

TRIBAL PESTICIDE PROGRAM COUNCIL (TPPC)
TRIBAL POLLINATOR PROTECTION WORKGROUP
NOTES

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

Date: June 14, 2017; 1-2:30 PM EDT

- Attendees:
 - Fred Corey-Aroostook Band of Micmacs
 - Tony McCandless-Gila River Indian Community
 - David Newman-Pechanga Band of Luseno Indians
 - Jasmine Brown (co-leader)-Confederated Salish and Kootenai
 - Sonam Gill-EPA Region 9
 - Nick Hurwit-EPA Region 10
 - Bethany Plewe- EPA Region 10
 - Eric Nystrom-EPA Region 6
 - Larry Scrapper-Cherokee Indian Community
 - Elizabeth Reyes-EPA Region 6
 - Evelyn Ravindran-Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
 - Rob Koethe-EPA Region 1
 - Joe Herrera-Yakama Indian Community

- June is Pollinator Awareness Month! The week of June 19-25 is Pollinator Week celebrated across the country. See <http://www.pollinator.org/pollinatorweek/> for events near you, or to register your own event.
- Sonam Gill mentioned bee hives on the rooves of hotels in San Francisco
- Jasmine said that her tribe has provided pollinator seed mixes to individual students to start gardens at home as well as at schools.
- Joe Herrera received the monarch posters and has distributed them.
- Avalone has hired an agricultural economist who will be starting on their pollinator plan (TP3)
- Dr. Ed Spevak's grant and email request: Dr. Spevak is planting a prairie reconstruction and milkweeds on the Winnebago Reservation to support pollinators. He received a donation of heirloom corn, bean and squash seeds to plant for food security and food sovereignty issues. And we will be planting native fruit and nut trees (Serviceberry, hazel nut, wild plum and silver buffaloberry) that will both support pollinators and food issues. He is also planting milkweeds on the Omaha and Santee Reservations. Dr. Spevak has offered his assistance to tribes. He can help you with any outreach or presentations and make any site visits to see what the needs are and how he can work with you and others. [Dr Spevak's email: spevak@stlzoo.org]
- Free native bee specimens might be available. Email Sam Droege to ask if you're interested [sam_droege@yahoo.com]. Jasmine said that the CSKT tribe is using the specimens and using them for identification and display at the college.
- USDA will hold a Public Listening Session on a National Native Bee Monitoring Program. USDA hopes to gather input from the public about the importance of native bees at the listening session or through email (until July 6). Given the interests of Tribal Governments in native bees, group

members might be interested in expressing interests during this listening session or by emailing USDA. Later, funding might be available to assist tribes with bee surveys through the program. {The session will occur on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EST). Regardless of attendance, anyone interested may submit written comments. Those comments are due to Andrew Clark at Andrew.P.Clark@nifa.usda.gov by July 6, 2017. The meeting will take place at the USDA South Building Cafe´ Conference Center A–C located at 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250} For more information, see: Web site: The June 5, 2017 USDA NIFA Federal Register Notice is posted at

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-05/html/2017-11554.htm>

A few days before the event, additional details about the webinar will be made available at

http://nifa.usda.gov/resources?f%5B0%5D=field_resource_type%3A18

- 2017 Pollinator Posters: the posters have not been delivered to most tribes that requested them due to a problem at the printing company. Mary is working on it and will make sure eventually everyone who requested them will get posters.
- Looking forward to feedback from tribes that attended Dr. Diana Cox-Foster’s native bee identification training (happening this week at the USDA bee lab in Logan, UT).
- We discussed use of the tribal pollinator protection plan template (developed by EPA Region 9) this far, advancement of any other pollinator problems/ projects and any current activities that group members are working on.
 - Evelyn R. (KBIC) talked about the bee hives they have on the reservation near medicinal plant plots, tribal youth group conservation activities and outreach efforts ahead this summer.
 - David N. (Pechanga) talked about finalizing their habitat plan and the urban interface on their lands. They have outreach events planned for the summer. They have used the sample surveys provided in the R9 template.
 - Jasmine mentioned that her tribe (CSKT) is using the template and their draft plan is making progress.
 - Larry Scrapper (Cherokee) and Fred Corey (Aroostook Band of Micmacs) mentioned that the Tribal Lands and Environment Forum (https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/conf_r_tlef#fieldtrip) taking place in Tulsa, OK in August, 2017 will include an opportunity for participants to visit the Euchee butterfly farm. <http://www.nativebutterflies.org/> Their "Natives Helping Natives" project is looking for additional tribal partners around the country, and they currently work with seven tribes in Oklahoma to save, and plant, native seeds as well as spread native pollinators. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn about how you can work with native pollinators and plants, including on remediation projects. The butterfly farm could be a guest speaker for our group, possibly. The contact is Todd Barnell, Program Manager; 928/523-3840 email: Todd.Barnell@nau.edu. Jane Breckinridge is the director and might also be a potential guest speaker.
- Future Meetings:
 - July 12 Speaker: Bee City USA, Phyllis Stiles will join us. We will have a webinar to allow Phyllis to share her slides. In addition, Jasmine is coordinating a local youth conservation group, EAGLES, to join our July call.

- August and beyond: Tom Gile and Dan Shaw, Native Vegetation Specialist, Buffers and Soil Erosion Program Coordinator, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
- October: Next in-person TPPC Meeting. The agenda may include a report out from our group.