

**Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee**  
**Monthly Conference Call**  
5/16/18  
Call Notes – Draft  
Call information: 1-866-299-3188; code: 415-947-4242#

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Roll call:

**Tribes**

- Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Brittani Clairmont, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (for Jasmine)
- Kevin Greenleaf, Kootenai Tribe
- Jarrett Pfrimmer, Sac and Fox of the Mississippi in Iowa
- Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
- Willie Keenan, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes

**Tribal Organizations**

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

***Reported in advance as absent:***

- Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation

**EPA**

- Emily Ryan, U.S. EPA, OPP
- Cindy Wire, U.S. EPA, OPP
- Meg Hathaway, U.S. EPA, OPP
- Nicole Zinn, U.S. EPA, OPP
- Carol Galloway, U.S. OC
- Nick Hurwit, U.S. EPA, Region 10
- Amanda Hauff, U.S. EPA, OCSPP

**Other**

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

**AGENDA**

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

Fred Corey, TPPC Chairperson, facilitated the roll call. Attendance was logged throughout the call for 10 member tribes and tribal organization representatives.

**2. M44 Cyanide Capsules Registration Review (Meg Hathaway) (00:10-00:40)**

As part of a reregistration review cycle, Meg's office tracks sodium cyanide and sodium fluoroacetate and will publish a preliminary risk assessment in September 2018. There will be a formal public comment period once the documents are published but you may email Meg about it now if you have questions. Tribes are encouraged to let her know in advance of specific questions/concerns as this could

help guide the scope of their analysis. Suggestions would be things that are specific to the existing label language and if there is a concern attached to this would be very useful. Cindy TPPC members to send comments to Cindy Wire and she will send a summary message to Meg.

### **3. EPA Updates (Cindy, Emily, Carol, Nick, Amanda, et. al.) (00:40 - 00:50)**

- OECA updates – the tribal PIRT is moving along well and we should see the invitation letters going out soon.
- OCSPP – at national tribal air conference this week. Indoor air quality issues. There are few other guidance documents they have created with interesting structures and Amanda will share.
- OPP – no updates.

### **4. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne) (00:50 - 01:00)**

#### **a) Administrative**

- Finalized monthly TPPC Executive meeting call notes for April.
- Finished the notes and meeting evaluation for the March in-person meeting. The webmaster will post those by next week.
- Expanded the website to include agenda and meeting notes for the Executive Committee calls from January 2016 to present. If you go to the meeting tab, there is a pull down for past teleconferences and they are organized by calendar year. We still have a little tweaking to do on the column widths but expect to be done next week.
- Brittani updated the TPPC membership brochure. Once Fred and Jasmine give the go-ahead then I will share with the Executive Committee for their approval. The review / approval step is a chance to let Suzanne know if they see anything inaccurate. UCDE will print the materials and mail to Jasmine Brown in early August to have at the Tribal Environmental Lands Forum.

b) Fall meeting location planning – Oct 10-12 (noon), 2018 at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel in Chandler, AZ. Gila River Indian Community will host. We moved the meeting to the second week of October as the first week coincides with the first week of the federal fiscal year and this is always tentative for the EPA tribal team to attend if a federal budget is not in place and the government is threatened with a shutdown. The second week of October has two holidays on Monday, so the soonest workday for travel is Tuesday, October 9. Therefore the meeting is Wed-Friday. The meeting is 2.5 days and represents a half-day expansion of the October 2017 meeting. The TPPC can decide later if they want the EC to meet that half-day or if the workgroups would like to meet then. The meeting will adjourn at noon on Friday October 12 and folks would travel home in the afternoon. Agenda planning calls will commence in June. UCDE will send out the meeting announcement this week and the registration portal on the website is now live.

c) I hosted a call yesterday for the Executive Committee where they achieved consensus on a revised P&P document. I will send it to the TPPC membership this week for a vote and responses are due by 5/30.

d) A sales representative from GoodHealthTV® contacted me to see if the TPPC wanted their marketing assistance in distributing the bed bug package and its content. Their ideas included taking selected pieces from the packet on GoodHealthTV® which gets shown at IHS healthcare facilities across the country. Another tier of service would be to add on outreach about the packet to their network for IHS and 638 facility program heads and other pertinent connections. Their thought was to combine a piece that educates the public directly through the educational piece and GoodHealthTV® airtime along with outreach to their network would help to educate the public and provide contact information and resources. The costs ranged from \$2,000 to \$10,000 depending on what media and distribution options were selected. I

thanks them for their time and explained that we've shared the package as broadly as we planned but I would let them know if there was renewed interest at a later date.

