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NOC NOSB NEWS

See below for an Action Alert about GE Salmon, and a quick update from the recent NOSB meeting in Madison, WI. Also see [NOC's complete comments to the NOSB](#).

See News below about many organic topics:

Say "NO!" to GE Salmon

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SAY "NO!" TO GE SALMON

FDA comment period on GE Salmon until November 22, 2010

The FDA has a comment period to label GE Salmon. Tell the FDA the you DO NOT want any Genetically Engineered salmon. Should this administration approve GE Salmon, despite overwhelming opposition, there should be **clear, mandatory**

labeling when marketing to fish farmers, fish retailers and food companies, restaurants, as well as clear consumer labeling to allow consumers to make informed purchasing decisions.

See Action Alerts and details on how to comment from NOC Members:

[Food and Water Watch](#)
[Center For Food Safety](#)

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### **Big Win For Organic Hops!**

NOSB votes to require Organic Hops in Organic Beer

On October 28, 2010 the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) unanimously voted in favor of removing hops from the USDA National Organic Program's National List of Approved and Prohibited Substances (section 205.606), effective January 1, 2013. Since hops were added to the National List in 2007, the production of organic hops in the



U.S. has increased substantially.

This recommendation lays out a two-year transition period giving growers and brewers ample time to contract for the planting of specific desired varieties and to align the supply and demand of organic hops.

The NOSB's decision is a win-win-win for organic consumers, organic brewers, and organic hop growers. It will lead to a healthy and well-functioning marketplace for organic hops and foster additional growth in the organic beer industry.

For additional information on the NOSB decision or on the American Organic Hop Grower Association, contact Meghann Quinn at [info@usorganichops.com](mailto:info@usorganichops.com)

The American Organic Hop Grower Association is a non-profit association devoted to promoting the use of organic hops. For more information, visit [www.usorganichops.com](http://www.usorganichops.com)

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Next NOSB -- Seattle, Washington

Tuesday - Thursday, April 26-29, 2011

[Red Lion Hotel on Fifth Avenue](#)

1415 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101-2313

<http://www.seattleredlionfifthavenue.com/>

Next NOC Pre-NOSB Meeting

Monday April 25, 2011 8:30am - 5:30pm

[Red Lion Hotel on Fifth Avenue](#)

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### New NOSB Officers for 2011

**Tracy Medeima** - Chair

**Joe Dixon** - Vice Chair

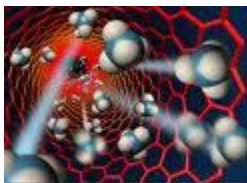
**Wendy Fulwider** - Secretary



**BOARD RESIGNATION:** Also noted, at this meeting was letter of resignation from Annette Riherd-Organic Producer. It is still not clear how this spot will be filled.

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NOSB Proposes Nanotech Prohibition



The board approved its [Nanotechnology recommendations](#) with some additions reflecting public comments, including the following statement: "The NOSB proposes that Engineered Nanomaterials be prohibited from certified organic products as expeditiously as possible. We respectfully request that the NOP take immediate actions to implement this document."

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### Animal Welfare

The NOSB presented two discussion documents related to Animal Welfare in organic, including the statement that "Animal welfare is a basic principle of organic production." NOC believes that now is the time for organic to take the lead in all animal welfare standards, including the specific standards related to ample outdoor access for all livestock species. Future NOSB meetings will discuss more detail on stocking rates, and other animal welfare specifics.



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Labeling Organic Honey

Detailed apiculture standards developed and proposed by the Accredited Certifiers Association were passed by the Board. Up to now, organic bee products being sold with the USDA organic seal have had different methods of production, so these standards will the US label as well as bring it in harmony with EU and Canada. The standards would require that a forage area needs to be either certifiable as wild harvest or certified land, and a detailed organic system plan will be required.



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### See the National Organic Program Strategic Plan 2010-2012:

[Organic Integrity from Farm to Table](#)  
[Consumers Trust the Organic Label](#)

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