

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

7/17/19

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
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
- Jefferson Biakeddy, Navajo Nation
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Dustin Roy, White Earth Nation
- Diana Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Gerald Wagner, National Tribal Caucus

**EPA**

- Emily Ryan, EPA/OPP
- Rachel Riccardi, EPA/OPP
- Amanda Hauff, EPA/OCSP

**Other**

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

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

- Carol Galloway, EPA/OECA

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

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

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

- Amanda, EPA/OCSP
  - Amanda and Fred are working on a presentation for the Tribal Lands and the Environmental Forum in Palm Springs in August.
  - OCSP conducted a pilot test of the tribal lead curriculum.
  - The Sulfoxaflo announcement was shared Friday. Would the TPPC like a report on this from EPA and describe the decision from a factual perspective? This could be an option for a monthly call or on the pollinator protection workgroup call. Fred to ask Jasmine best way to follow up on this topic.
- Carol, EPA/OECA
  - No updates from OECA.
- Emily, EPA/OPP
  - Bob and Emily found a new date and time for the Status Report workgroup calls. The next call is Tuesday, July 30 at 10 AM Pacific Time. New members to the workgroup are welcomed.

- Rachel Riccardi has re-joined the Branch and will be doing some international work and will work on some tribal issues as well.
- They are conducting tribal outreach for the Endangered Species Act biological evaluation. Folks from EPA's Environmental Fate and Effects Division (EFED) and Biological and Economic Analysis Division (BEAD) will give an overview of this. This will work similarly to the C&T outreach where it will be webinar format with time for questions after that. Dates are July 25 and August 6. EPA is asking for feedback and tribes may contact Amanda Hauff. EPA developed a summary document as it's a very complicated issue.

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

#### a) Administrative

- The balance of the TPPC award funds arrived at UC Davis in late May and the cooperative agreement is now fully funded for this past fiscal year (October 2018 – September 2019)
- Recent membership list changes:
  - o Lorinda Antone recently left the Ak-Chin Indian Community
  - o Susannah Spock is no longer employed with the Hoh Tribe

In April Suzanne spoke with Pat Livingston from Region 4 about contacting Darin Steen from Seminole to see if they had hired a replacement for Cherise Maples. To her knowledge there were no other tribes in Region 4 were interested in starting up their own pesticide programs.

Action item: Suzanne to follow up with Pat about Seminole to see if they hired a replacement and their interest in a pesticide program.

#### b) Fall 2019 meeting planning

The website is current and there's an upcoming registration deadline if folks are requesting travel funding (August 5). UC Davis had to replace the registration portal due to issues with the former Unbounce platform. The new link is included in the reminder and revised announcement which went out today. The website includes the revised link as well.

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.

- o Full Council Meeting: Tues-Wed, October 8-9, 2019
- o Executive Committee Meeting: Tues or Wed eve October 8 or 9, 2019.
- o Risk Communication training with National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC): Thurs, October 10, 2019.
- o Half-day tour of Yakama Nation (optional): Fri, October 11, 2019.
- o 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.

#### Timeline:

- 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)
- Sept. 20, 2018: Deadline to register to attend or cancel. Catering fee applies to anyone canceling after this date.
- Sept. 23, 2019: Deadline to reserve hotel room in block (all attendees)

#### Logistics notes:

- 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.
  - The hotel does not offer a shuttle but there are taxi and Uber services available. Are folks ok using those? We can also look into hired shuttle. We can provide a list of people and travel times so that they can double up if they would like.
- c) Requests for travel funding to other pesticide-related forums. This option is available to all TPPC members with authorization letters on file. There is a request portal on the TPPC Travel tab on the website <http://tppcwebsite.org/other-travel/>.
- Background: in April 2018, the TPPC Executive Committee approved the proposal to allocate up to \$20,000 in the FY2019 budget for TPPC members to travel to pesticide-related trainings for the current project year. We encourage members to take advantage of the use of these funds.
  - In October 2018, the Executive Committee set aside an additional \$10,000 for up to three TPPC members to participate in EPA's Regulator in Residence (RIR) Program. The goal of the RIR program is to foster communication between the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) and pesticide program managers of participating states, tribes, and territories. (Note: TPPC members would need to meet EPA's eligibility criteria in order to participate.) RIR shall be included in mention of "pesticide-related forums" mentioned below.

#### **4. TPPC Fall Meeting Agenda Planning (Suzanne) (01:20 – 01:50)**

Suzanne shared a draft agenda and listed the current sessions and available slots. The session timing is still flexible. Members discussed potential topics from a list collected at former TPPC meetings. The group narrowed down a list of topics of interest and these will be added to the next draft agenda.

The consensus was to hold the Executive committee Meeting on the eve of Wednesday, October 9 as there could potentially be more topics to discuss versus it being held on the evening of the first day.

There is interest in inviting Rebecca Tortes from the California Indian Basketweavers Association to serve as a speaker. Amanda is hoping to invite EPA technical staff to attend as well related to the Risk Assessment workgroup activities.

Gerald Wagner, National Tribal Caucus, joined the call and offered to provide an update at the October meeting.

**Action item: Suzanne to send Gerald the meeting information with the revised agenda.**

Next steps: Suzanne to amend the draft agenda and share. We will only plan a second stand-alone planning call if urgent decisions are needed. Otherwise we will plan to talk about this again on August 14 during the next Executive Committee monthly call.

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

Jasmine sent a survey out to the tribes back in May June. Suzanne to follow up to see if she wants to present an update on that at the October meeting or sooner.

#### **6. Risk Assessment / Direct Implementation Workgroups Update (Amanda, Fred) (00:50 – 1:10)**

Amanda shared some of the recent activities of the workgroup earlier in the call.

#### **7. Status of Pesticides in Indian Country Report (Bob) (01:10 – 01:20)**

The workgroup meets again July 30 and Emily sent out the call appointment. Bob is restructuring the report identifying where EPA contributions are required. He is sensitive to gathering data needed for the report. By July 30 it will be available to folks on the workgroup to review. Fred asked if the workgroup can come up with a new timeline to continue to move forward. Bob reinforced that it's important that any generalized statements included in the report must be supported by data and factual citations. As a

means to uphold the credibility of the Report, Bob will not include anything in the report which is not substantiated.

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

None noted.

**9. Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 2-4 p.m. EDT)**

Because of a conflict with another meeting, the next monthly TPPC call has been moved a week early to August 14. Emily Ryan sent out a new calendar appointment reflecting this.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- PREP Comprehensive Combo, Milwaukee, WI, July 29 – August 1, 2019
- Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO) Annual Meeting, August 26-30, 2019, Franklin, TN
- 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