

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

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

**October 26, 2016**

**EDT 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Call-In Number: 1-866-299-3188**

**Code: 703-347-0227**

**Attendees (18):**

**Tribes**

1. Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
2. Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
3. Jasmine Courville-Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
4. Whisper Camel-Means, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
5. Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
6. Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
7. Tiffany Janes, Porch Band of Creek Indians
8. Johna Boulafentis, Nez Perce Tribe
9. Simeon Matthews, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
10. Les Benedict, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
11. Wayne Samphier, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

**EPA**

12. Mary Clock-Rust, U.S. EPA, OPP
13. Gabriela Carvalho, U.S. EPA, Region 10
14. Sonam Gill, U.S. EPA, Region 9
15. Lorry Frigerio, U.S. EPA, OPP
16. Peg Perrault, U.S. EPA, Region 8
17. Holly Raguza, U.S. EPA Region 3

**OTHER AGENCIES**

18. Kathy Hutton, Plants of The Wild

**Agenda:**

- ✓ Welcome
- ✓ Introductions
- ✓ Background on the Workgroup
- ✓ Review Purpose of Workgroup
- ✓ Purpose of Meetings
- ✓ Content of Meetings
- ✓ Recap today's meeting, date of next meeting and future meetings
- ✓ Any other comments or discussion until end time

**A. Welcome by Mary Clock-Rust**

## **B. Introductions**

Introductions of everyone who joined today's call. Each was asked to also indicate the status of a pollinator protection plan; 12 Tribes and one organization were on the call. All do not have TP3's in place but are interested in developing one. One tribe (Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes) does have a TP3 in place. Their plan is a compilation of North Dakota's, Florida's and other state's plans that are all available online.

**C. Background on the Workgroup** was provided by Jasmine Brown. The TPPC felt it was a priority to assist tribes in their pollinator protection efforts and formed this workgroup.

**D. Review Purpose of Workgroup** was provided by Mary Clock-Rust.

*The **purpose** of the workgroup is to serve as a support network for tribes working to take actions to protect pollinators; to develop guidelines or a template for a tribal pollinator protection plan and to raise the visibility of the challenges tribes face as they work to protect pollinators.*

**E. Purpose of Meetings** is to provide support to Tribes both apart of the TPPC and tribes who are not a-part of the TPPC in their pollinator protection efforts. Tribal progress on native pollinator plan development is cutting edge.

### **Content of Meetings**

Larry Scrapper stated a need is to develop an approach for a Pollinator Education/Awareness campaign of their importance for the general public.

Wisconsin's Plan available on the TPPC website provides a starting point as it is a plan which contains native pollinator provisions.

Sonam Gill, Region 9 and the tribes located in Region 9 are developing a guidance template that Sonam is willing to share and discuss with the group once it is finalized, tentatively scheduled for December, 2016.

### **Some of the funding sources that were mentioned during the call:**

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Great lakes Initiative Funding
- USDA Programs
- Native American Pollinator Protection Council Initiatives
- IPM Centers

### **Action Items:**

1. Provide link to obtain School Pollinator kits for schools (note: this kit is not free, it costs \$150-sorry for the misinformation on the call)  
([http://www.pollinator.org/beesmart\\_about](http://www.pollinator.org/beesmart_about))

2. Schedule Jeremy Pinto, Inter-Tribal Nursery Council as an expert speaker for a future call (Mary emailed Jeremy but he has not written back yet-he was traveling. Mary will keep trying!).
3. Find expert speaker to address sub-lethal effects to honey bees. If it's not a dead bee, then it's not reported or addressed as a bee kill.
4. Find an expert speaker to provide information on the effects of pesticides on oil-collecting bees.
5. Find an expert speaker to discuss BMP's for native bee's exposure to pesticides in the soil. (Soil conservation)
6. Provide link to the USDA Plant Research Pocket Size Pamphlet Pocket Guide to Native Bees of New Mexico:  
[http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_PLANTMATERIALS/publications/nmpmcb10942.pdf](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_PLANTMATERIALS/publications/nmpmcb10942.pdf)
7. Provide link to the USDA Nursery Manual for Native Plants:  
[http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs\\_other/wo\\_AgricHandbook730/wo\\_AgricHandbook727\\_015\\_031.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs_other/wo_AgricHandbook730/wo_AgricHandbook727_015_031.pdf)
8. Link to Intertribal Nursery Council: <http://www.rngr.net/inc>

**F. Recap today's meeting, date of next meeting and future meetings**

Meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month at the same time. Next meeting will be November 9, from 1-230 PM EDT.

**G. Any other comments or discussion until end time**

Jim Mossett discussed barriers and issues created by the federal government current practices. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands are naturally pollinator habitat areas. As more incentives are put in place, more lands are taken out of CRP and put into crop or biofuel use with heavy use of insecticides/ pesticides.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting Ended at approximately 2:15 p.m.