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To: Interested Parties

From: The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Crop and Pest Services Division

Regarding: The request to add the following plants onto the Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List:

Actinidia arguta (Hardy kiwi)

Butomus umbellatus (Flowering rush)

Salix atrocinerea (Large Gray willow)

Salix cinerea (Rusty willow)

Date: February 3, 2017

On January 10, 2017, the Department held a public hearing regarding the addition of the above-listed plants to the Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List ("List"). The Department also received written comments prior and up to 5:00 pm on January 10, 2017. The vast majority of the comments received were regarding the addition of *Actinidia arguta* (Hardy kiwi), both in support and opposition to its addition to the List. The Department received only two comments regarding the other three plants, all in support for the addition each to the List.

After a review of all comments and information provided to the Department, the following plants will be added to the List:

Butomus umbellatus (Flowering rush)

Salix atrocinerea (Large Gray willow)

Salix cinerea (Rusty willow)

As a result of the number of comments in opposition of the addition to Hardy kiwi to the List, the Department will be taking additional time to investigate this matter further before making a final determination.