TAG-BCW Petition Flow Chart

Petitioner

May contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for advice and input Prepares petition for Test Plant List or Field Release Sends to APHIS-PPQ (TAG-BCW Executive Secretary)

TAG-BCW Executive Secretary

Acknowledge receipt of petition to petitioner Establishes timelines
Sends petition review sheets to TAG members
Generates hard copy folders of petition to file
Sends reminders to TAG members
Responds to TAG or Petitioner questions
Filters information through the TAG system

TAG-BCW Members

Review and evaluate the petition Including the Endangered Species Act Synthesize comments from subject matter specialists Submit comments and recommendations to TAG-BCW Exe. Sec.

TAG-BCW Executive Secretary

Confirms receipt of reviewer sheets Sends compiled reviews to TAG Chair Sets up conference calls to discuss issues w/ petition Logs the petition , files information in red folder

TAG-BCW Chair

Consolidates recommendations Submits TAG recommendations to TAG Executive Secretary, and Petitioner

TAG-BCW Executive Secretary

Submits recommendation letter to APHIS PPQ Files petition and recommendation letter with APHIS

USDA-APHIS

USDA-APHIS acknowledges receipt of the recommendation

USDA-APHIS evaluates the recommendations for acceptance

Petitioner

Conducts more research, or

Discontinues effort

Resubmits petition or test plant list, or

The Petitioner submits an application for a permit through the ePermit system (the permit application process is on page 3-2-4 of the TAG Manual)

Legend TAG Member Organizations

APHIS = Animal and Plant Health
Inspection Service
ARS = Agricultural Research
Service
PPD = Program Policy
Development
PPQ = Plant Protection and
Quarantine
TAG-BCW = Technical Advisory
Group for the Biological Control of
Weeds

Subject matter specialists evaluate

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