Cindy Wire was recently contacted by a pediatrician in SF for BB info. It was easy to find and she was able to send the inquirer the link to the website. The package was very consider and easy to pull together.

Would the tribes be interested in exploring the possibility of marketing the package. Joe will talk to his IHS person they run that network sometimes. Joe mostly sees children's movies. Don't know how many facilities carry their programs. Brittani feels this is a good idea.

**Action item: Suzanne to send the info to Fred, ask for demographic information summary and to share with the Executive Committee.**

- e) I met with the Executive Committee via phone on April 23 to discuss a proposal to expand the Spring 2019 TPPC meeting length. We will send an email before the June call giving folks more background. Pending available funds, does the TPPC want to expand the spring 2019 meeting by one day and move the meeting to a different week in March or April?

Background: the March TPPC meeting falls the same week as AAPCO and overlaps by half day. The TPPC meeting was planned for that week so that tribal members could have an option to attend AAPCO with the goal of strengthening their state/tribal relationships. There is also interest in adding one meeting day to the Full Council or Executive Committee meeting. If the TPPC meeting were to remain on the same week as AAPCO and they added one day to TPPC, then it would mean that TPPC members could only attend AAPCO on Monday and this is not ideal. A suggestion was made that TPPC consider a different week/month if they also wanted to add a full day to their meeting.

**Action item: Fred and Suzanne will send this out via email in advance of the June call.**

##### **5. Western Region Pesticide Meeting Report Out (Fred, et. al.) (01:00 – 1:10)**

Fred attended the Western Region meeting last week and gave a TPPC update and it was a good opportunity to talk about tribal issues. There were pre-SFIREG breakouts for regions 8, 9, and 10. The tribes prefer not to have their own breakout but, instead, be part of the regional breakouts so their issues could be included alongside the states'. Items of interest: noxious weeds, pollinator mixes NRCS is distributing seed mixes, which have amaranth weed seeds present. Some tribes mentioned it was more labor-intensive for them to fill out the template. WPS - some tribes don't have the materials yet and were asked to contact PERC. Concern about compliance assistance and that they don't have time or resources to do this when the growers aren't yet aware of the Rule. Some tribes feel they need ore waiter quality sampling using QAPPs for for-cause inspections. This will be part of the tribal PIRT this fall. Some tribal applicators are being faced with getting up to three credentials/certifications. One option was to create a tribal credentialing program. Some tribes don't see effort on pesticide use assessments. Rose Kachadoorian gave a talk on MP3 metrics and a survey done by BioAg to get a handle on what states have done with implementation. This should be sent to the TPPC Pollinator Protection workgroup. What is the best way for regions to talk with tribes about various initiatives? Direct implementation has come up with at least two regions. When TPPC plans the 2020 work plan, it might want to consider holding a TPPC meeting with the WRPS in Region 10 in place of either the usual spring or fall meeting.

- b) **Comment Opportunity on NMFS's Assessment on Chlorpyrifos, Diazinon, and Malathion** (see: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0141-0001>) (Fred) (01:10 – 01:15)

Fred said there is a comment period with comments due in July. He's not sure if TPPC has ever responded to these. Salmon is one species affected by this and this is important to tribes. Fred asked if this is something that tribes would like to consider. Perhaps someone from EPA could join the TPPC call and give more background about the assessment and then the TPPC could determine if they want to be a part of the comment process.

Action item: Cindy to look into the possibility of a 30-minute webinar by an EPA speaker for the June call.

**c) Introduce the DRAFT TPPC Workgroup Structure Documents (Amanda, Fred, Jarrett) (01:15 – 1:50)**

The group reviewed and discussed the call attachments from Amanda about workgroup structures for the risk assessment and direct implementation work groups. The documents define purpose, members, scope, objectives, action items, and a parking lot. Tony asked about metrics and how do they determine what the overarching goal of desired end result for each workgroup is, and how they we measure or determine completion or success? Amanda said the workgroups would take that up. If they have accomplished all the action items then they can say they've accomplished a goal. Emily and Amanda will be setting out the invitations for the next work group calls. The TPPC can look forward to continued opportunities for inputs.

**d) Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics (All) (01:50 – 02:00)**

**e) Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, June 20, 2018, 2-4 p.m. EDT)**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- SFIREG Full Committee Meeting: June 4-5, 2018, Arlington, VA
- 2018 Tribal Pesticide Inspector Training: August 7-9, 2018, Colorado River Indian Tribes (Inter Tribal Council of Arizona) (Parker, AZ)
- 2018 Tribal PIRT: September 17-21, 2018, Fort Peck Tribes (Poplar, MT)
- TPPC Fall 2018 Meeting: October 10-12, 2018, Gila River Indian Community (Chandler, AZ)