

Species Assessment Group - Summary of group ratings

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Species: Amynthus spp. (Jumping worms)

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Ratings for Criteria - 1st round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1. Current status and distribution	3	4	3	3		4	4							
2. Establishment potential	4	4	3	3		4	3							
3. Damage potential	4	3	4	3		4	3							
4. Prevention and control potential	3	3	3	1		4	1							
5. Socio-economic impacts	3	3	2	2		ii	3							
Totals - 1st round	Prohibited			Restricted			Watch			Non-restrict				
Number of votes	6													

Recommended Classification : Prohibited

Comments: Dr. Lee Frelich discussed the current status of earthworms in the genus Amynthus. Dr. Frelich's input, as along with the literature review support prohibition. The species in this genus are not widespread in WI, have a high potential for producing damage and thriving in WI's climate. These species are primarily used for composting but are also in the bait industry; other species are available for composting and bait that are not as damaging to the forest environment.

Ratings for Criteria - 2nd round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1. Current status and distribution														
2. Establishment potential														
3. Damage potential														
4. Prevention and control potential														
5. Socio-economic impacts														
Totals - 2nd round	Prohibited			Restricted			Watch			Non-restrict				
Number of votes														

Final Recommended Classification :

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