room
8:35 AM – 9:00 AM	WPB President Opening Remarks	Chris Benemann, WPB President	Conference Room
9:00 AM – 9:20 AM	NPB President Opening Remarks	Piera Siegert, NPB President	Conference Room
9:20 AM – 10:00 AM	USDA APHIS PPQ Update	Katie Hough or Nicole Russo	Conference Room
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Break		
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Selling Apples and Cherries to the World	Jon DaVaney, WA State Fruit Tree Association	Conference Room

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	USDA Forest Service Update	TBD	Conference Room
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	CBP Update	Luca Furnare, CBP	Conference Room
12:00 AM – 1:00 AM	Lunch Buffet		
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	First Foods of Washington Tribes	Sam Barr, Coast Salish Youth Coalition	Conference Room
1:45 PM – 2:15 PM	SPRO Updates (5 mins each): AK, AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT	WPB SPROs	Conference Room
2:15 PM – 2:45 PM	Developing Communication Plans for Pest Response Programs	Karla Salp, WSDA	Conference Room

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Break		
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Washington Native Bee Survey	TBD, WSDA	Conference Room
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	CAPS Update	Tina Gresham/Darrell Bays, PPQ	Conference Room
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	New World Screw Worm	TBD, CDA	Conference Room
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	SPRO Updates (5 mins each: NM, OR, UT, WA, WY, GU, HI)	WPB SPROs	Conference Room
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner on Your Own		
9:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open		

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration Desk Open		Hotel Foyer
6:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet		
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	SPRO Break-out Session Room:	CBP Break-out Session Room:	USDA- APHIS- PPQ Break-out Session Room:
9:30 AM	Load Tour Buses		
10:00 -11:30 AM	Tour at Washington bulbs then visit Roosengaarde Farms (flowers & bulbs), Mt. Vernon, Brent Roosen	~40mins drive south from Bellingham	
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Load bus and Box Lunch, travel to Roosengaarde Farms	100 yards down the Road	
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Visit Roosengaarde Farms		
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	Load Tour Buses travel to at Northern State Recreation Area (~28min drive from Roosengaarde Farms)		
2:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Hornet Tracking Exercise at Northern State Recreation Area (~28min drive from Roosengaarde Farms)		
4:30 PM	Return to Hotel		
6:00 PM	Reception & Awards Banquet		
7:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open		

Thursday, April 23rd, 2026

	Presenter	Location
6:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet	

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Spongy moth world tour: Response to receiving unwanted guests	Luca Furnare, CBP	Conference Room
8:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Do I detect a hint of SLF? Waiter, there is DNA in my honeydew.	Joshua Milnes, WSDA	Conference Room
8:45 AM – 9:15 AM	Railroad update (<i>title pending</i>)	Brianna Flonc, USDA PPQ	Conference Room
9:15 AM – 10:00 AM	Spartina eradication: Protecting Washington's resources.	Chad Phillips, WSDA	Conference Room
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Break		

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Success at a snail's pace, history and status of <i>Cernuella virgata</i> eradication at the Port of Tacoma	Nathan Roueche, WSDA	Conference Room
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Creating a Set of Mutually Acceptable Categories of Wood Packing Material (<i>title pending</i>)	Leigh Greenwood, TNC or Josh Vlach, ODA	Conference Room
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	New Quarantine Weeds: Palmer and Orobanche (<i>title pending</i>)	TBD	Conference Room
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch Buffet		
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	WPB Break-out Session Room:	CAPS Break-out Session Rm:	PPQ Break-out Session (Optional) Room:
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Break-out Sessions: Highlights & Takeaways and Meeting Conclusion	Chris Benemann, ODA	Conference Room
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Break		
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	WPB Business Meeting – SPROs	Chris Benemann, ODA	Conference Room
	Dinner on Your Own		
7:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open		

Friday, April 24th, 2026

Travel Day



