

Regulations for Biological Control Insects in New England States

Connecticut

- Federal 526 Permit, then State signs off on that
- Letter of consent from landowner, where beetles are released, see attached

Maine

- No in-state regulations
- only permit if cross state lines

Massachusetts:

- Regulations currently being established (9-25-2006)
- Contact Local Conservation Commission, they ensure that everything follows the Wetlands Protection Act. DEP supports the project and is in the process of providing support and guidance for the Conservation Commissions.
 - Goes through the National Heritage Inventory of Endangered Species for Review
 - Contact Beth Suedmeyer with any questions, it is possible to work under their permit if everything is coordinated
 - USDA permit required if crossing over state lines/or buying beetles

New Hampshire

- Volunteer program, must occur on your own property or you need a letter of consent if it is someone else's property.
- Must go through the permit process with USDA to import plant pests, and the project must benefit the community.
- Call Doug Cygan with any questions or concerns.

Rhode Island

- Beetles collected and dispersed throughout the state do not require permits
- If you are crossing state lines then a permit is required: USDA, and then contact the state.

Vermont

- No permit required for the beetles, but there is a permit required for moving the purple loosestrife around. Contact the Dept. of Agriculture.

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Do you know about the resources from the MI State Purple Pages?

<http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/pp/>

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