

**TRIBAL PESTICIDE PROGRAM COUNCIL (TPPC)
TRIBAL POLLINATOR PROTECTION WORKGROUP
AGENDA**

TPPC website on pollinators: <http://tppcwebsite.org/pollinators/>

Date: February 8, 2017; 1-2:30 PM EDT

Call in information: 1-866-299-3188; Code: 703-308-2718#

Attendees:

Jasmine Courville Brown-Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

Les Benedict-St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

Wayne Samphier- St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

(name?) Poarch Creek Indian Tribe

Simeon Matthews-Shakopee Dakota Tribe

Larry Scrapper-Cherokee Nation

Crystal Davis-Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi

Kelly Schott-Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi

Hope Mix-Gila River Indian Community

Joe Herrera-Yakama Nation

(name?) Lapwai Tribe

Rob Koethe (EPA)

Mary Clock-Rust (EPA)

Holly Raguza (EPA)

Sonam Gill (EPA)

Bethany Plewe (EPA)

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Last Month's Presentation by Xerces Society (Mace Vaughan)

Several people requested a copy of Mace's presentation. Mary can send it to anyone who wants it, email Mary if you want it. It is perfect for teaching others. Great photos and information.

- Native Bee Identification Training and Surveying

- Mary reminded people that she is collecting names of people that would like to work with Diana Cox-Foster's lab (USDA bee lab in Logan, Utah) on native bee identification.

Joe Herrera (Yakama Nation), Les Samphier and Larry Scrapper (St. Regis Mohawk Tribe) and Jasmine Brown (CSKT) said that they would like to participate in finding out more about how such a training would work. We agreed to set up a call with Diana Cox-Foster to find out more details. Mary has emailed Diana and is waiting to hear back. Hope to set up the call for the weeks of February 20th or 27th.

- Need to find out if the native bee lab has an EPA approved Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for doing the training, specifically for conducting the identification and survey work with tribes.
- Jasmine said there is a need to establish baseline population levels for native bees in a specific location as well as to identify specific bee species that are present. One concern she has heard is how to collect and identify bees without killing the bees in the process of collecting/counting them.
- Jasmine mentioned that summer interns from her local college have a fairly narrow window of time in which they could participate in a training program (May-July), and that this time is coming up quickly, so we need to plan accordingly with the USDA bee lab.
- Jasmine found some helpful information in a Fish and Wildlife Service habitat assessment for grizzly bear in MT.
- Tribal Pollinator Protection Plans (TP3s)
- Jasmine said that TP3 plans can include mini-plans or single page summaries of suggestions bulleted out for specific audiences (such as for schools or community members) in addition to a longer background document that details overall efforts and goals.
- Sonam Gill is planning to present the tribal pollinator plan template at the next workgroup meeting (3/1/17)
- The group discussed sources of seeds, including the NRCS conservation districts that sometimes have seeds for pollinators. Some people pointed out that some of the NRCS seed mixes are contaminated with palmer amaranth which is difficult to get rid of once it is established.
- Ed Spivak will be a future guest for the workgroup, date TBD
- Hilary Spray said Ed was helpful in setting up a pollinator garden at her school
- Recap of Today's Meeting. Identify action Items.
 - Mary distributed the Monarch conservation fund announcement
- Next Meeting is March 1, 2017* (original meeting date conflicted with Full TPPC Meeting)
- Africa reached out to Project Apis M Christi Heintz to do a presentation.

- Les proposed sending out an electronic poll for priorities, current plan or project efforts, topics, and items for SFIREG meeting presentation. (Mary- Jas will work on getting a poll drafted for the group). The EPA prefers the term questionnaire as opposed to assessment or survey.
- Mary will provide an update to SFIREG at the AAPCO meeting March 5-8 in Alexandria, VA
- Amy Mysz (R4) said she would like to share the efforts of this workgroup with her region in April
- Les will ask if a workgroup Update is planned on the March TPPC agenda. Either way we will at least develop a handout. A draft will be done start and sent out next week for your, Les and Larry's additions.
- Native seed nurseries can be an income generator for tribes.