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About the Washington Oilseeds Commission

The Washington Oilseeds Commission was established in 1998 as the Canola and Rapeseed Commission, and changed its name in 2014 to reflect the changes in the industry to the Washington Oilseeds Commission. The Commission's main function is to promote the general welfare of the state by supporting research, marketing and information activities related to canola, rapeseed, and mustard produced in Washington State.

The Commission is funded by an assessment of 10 cents per hundredweight on canola, rapeseed, or mustard grown in Washington for use as oil, meal, planting seed, condiment, or other industrial or chemurgic uses. Assessments are collected at the first point of sale and, in the 2018-19 fiscal year are expected to total \$88,000.

Commission activities in 2018-19 include providing funding Dr. Catherine Reardon for her project entitled "Value-added Rotational Benefits of Canola: Microbiology at the Root" and Dr. Don Wysocki project entitled "Fungicide Timing and Rate to Control Blackleg Disease in Winter Canola".

Board meetings are held four times a year – in January, April, July, and November in 2019. An Annual Meeting will be/was held on January 9, 2019 at which the annual report will be/was presented and the budget is discussed. All growers and interested parties are invited to participate in all meetings.

If you are interested in participating with the WA Oilseeds Commission please visit with any of our board members.

2019 Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, January 9, 2019 - Annual Meeting, Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, WA at 7:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 16, 2019 - Conference Call 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, July 9, 2019 - Conference Call 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, November 12, 2019 - In Person Meeting, Viterro, Warden, WA 9:00 a.m.

Conference Call Information:

- Number: 1 (888) 757-2790
- Pin: 111591



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Election and appointment of board members

Grower and handler positions on the board are filled either by election or by appointment by the Director of Agriculture. Regardless, the path to any appointment begins with a call for nominations from producers or handlers to ensure that those covered by the marketing order are given ample opportunity to have a voice in who is chosen to represent them on the board. The terms of two positions expire on May 31 each year. The call for nominations usually occurs in April.

- Any grower may nominate a qualified grower orally at the nomination meeting or by submitting a written petition signed by at least five growers.
- When only one person is nominated for a position, and meets the qualifications, the person is declared elected or is appointed to the position.
- If more than one person is nominated for an elected position or more than two persons nominated for an appointed position, an election or advisory vote is conducted by secret mail ballot during the month of April. When an advisory vote is held for a director-appointed position, the two candidates receiving the most votes are forwarded to the director for potential appointment.

Payment and Collection of Assessments

- All first handlers of oilseeds grown in the state of Washington, or the person acting on behalf of a first buyer, shall withhold the amount of assessment from their remittance to growers of oilseeds and transmit it to the Oilseeds Commission.
- All assessments are due and payable within 30 days of collection. A report listing the name, address, volume handled or purchased, and amount deducted or collected for each producer must be submitted with the assessments, on forms provided by or approved by the Commission.
- Any late assessments shall be accompanied by a penalty fee of 10 percent.

Links to more information:

- The Marketing Order establishing and governing the Commission: [Chapter 16-573 WAC: Oilseeds Commission](#)
- WSU research and information: [Washington Oilseed Cropping Systems Research and Extension Project](#)
- [U.S. Canola Association](#): The association publishes U.S. Canola Digest four times each year, with an additional winter canola edition published once a year. It is available online, or canola growers can request to receive copies by mail for free. The Digest includes a variety of information related to canola production and marketing.



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2018-19 Roster of Commissioners

Position 1 (Appointed) 5/31/20

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Position 3 (Elected) 5/31/20

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Position 4 (Elected) 5/31/21

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Position 5 (Elected) 5/31/19

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Position 6 (Handler)

5/31/19

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