

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

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

Date: July 12, 2017; 1-2:30 PM EDT

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

- We had a light turnout. Attendees included:
 - Joe Herrera-Yakama
 - Tony McCandless-Gila River
 - Wayne Samphier-St. Regis Mohawk
 - Margaret Jones-EPA Region 5
 - Fred Corey-Aroostook Band of Micmacs
 - Mary Clock-Rust-EPA HQ
 - Jasmine Courville Brown-Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
 - Bethany Plewe-EPA
 - Holly Raguza-EPA
 - Nick Hurwit-EPA Region 10
- Once everyone was on, we began our two presentations.

First Presentation: EAGLES.

Rene Dubay and Mike Durglo of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. EAGLES is supported by the confederate Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CS&KT Climate Change Oversight Committee).

Rene and Mike gave a very robust and informative presentation. Their success and progress is inspiring! This is a model program that could be replicated by other tribes. It is youth-led and youth-focused. Jasmine spoke to members about pollinator protection and then spent a whole day outside planting pollinator plants with the participants.

Please reach out to Rene and Mike if you would like to replicate this program with your tribe.

EAGLES stands for:

- Environmental
- Advocates
- Global
- Local
- Ecological
- Sustainability

The mission and vision of the EAGLES:

“We seek to engage community members, teachers, tribal leaders and elders, educators, and most importantly, Reservation youth in a multi-disciplinary approach to becoming informed and aware of environmental issues, as well as becoming involved in solution based learning.”

“EAGLES is an initiative to encourage reservation youth to become aware of, and involved in, environmental and climate change issues locally in their communities. They are student-led, community based groups of highly motivated youth of the Flathead Reservation who are interested in environmental issues and/ or careers. The best part of EAGLES is that it can be guided by the students and each community can take on its own shape. What do students identify in their community that they want to help out on? Do they want to create outreach materials, participate in a parade, partner with other like-minded businesses or individuals in the community?” Mike and Rene shared their EAGLES brochure (Mary sent to whole group) and talked about how EAGLES began and how it has grown and changed since it began in 2013. The EAGLES’ strategic plan focuses on broad initiatives in recycling, community gardening, invasive species, school gardening, promoting environmental learning by hosting webinars and workshops, by focusing on reservation youth through schools and teachers. They meet regularly during the school year, and have reservation-wide summits in the fall.

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To learn more about past actions the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes has taken in protecting our reservation’s resources follow the link to read our CS&KT Climate Change Strategic Plan: www.cskt.org/CSKTclimateplan.pdf

Second Presentation: Bee-City USA

Phyllis Stiles is founder of Bee City USA Program (<http://www.beecityusa.org/>)

From the website: Bee City USA’s goals are to raise awareness, enhance habitats, celebrate achievements. The Bee City USA program endorses a set of commitments, defined in a resolution, for creating sustainable habitats for pollinators, which are vital to feeding the planet. Phyllis shared beautiful slides that she created for this presentation, and that will be available on the TPPC website (<http://tppcwebsite.org/pollinators/>). Phyllis talked about bees, bats, hummingbirds (900 species!). She had some great quotes, including: “pollinators serve a profoundly important ecological service” and “pollinated plants give us major sources of micronutrients” and “biodiversity is insurance against climate change”. There are now 50 Bee Cities, 1 military base and 30 campuses that participate in the Bee City program. The program endorses a set of commitments, defined in a resolution, for creating sustainable habitats for pollinators, which are vital to feeding the planet. Phyllis told a success story about the native Florida coontie plant and the rare atala butterfly for which it serves as host plant. As a result of more people planting native coontie plants, the atala butterfly is becoming less rare. Phyllis said that things are “way out of control, and that is a good thing!”

- The group is very grateful to have had these two amazing presentations! Thank you Mike, Rene and Phyllis!

- After the presentations, some folks on the call said that they have been getting their 2017 pollinator posters in the mail. Mary is mailing out more every day, so hold tight if you are expecting some. If you have not let Mary know you would like some, please send her an email.
- Wayne Samphier described his experience attending the native bee identification training at the Logan (UT) bee lab. He said it was an incredible opportunity and he really enjoyed it. He said it was the best bee training he had ever attended. This is fantastic news! Hope the trainings continue. We hope to hear from others who attended the training.
- For the next meeting, Jasmine and Mary want to encourage members of this group to share their progress on their draft or final pollinator plans. The group would love to hear about your tribe's current activities and the challenges.
- Future Meetings:
 - August Meeting/webinar (August 9, 1-2:30 PM EDT): Tom Gile and Dan Shaw, Native Vegetation Specialist, Buffers and Soil Erosion Program Coordinator, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources; www.bwsr.state.mn.us
 - September Meeting (September 13, 1-2:30 PM EDT): TBD
 - October (October 11, 1-2:30 PM): TBD; Next in-person TPPC Meeting Report

>>Thanks to Joe Herrera for teaching us some Yakama language: "Cricket" - Suilk Suilk, "Flower" - Latit latit, "Bee" - Witweena

>>Thanks to Tony McCandless for teaching us some Gila River (???) language: "Bee" - Hiosik (sounds like hee yaw sik) O'otham

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