

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

6/19/19

Call Notes – Final

Call in number: 202-991-0477, Pass Code 6135015

Roll call:

Tribes

- Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs
- Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Ryan Evans, Confederate Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Jasmine Courville Brown, Confederate Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes

EPA

- Carol Galloway, EPA/OECA
- Amanda Hauff, EPA/ OCSPP

Other

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

Reported in advance as absent:

- Emily Ryan, EPA/OPP

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

Fred Corey, TPPC Chairperson, facilitated the roll call. Attendance was logged throughout the call for the 8 tribes and tribal organization representatives.

2. EPA Updates (Carol, Peter, Amanda, et. al.) (00:10 - 00:25)

- Amanda, EPA/OCSPP
 - There is a PPDC solicitation for interested representatives. It is a broad group of folks who come together to give feedback to the Agency. Amanda encourages TPPC to nominate someone. Fred reported that the TPPC decided to nominate Jasmine and Fred will write the letter and copy Amanda and submit by 7/1/19.
 - No updates on the C&T plan. They went over the new standards for plans and are giving folks a heads up on the plans. If tribes have more questions and need a 1:1 then she is happy to do that. Fred explained that we talked about this on the May 2019 meeting. The concern was that small tribes with limited staff would not be able to manage the administrative burden to complete a plan by the deadline. Amanda said there would be a consultation period this fall. She has asked to be on the RTOC agendas to talk about this to let them know about the new standards so they all know what's happening. She has been hearing that the revisions to the plans need staff time and she will let everyone know what she hears back from EPA about that. Amanda discussed the three options about plan development for tribes. Amanda is hearing that October / November is the best time for Tribal Consultations. The group concurred.
 - GAP guidance and lessons learned about how tribes might be able to use GAP funds. She has not received anything from tribes yet as a result of her recent request. She asks that TPPC members please spend some time to pass along nuggets to pass to other tribes. These will serve as the basis of a 1-pager for the Direct Implementation Workgroup.

- We will spend some time on this for the next call. Suzanne to suggest specific tribes to participate who are not usually on the monthly call but we know they use GAP funds.
- *RA workgroup*. EPA will start a pilot on moose meat. Amanda wants to give the risk assessors more specific information and has asked Jasmine to assist.
- If you look at the tribal consultation opportunities tracking system, there is one that's out there of special interest. EPA guidance for a multi-purpose grant to be made available to tribes in local communities to apply. They are establishing the eligibility requirements for tribes to apply and are using a state mechanism to apply. Could tribes please take a look at that? It does not currently include pesticide programs in this and Amanda and Fred will discuss more. Fred suggests that TPPC sends a letter that pesticide programs should be included in this and to send feedback. And also be aware of when the grant process is available. Fred asked Bob if there were any barriers to meeting this deadline of 7/12/19.
- Action item: Fred to write a letter to the effect that pesticide programs are not included and that they should be and he will send to EPA before the deadline.
- Carol, EPA/OECA
 - Last year we became aware about OIG's investigation into tribal enforcement agreements. She received a draft of their findings and she said it was very positive. There are some recommendations to assist the tribal circuit rider program. But she felt that OIG did a good job of researching and highlighting how successful the programs were. She is grateful for everyone's input to this.
 - OC has secured \$50,000 for the next PIRT that Muscogee Creek will host. It used to only be \$35,000 but they have secured more this year. No dates just yet but April-May 2020 is hoped for. James Williams is working with local vendors to determine this. Buffalo, Oklahoma is the location.
 - OC is open to looking at that broadly and if this would be valuable to be a part of the OPIT then they would be open to that. You may want to do a session like using the GAP funds to building a pesticide program and moving it forward.
 - OC has been building a pilot under the WPS program, open to states and tribes with enforcement agreement, called "focused inspections." This would be a way to do not all comprehensive inspections but some could focus on a subset of requirements. May want to consider as a pilot, planning to do a Consultation on this in August and will have a couple of webinars and how the pilots might work. It's a way to get out there and reach more individuals.

3. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne) (00:25 - 00:40)

- a) Spring 2019 meeting – all of the presentations and meeting files have been posted. Please let Suzanne know if you cannot locate something.
- b) Fall 2019 meeting planning

The Yakama Nation will host the fall 2019 meeting. Dates are Tuesday-Friday, October 8-11, 2019. We are revising our agreement with the hotel for rooms, meeting space, and catering.

- 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 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.

UCDE is starting to build the website pages for this and need to link the registration portal. UCDE will send out the announcement in late June / early July. UCDE's webmaster is having issues in applying the new logo to the home page banner and is working with tech support to address this.

