

Wild Stewards Alliance (WSA) Standards Agreement

The following standards are requirements for participation in the WSA program:

1. Training

- a. Wild harvesters must complete a one-day entry-level core training program
- b. Wild harvesters must complete at least one single-day continuing education course per year
- c. Failure to meet continuing education requirements in a single year results in suspension from WSA until such requirements are met
- d. Failure to meet continuing education requirements twice results in removal from WSA
- e. WSA re-entry following removal is permissible after completing entry-level core training

2. Sustained Yield and Legality

- a. Sustained yield practices conform to current scientific and traditional ecological knowledge
- b. Wild harvesters plant back seeds and divided rhizomes during harvest
- c. Wild harvesters follow all land access and harvesting laws and regulations
- d. Coordinators conduct a 10% random descriptive compliance inspection of WSA wild harvesters every other year
- e. Failure to meet sustained yield guidelines is cause for suspension from WSA
- f. Failure to follow applicable laws and regulations is cause for suspension from WSA

3. Record Keeping

- a. Wild harvesters keep records for a minimum of five years
- b. Wild harvesters maintain an itemized record of harvested species and volumes
- c. Buyers of WSA raw material collect and file copies of wild harvester records
- d. Wild harvesters and buyers participate in a random 10% descriptive verification inspection of buyer records every other year
- e. Failure to maintain records is cause for suspension from WSA
- f. Falsifying records results in permanent expulsion from WSA

4. Certificate Card and Alphanumeric Identifier

- a. Wild harvesters must present certificate cards and valid identification when selling raw material

5. Post Harvest Handling and Quality Control

- a. Wild harvesters and buyers must comply with the quality specifications set forth within each purchase order.
- b. All material must be handled and delivered to customers in a manner that complies with Good Agricultural Practices and meet the quality specifications set by both program criteria and customer specifications.
- c. Both customers and the WSA Board of Review will have the right and obligation to refuse materials that do not meet program or customer standards.

By signing this agreement, I agree to abide by the standards outlined above and ensure the wild harvesters I work with do the same. I recognize that failure to comply with these standards may result in permanent expulsion from the WSA program.

Name (printed):

Signature:

Date: