Coho is Vista Seed Partner’s (VSP) newest variety of creeping bentgrass. Tested as UCE, Coho has been in development for several years, and with projected limited availability in 2018, this new creeping bentgrass has many exciting features. Like VSP’s Chinook, it is an elite new variety from the world renowned Rutgers bentgrass breeding program in New Jersey.

Characteristics and Usage:
Coho has been bred for superior summer performance, stress tolerance, disease resistance (particularly Dollar Spot) and versatility. It has a medium dark green color and good density. It can be used for tees, greens and fairways. It’s aggressive and produces a medium dense cover, but is not super aggressive so as to get too “growthy,” “thatchy” or “puffy” in actual use. It has been bred for adaptability and can be overseeded into older established varieties like PennCross and Providence without causing a contrast. It can also be overseeded into newer varieties like such as Chinook.

Disease Resistance:
At Rutgers University (New Jersey) Coho is unsurpassed in turf quality combined with dollar spot resistance. It will tolerate the lowest cutting heights even in the hottest days of summer. Overall disease resistance and stress tolerance is excellent.

Adaptation:
Developed as a multi-use variety, Coho is recommended in areas wherever creeping bentgrass is currently being successfully used. Its outstanding disease resistance and summer performance make it well adapted to the transition zone and the upper south. It is also very winter hardy and can be used successfully in the colder northern areas of the US and well into Canada.

Establishment:
Coho is similar in seed size and in establishment characteristics to other modern creeping bents such as Chinook. For new plantings a normal seeding rate of 1 to 2 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. is recommended. In warmer soils germination will begin in 4-6 days after planting. In cooler soils germination will take up to a week longer. In overseeding existing stands use about 0.5-3 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. depending on the objective and situation.