

## THREE PROPOSED NHLA RULES CHANGES FOR 2019

On June 7, the NHLA Rules Committee met with 12 committee members and 6 guests in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the twelve rules change proposals submitted by the NHLA membership. After much discussion for and against several of the proposals, 3 Rules Change Proposals emerged. The 3 proposed rules changes are listed below.

A Rules Open Forum will be held on Thursday, October 26 at 2:45pm during the 2017 NHLA Annual Convention & Exhibit Showcase in Nashville, Tenn. The forum gives all NHLA members the ability to discuss and ask questions of these proposed changes in detail prior to vote. The Chief Inspector and Rules Committee Chairman will be available during this open meeting to answer any questions you may have.

The list of rules proposals that will be voted on are as follows:  
(Numbered as proposed to the Rules Committee)

**#5 (Standard Inspection by Species)**

Aromatic Red Cedar - Page 34

**Remove:** "Variation in thickness may be 1/2" on 4/4" to 8/4"."

**Replace With:** "Standard Miscut Lumber Rule to apply."

**#6 (Standard Inspection by Species)**

Basswood – page 24

**Remove:** "Note: Dormant twig buds to be considered as burls."

**#8 (Standard Grades)**

No. 2A Common & No. 2B Common – page 17

**Remove:** "No. 2A Common & No. 2B Common"

**Replace with:** "2 Common"

**Remove:** "Note: The grade of No. 2 Common is divided into two categories: No. 2A Common (clear face cuttings) and No. 2B Common (sound cuttings)."

**Remove:** "Note: No. 2B common – All the requirements of the grade No. 2A Common apply except that cuttings will be sound as defined in sound cutting."

**Note:** This will remove 2B Common from all species listed in the Rules Book currently.

Following the NHLA Annual Convention, Active members will receive a ballot and may vote for or against the proposed rules change. Completed ballots must be received within 30 days. Rules change proposals that receive a favorable vote with a two-thirds majority of the properly cast votes will be adopted and become effective January 1, 2019.

If you have any questions about the proposed rules changes or the process please contact Dana Spessert, Chief Inspector at 901-399-7551 or by email at [d.spessert@nhla.com](mailto:d.spessert@nhla.com).