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About the Washington Oilseeds Commission

The main function of the Washington Oilseeds Commission 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 2014-15 fiscal year, are expected to total about \$54,175.

Commission activities in 2014-15 include providing funding to USDA-ARS/WSU for winter canola variety trials and co-sponsoring the PNW Oilseed & Direct Seed Cropping Systems Conference in the Tri-Cities on January 20-22, 2015.

The Commission was established as the **Canola and Rapeseed Commission** in 1998 when it was approved by a referendum vote of growers. The Commission changed its name to the **Oilseeds Commission** and made other changes to its marketing order that were effective in March 2014.

Board meetings are held four times a year – in January, April, July and November in 2015. An Annual Meeting is held in January at which the annual report is presented and a proposed budget is discussed. Growers and interested parties are invited to participate in all meetings.

2014 Roster of Commissioners

Grower Representatives

Position 1, Appointed, term expires 5/31/17

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Position 4, Elected, term expires 5/31/15

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Commission Staff

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2015 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, January 20, 2015	9:00 a.m.	Annual Meeting, Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, WA
Tuesday, April 21, 2015	9:00 a.m.	Conference Call
Tuesday, July 7, 2015	9:00 a.m.	Conference Call
Tuesday, November 3, 2015	9:00 a.m.	Washington Potato Commission Office, Moses Lake

Contact the Commission office for conference call instructions

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.