

CHRISTMAS TREE PROMOTION BOARD

**CHRISTMAS TREE PROMOTION, RESEARCH AND INDUSTRY
INFORMATION ORDER**

BALLOT

The nominees listed on this ballot are seeking seat(s) on the Christmas Tree Promotion Board (Board). You are asked to cast your vote for (number) members for the seat(s) on the Board. If you domestically cut and sell or import Christmas trees from more than one region, you may only cast a ballot in one region of your choice.

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| Choose Only (number) Nominees | XX REGION NOMINEES |
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Certification Statement

I hereby certify that I have (domestically cut and sold/imported) **a minimum of 500** Christmas trees during the twelve-month period of Month XX, 20XX to Month XX, 20XX:

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| _____ | _____ | |
| Signature | Title | Date |
| Print First and Last Name: _____ | | |
| Company name: | | Phone: _____ |
| Street address: | | |
| City/State/Zip code: | | E-mail: _____ |
| Tax ID # | | Importer ID # _____ |

Submission of Ballot to Board: Once you have completed and signed this ballot please place this ballot in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope and mail it to the Board. **Incomplete ballots, unsigned ballots, or ballots received after Month XX, 20XX, xx pm will not be counted.**

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