

**Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call**

1/16/19

Call Notes – Final

Call in number: 1-866-740-1260; Code: 7578603#

Roll call:

Tribes

- Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs
- Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Brenda Ball, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Lorinda Antone, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
- Joe Herrera, Yakima Nation
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
- Amelia Marchand, Colville Tribe
- Brittani Claremont, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Tribal Organizations

- Amity Furr, Eight Northern Pueblos
- Africa Avalos, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona

Other

- Suzanne Forsyth, University of California Davis Extension
- Bob Gruenig, TPPC

1. Welcome/Introductions (Fred) (00:00 - 00:10)

Fred Corey, TPPC Chairperson, facilitated the roll call. Attendance was logged throughout the call for the 15 member tribes and tribal organization representatives.

2. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne) (00:10 – 00:30)

- A. Region 9 EC Vacancy has been filled by Jefferson Biakeddy. 4 ballots of 11 returned. I have been in touch with Jefferson and his running mate to let them know the results. Jefferson plans to attend the March 2019 meeting.
- B. March 2019 meeting
 - Full Council Meeting: Wed-Thurs, March 6-7, 2019
 - Executive Committee Meeting: Fri, March 8, 2019 (half day)

Timelines

- Jan 22, 2019: Deadline to book airfare (funded travelers only) – because 1/21 is a holiday we will extend the ticketing to 1/22.
- Feb 12, 2019: Deadline to reserve hotel room in block (all attendees)
- Feb 12, 2019: Deadline to register to attend (all)

We received funding requests for 13 members and will be able to accommodate all of those.

Jasmine suggested I research a backup meeting space to the rooms at OPP. I've contacted the Marriott Residence Inn to see what they have available at their property or the one next door, as well as cancellation policies.

C. Fall 2019 meeting planning

Yakama Nation will host the fall 2019 meeting. It's expanded to Tuesday-Friday, October 8-11, 2019. The hotel confirmed availability and we are moving ahead with the logistics (rooms block and catering).

- This meeting will have a TPPC election associated with it so we cannot hold the Executive Committee meeting for the end of the week. That is because those folks are planning travel well in advance of the election.
- Full Council Meeting: Tues-Wed, October 8-9, 2019
- Executive Committee Meeting: Tues or Wed eve October 8 or 9, 2019.
- Risk Communication training with National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC): Thurs, October 10, 2019.
- Half-day tour of Yakama Nation (optional): Fri, October 11, 2019.

This is on hold until we receive our funding allocation for the current fiscal year (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019).

Action item: Suzanne to follow up to ask about contracting letter and when they need a deposit. Suzanne to keep Joe in the loop.

D. Website Updates

UCDE updated the bed bug resources page with some new resources. I found these by looking at the 2018 National Tribal Air Association report.

- Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Bed Bug Control Guide: https://anthc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Bed-Bug-Control-Booklet_WEB.pdf
- Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Do-It-Yourself Bed Bug Pitfall Trap: <https://anthc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Do-It-Yourself-Pitfall-Trap-Handout.pdf>
- Virginia Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services: <http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov//pesticide-bedbug-fact-sheets.shtml>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/bedbugs/index.html>
- University of Florida, IFAS Extension: <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/bed-bugs/>

3. Agenda Planning for March Meeting (Suzanne) (00:30 – 01:00) (see attachment)

Suzanne worked in the suggestions from the last call and they are reflected in the current draft agenda. Suzanne invited Liza Fleeson Trossbach, SFIREG chair. Will let you know what she says. AAPCO overlaps and there are often other meetings held the rest of the week.

Fred talked about the NASDA rep who came and spoke at the SIFREG meeting in December. NASDA is an advocacy group working on agricultural issues for the states. Pesticides is one of the significant issues they address. One of the issues they identified for the year is the issue of funding for state pesticide programs. States are feeling the squeeze of new mandates and less funding (just as the tribes have been feeling), they plan to devote a significant amount of time to this issue. Fred explained to NASDA after the SFIREG meeting that this has been a concern for tribes for many year and this could be a place where states and tribes could collaborate on a concerted effort and stronger voice to the problem. The

idea is to hear more from NASDA about how they will go about addressing the funding needs for states so that the tribes could leverage this process as well. Care must be taken to not be perceived as lobbying; the intent is to make the issue visible and the needs are better understood by those who could advocate with decision makers on tribes' and states' behalf. Fred reached out the NASDA speaker and will keep us apprised of her reply.

