



## National Organic Coalition

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# NOC NEWS

April 13, 2011

**See News below about these topics:**

Save the Date - Pre-NOSB Meeting

NOC Comments to NOSB April 2011

NOSB Meeting April 26 - 29

NOSB Announces Member Openings for 2010

New on NOC Website - NOSB Recommendations 1992 - 2001

## **You're Invited to NOC pre-NOSB Meeting**

**Co-Sponsored by PCC Natural Markets & Oregon Tilth**

**Monday, April 25, 2011 -- 10 am to 5 pm**

**Seattle, Washington**

**Hotel: Red Lion on 5th** , 1415 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 206-971-8000

**USDA has secured a block of rooms @ \$139.00 per night.  
Register as attending USDA Conference**

***Please RSVP to Liana Hoodes:  
[Liana@NationalOrganicCoalition.org](mailto:Liana@NationalOrganicCoalition.org)***

**Highlights of the NOC pre-NOSB meeting will include:**

- Farm Bill
- GE Alfalfa
- NOSB Issues
- Aquaculture and GE Salmon

***Coffee/Drinks & Snacks included - LUNCH is on your own***  
***[NOSB meeting April 26 - 29. See details at NOP website](#)***

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**An Evening of Wine and Chocolate**  
Monday, April 25 -- 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
[Theo Chocolate Factory - 3400 Phinney Ave. N., Fremont](#)

[PCC Natural Markets](#), [Theo Chocolate](#) and [Powers Winery](#) cordially invite you to a reception to welcome National Organic Coalition (NOC) members to Seattle. PCC and Powers are providing appetizers and wine, while Theo will offer tours of its facility with various chocolate samplings. Theo is the only organic, Fair Trade™ bean-to-bar chocolate factory in the United States.

**Space is limited! Please RSVP to Janice Parker at [Janice.Parker@pccsea.com](mailto:Janice.Parker@pccsea.com) by April 18<sup>th</sup> if you'd like to attend.**

**[Directions to Theo Chocolate from Red Lion](#)**

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**[NOC Comments to National Organic Standards Board - \(NOSB\) April 2011](#)**



**Topics include -**

- Conflict of Interest
- Copper Materials
- Lignin Sulfonate
- Pheromones
- Animal Welfare
- Sodium Nitrate
- Procedures for Committee Recommendations
- Chlorine
- Corn Steep Liquor
- Magnesium Sulfate
- Streptomycin and Tetracycline
- Nutrient Supplementation
- Classification of Material

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**USDA National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)  
Meeting April 26 - 29**

**Red Lion on Fifth, Seattle, WA**

**[See Agenda](#)**

**How to Register for In-Person Public Comment**

You can make in-person comments to the NOSB. Reserve five-minute slots on Tuesday, April 26 or Thursday, April 28 in Seattle, Washington. [Reserve online.](#)



To view the Agenda and committee recommendations, go to the USDA-NOSB website - [Meeting Agenda and Recommendations](#)

All comments are available for viewing at [www.ams.usda.gov/nosbseattle](http://www.ams.usda.gov/nosbseattle).

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**NOSB Nominations for 2012**

**[Press Release](#)**

**Grassroots candidates needed for 5 positions on the [National Organic Standards Board](#)  
Application Deadline: July 17**

The National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) is a 15-member volunteer USDA board responsible for developing (and recommending to the USDA Secretary) a proposed National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances, and to advise the Secretary on all other aspects of the National Organic Program.

Five slots are open on January 24, 2012 for a 5-year term that will run until January 24, 2017. USDA encourages eligible individuals who can demonstrate an ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities to apply for membership on the NOSB.

The 5 categories to be filled (1 person for each slot):

- **Organic producer**
- **Retailer**
- **Organic handler**
- **Environmental**
- **Consumer/public interest**

For more information, see the [Federal Register Notice](#), [See the NOSB nomination process page for more information, including information about how NOSB members are selected, membership Application, and criteria for NOSB membership.](#)

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### **New Feature on NOC Website - NOSB Decisions and Recommendations from 1992 through 2001**

- [\*\*Toward Organic Integrity -- A Guide to the Development of U.S. Organic Standards, with NOSB Recommendations 1992-1997\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Database on NOSB Recommendations for Materials Considered for Use in Organic Agricultural Production and Handling , 1994-2001\*\*](#)
- [\*\*National Organic Standards Board Recommendations 1998 - 2000\*\*](#)

