

To: Environment Committee  
From : Caryn Rickel, Seymour, CT  
Re : H.B.5122

H.B.5122 Testimony

Subject: Online sales of yellow groove Phyllostachys ( and Running Bamboo update 2011-Conn attached )

These are three large online sellers:

This is about as bad as it gets. Look at the links,\*\* especially the last two.\*\*  
This is all yellow groove Phyllostachys aureosulcata .(same as here in CT )  
I strongly urge the passing of House Bill 5122 to protect property owners. This accounts for a large amount of Phyllostachys sold. First one is out of New York. ( he is selling hundreds on ebay )  
This he says online . The second two sellers are selling" 10 inch pieces of the rhizome ". ( reproductive tissue )  
They write -"the gift that keeps on giving". They state it has just come to their attention that it is Phyllostachys aureosulcata :aka:yellow groove , thanks to the first seller.  
Note : \*\* There is no mention that this is Invasive Running bamboo - and containment or barriers. There is no warning to the unsuspecting public.

<http://stevesbamboogarden.blogspot.com/2011/10/how-to-sell-and-ship-bamboos.html>

he is teaching how to sell it, and ship it...he uses ebay. All Phyllostachys  
The 2 below are strickly rhizome pieces of all yellow groove .

<http://www.my-hub.info/bamboo/index.htm> all yellow groove Phyllostachys, same below  
read his wording, says he just found out all the rhizomes are yellow groove.

<http://www.blujay.com/item/Live-fresh-dug-Bamboo-root-10-inches-Ready-for-planting-11220000-3794990>

no mention of barrier or containment  
(says its the gift that keeps on giving )

Please also read our Invasive Plants Council letter below dated July 21, 2011  
in the last paragraph where : Jeffrey Ward, Ph.D., Chief Scientist of Forestry & Horticulture of  
The Conn. Agricultural Experiment Station writes regarding the  
reproductive parts (rhizomes) of running bamboo . This is our Conn. Running Bamboo Status  
update (2011)  
and is very important in light of how this non-native invasive bamboo is being sold  
to the unsuspecting public. In light of these facts I strongly urge the \* passing of H.B.5122.

<http://www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwg/pdfs/2011%20minutes/AnnualReport/RunningBambooStatus.pdf>

This link also was sent to me: Laws re: shipment of plants:

<http://nationalplantboard.org/member/ct2.html>

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