Plant Propagation Protocol for *Agrostis aequivalvis*

ESRM 412 – Native Plant Production

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TAXONOMY		
Plant Family		
Scientific Name	Poaceae	
Common Name	Grass Family	
Species Scientific Name		
Scientific Name	Agrostis aequivalvis (Trin.) Trin. ¹	
Varieties	None.	
Sub-species	None.	
Cultivar		
Common Synonym(s)	Podagrostis aequivalvis (Trin.) Scribn. & Merr. ¹ Agrostis aequivalvis var. obliqua Griseb. ⁶	
Common Name(s)	Arctic bentgrass, Northern bentgrass, Alaska bentgrass² Rough Bentgrass¹²	
Species Code (as per USDA Plants database)	AGAE ¹	
GENERAL INFORMATION		

Geographical range	
	Alaska, British Columbia, Oregon, and Washington ¹
Ecological distribution	River banks, lake shores, forest edges ²
Climate and elevation range	In British Columbia, located in Pacific Maritime ecozone characterized by cool temperatures and high precipitation ^{2,3} Found in bogs with high moisture and low pH levels ⁴
Local habitat and abundance	Terrestrial and fresh water ecosystems ⁵ Frequently occurs near other species of bentgrass, bromes, sedges, and fescues ⁷
Plant strategy type / successional stage	Stress-tolerator that is resistant to shade and nitrogen rich environments, as well as low pH environments ^{4, 9}

Plant characteristics	Perennial; grass grows in tufts from rhizomes less than 2 cm long; stems can be 25-70 cm tall. Leaves are smooth sheaths with blades 4-18 cm long, 1-2.5 mm wide, flat; ligules are 0.5-2 mm long. Flowers are open and loose, between 5-15 cm long.8	
PROPAGATION DETAILS		
Ecotype	Seed collected in Alaska: Prince William Sound, Perry Islands ¹⁰	
Propagation Goal	Seedlings	
Propagation Method	Seed	
Product Type	Container: propagation tanks ¹¹	
Stock Type		
Time to Grow	100 days ¹¹	
Target Specifications	22 cubic inches ¹¹	
Propagule Collection Instructions	Collect from mid August to early September before natural dispersal occurs ¹²	
Propagule Processing/Propagule Characteristics	2.7 oz/hr by hand collection or 127 lb/acre ¹² Can be stored 5-7 years in cool, dry environment.	
Pre-Planting Propagule Treatments	Cold/moist stratification is necessary to break dormancy. Soaking with aeration may be beneficial. ¹¹	
Growing Area Preparation / Annual Practices for Perennial Crops	Plant seeds on surface of soil that is moist up to four inches below the surface ^{11,12} Tanks can include deepots submerged ³ / ₄ by water ¹¹	
Establishment Phase Details	Surface soil is kept warm and moist for 14-16 days with misting for 2-3 minutes every hour during daylight conditions of 70-80F ^{11,12}	
Length of Establishment Phase	Two growing seasons (approximately 6 months) ¹²	

Active Growth Phase	Weed control is necessary and no irrigation is applied during pollination ¹² Flooding may be done to reduce fungus growth and promote root growth ¹¹	
Length of Active Growth Phase	Two to three growing seasons (6-9 months) ¹²	
Hardening Phase	Temperature is gradually decreased to match outplanting conditions.	
Length of Hardening Phase	Variable.	
Harvesting, Storage and Shipping	Harvest in late July to late August, combination of storage and shipping to be less than 15 days ¹²	
Length of Storage	Maximum of 15 days of cold storage of stock.	
Guidelines for Outplanting / Performance on Typical Sites	Plants should have established roots and rhizomes before outplanting occurs. ¹¹	
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