Timeline:

- Late June / early July – send out announcement
- Aug. 5, 2019: Deadline for travel funding requests via registration portal
- Aug. 12, 2019: UCDE to notify travelers if funding request can be accommodated
- Aug. 30, 2019: Deadline to book airfare (funded travelers only)
- Mid Sept. 2019: Deadline to reserve hotel room in block (all attendees)
- Sept. 20, 2018: Deadline to register to attend or cancel

Logistics notes:

- a) UCDE must commit to final catering counts 2 weeks before the course so any cancellations from folks during that time will result in an unnecessary cost to TPPC.
- b) The hotel does not offer a shuttle but there are taxi and Uber services available. Are folks ok using those? We can provide a list of people and travel times so that they can double up if they would like.

Joe to ask the tribal chairman if they can provide van the shuttles from the airport. Suzanne explained that this is not an expectation of meeting hosts, since the program can reimburse folks for the expense.

4. TPPC Pollinator Workgroup Update (Jasmine, et. al.) (00:40 – 00:50)

Jasmine sent a survey out to the tribes and the deadline is 6/21. The last 2 monthly calls have been cancelled due to people working in the field. They plan to announce the survey results on the next call.

5. Risk Assessment / Direct Implementation Workgroups Update (Amanda, Fred) (00:50 – 1:00)

RA workgroup – Amanda said they are working to finalize the draft on HCBD. Working on fish consumption draft report and will send out soon for a final tribal partner review. Please let Amanda know by today if they would like to review. They will be ready to have a follow up conversation and a pesticide case study. Mike Metzger wanted to learn more about this. If TPPC is aware of information to please share with her.

DI workgroup – trying to get the one-pager for the GAP guidance and GAP funding as a start. So looking to get this moving with TPPC.

6. TPPC Presentation at Tribal Environmental Lands Forum (Fred, Amanda) (01:00 – 01:10)

Amanda came up with a topic idea to go and talk about pollinator protection plans and get tribes help with that. The proposal was submitted to ITEF and they approved it and they have been cleared to do this. As a side activity the NTTC will be there and will have a booth and will share the space with TPPC. They will have a chance to do TPPC networking and this should generate some new participants. Presentation is due August 3, meeting in late August.

7. Pesticides - Docket No. EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0185; FRL-9993-03 (see attached e-mail message) (01:10 – 01:20) (Fred)

This topic relates to synergistic toxicity of pesticide mixtures and the implications for endangered pacific salmon.

Amanda said that this docket is open for public comment. Not sure how the tribal consultations would be handled on this. What she understands is that a few years ago EPA was working with NAS and Fisheries on collaboration with USDA. They were looking at EPA risk assessments if pesticides

affected endangered species and critical habitats. With the risk evaluation methods, she believes since 2018 they looked at three chemicals. She would like to get TPPC's thoughts on this. Concern that the risk of ES did not jeopardize the critical habitat for aquatic habitat in the region. Wanted to make sure that EPA is still looking at pesticides in case studies and the high risk sites. Talked about the analysis of economic impact of the pilot. Fred reflected that this effort has perhaps not received proper Tribal Consultation and that this really rises to the level of that, which would provide ample time for tribes to get up to speed on this issue. Everything up to this point has been under a court order with deadlines to respond. Amanda said she is holding conversation with senior management about the process but she is hoping that TPPC can help advise her of related issues. She understands this is an issue and is working on it.

8. Status of Pesticides in Indian Country Report (All) (01:20 – 01:45)

- Bob wants to recalibrate the meeting dates and times. The call next week will be cancelled. In July there will be two meetings a month. One will occur as part of the EC meeting and the other will be a standalone call. Emily to send out a doodle poll for the dates/times of the standalone call.
- Bob will make one last effort to reach out the existing WG or no hard feelings if folks cannot continue. Just please say so.
- The Report outline is pretty much done as to how the report will look as generated from the March meeting and former calls. Emily and Carol committed to providing the WG with specific data to be received by June 30. There are elements of the outline for which they talked about getting the information (DI & RA) and getting this ASAP is imperative. Otherwise Bob is ready to start drafting and distribute to get feedback.

Amanda proposed that Emily and Carol temporarily come off the work group and focus their effort on providing the requested data. Bob would run the WG from there. Bob stated that he wanted them to continue with each call as their input has been of high value. So there was not consensus on how this resolved.

Action item: Emily to cancel Status Report workgroup calendar appt for 6/25.

9. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics (All) (01:45 – 02:00)

None noted.

10. Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, July 17, 2019, 2-4 p.m. EDT)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- National Industrial Hemp Regulatory Conference, hosted by MN Dept of Ag, ND Dept of Ag and Wisconsin DATCP, June 17-20, 2019
- National Integrated Pest Management Training for Tribal Communities, hosted by ITCA, June 26-28, 2019, San Diego, CA
- ADD
- PREP Comprehensive Combo, Milwaukee, WI, July 29 – August 1, 2019
- PREP Risk Communication Course, Vancouver, WA, September 9-12, 2019
- TPPC Fall Meeting, Yakama Nation, October 8-11, 2019, Toppenish, WA
- Region 8 Manager's Meeting, October 16-17, 2019