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Government Affairs Report *By Pat Kole*

This week several IPC Commissioners and NPC Board members attended the NPC Public Policy Conference in Washington, DC. Topics covered at this meeting included trade, environment, regulatory, nutrition, federal funding, as well as, NPC business matters.

In addition visits were held with each of the members of the Idaho Congressional delegation.

There were also meetings with USDA, APHIS, FAS, and EPA staff as well as visits with various Senate and House committee aides.

Another meeting was held with US and Canadian government officials, and members of the Canadian potato industry to discuss the US-Canada Potato Cyst Nematode guidelines. APHIS and CFIA agreed to allow industry representatives the opportunity to suggest changes to the guidelines through a collaborative process.