One proposal for the Day 1 session on tribal risk assessments is to walk through the draft exposure model by the NTTC developed for TSCA. It includes some of the more common ways tribes are exposed, interest to develop regional exposure models. Might be good to walk through this with TPPC to see if other areas are missing.

Diania said that Amanda suggested that CIBA give a presentation at the March meeting related to CIBA's efforts in risk assessment work.

Fred said that Alexandra Dunn might be confirmed as the new Acting Administrator and we can accommodate our agenda to have her come in and address the group should that happen.

Fred said that quite a few tribes have raised the question of cannabis. From a state perspective they have been getting impatient with EPA. With the Farm Bill they've made it legal for states to engage in cannabis production, which should make it easier for EPA to address this. Maybe this is an area where TPPC can work with SFIREG to stay engaged in the issue. Before the current administration there was a state workgroup on cannabis but it was placed on hold due to legal concerns and EPA not supporting the Special Local Need provision for pesticide registrations.

Action item: Suzanne to ask Liza to address this in the SFIREG update.

4. Status of Tribal Pesticides Report Update (Bob) (01:00 – 01:20) (see attachment)

Timeline

- December 16, 2018 – Bob sends out current draft of the *Status of Pesticides in Indian Country Report*, which captures everything that will go into it (including images, 1-page intro, and executive summary). Will include requirements for images plus the link to a commercial image source (Getty) where folks may select from if they don't have images they own. UCDE would purchase the Getty Images at a greatly discounted rate after the image selection was approved by all in March.
- January 16, 2019 – All comments due to Bob along with image submissions/releases.
- January 25 – call to discuss comments/images/edits submitted by 1/16/19.
- February 4, 2019 – Bob sends out next draft to TPPC.
- February 13, 2019 – Final edits due to Bob.
- February 20, 2019 – Bob to send final version to UCDE to have a final draft (black and white) printed for review at the March meeting.
- March 6-7, 2019 – last look and TPPC approval of content/images; UCDE to purchase approved Getty images after this date; review and approval of layout design examples (2-3 page samples).
- TBD, 2019 – Final layout review/approval.

Suzanne sent out calendar appt for 1/22/19 from 10-11:30 AM Pacific as a placeholder to discuss comments due back 1/16/19. 5 people accepted so far. The group feels we should keep the calendar appointment so we can make sure there's an opportunity for greater discussion. Group also would like EPA's review. Fred asked if we could include the Direct Implementation topic in the report and that Amanda offered to lead the writing of this, but it may not be ready for this first release.

Fred had another general comment about the use of PRIA funds. Pesticide Regulatory Improvement Act which provides specific funding for PREP and other training. This has been one of the barriers

Bob proposes that he reviews the comments received, address the ones he can, put ones in an email he cannot, and then reconvene with EPA when they are able.

Fred suggests we make a passing reference to direct implementation in the first edition and that we can put any forward recommendations in the second edition once the output is ready.

Suzanne has hired a graphic to help with the layout of the Report. ITCA did a great job restoring the logo and we will be able to use it in the report.

Action item: Suzanne to move the call to 1/25/19 at 10-11:30 AM.

5. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics (All) (01:20 – 01:30)

Africa said that she is coordinating a national IPM workshop in AZ. Looking to work with tribe to host it. She is inviting an IPM scientist to help lead it. If tribes have any feedback about what to include in the workshop then she is open to suggestions. Looking to hold it in late spring, after April 21. ITCA could reimburse travel expenses. She is wrapping up an IPM workshop she is holding March 21-22 for Navajo Nation's Public Housing Department and the national workshop will likely mirror that one.

6. Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 2-4 p.m. EST)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- AAPCO (Association of American Pesticide Control Officials) Annual Meeting: March 3-6, 2019, Alexandria, VA
- TPPC Spring 2019 Meeting: March 6-8, 2019, Alexandria, VA