

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

8/14/19

Call Notes – Final

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

Roll call:

Tribes

- Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs
- Gerald Wagner, Blackfeet Nation - National Tribal Caucus
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Theodore Puetz, Ak-Chin
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo
- Annette George Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
- Dustin Roy, White Earth Nation
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Ryan Evans, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Jasmine Courville-Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

Tribal Organizations

- Diana Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers

EPA

- Emily Ryan, EPA/OPP
- Carol Galloway, EPA/OECA
- Peter Earley, EPA/Region 9
- Rachel Riccardi, EPA/OPP

Other

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

Reported in advance as absent:

- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation

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

Fred Corey, TPPC Chairperson, facilitated the roll call. Attendance was logged throughout the call for the 13 tribes and tribal organization representatives.

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

- Carol, EPA/OECA
 - Earlier in August the FIFRA inspection manual was released. Suzanne shared with TPPC on 8/9/10.
 - EPA's OIG has prepared a draft report on the investigation of the OC's cooperative enforcement agreement with tribes. The draft report is generally positive and it reports that the objectives of the tribal enforcement cooperative agreement process were being met. They include suggestions for improving communication with circuit riders and the tribes they serve. Carol will share the final report as soon as it's approved for distribution.

- Office of Compliance has been working for several months for abbreviated inspections under WPS. "Focused inspections". Getting ready to share this with states and tribes and will share with consultations. The letters are getting close and will go out to the 19 tribes with cooperative enforcement agreements. Looking to do a couple of webinars in September with comments due in October.
- Emily, EPA/OPP
 - EPA is doing tribal consultation for draft revised method for Endangered Species Act risk assessment process for bio evaluation of pesticides. Letters went out this week to tribes should be arriving soon. Amanda will also send out more info on email. First consultations is planned for September 3; second one is September 5, 2019. EPA will make sure everyone is aware of the information once they are scheduled.
- Peter Earley, EPA/Region 9
 - Region 10 did a childcare project with Indian Health Service. Did some data sampling and will share results. Nationwide survey for HeadStart to sample tribal centers to get a survey. Fred thought this might be good to hear about on a future TPPC call once the findings are published. Peter will ask Bethany Plewe about this, as she was the EPA representative providing the information.
 - Region 10 is working with tribes and inspection numbers as there is a backlog in inspection reports. Peter will go back facilitating the meetings again.

3. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne) (00:25 - 00:35)

a) Administrative

- Welcome new addition – Ezra Isiah Avalos, born 8/13/19 at 2 AM. 19 inches, 6.7 pounds!
- Recent membership list changes:
 - Glenna Lee has been transferred to the air Program at Navajo Nation and they are recruiting a replacement for her duties overseeing the pesticide program.
 - New authorization letters received for Marie Joaquin with Cocopah, Shyla James with Navajo Nation, and Theodore Puetz with Ak-Chin Indian Community. Uploaded to the TPPC DropBox site for safekeeping.

Fred reported as a follow-up the Region 4 and Cherise Maples with Seminole. Fred stated that the tribe is in the process of hiring that position.

b) Fall 2019 meeting planning

The Yakama Nation will host the fall 2019 meeting. Dates are Tuesday-Friday, October 8-11, 2019.

- Full Council Meeting: Tues-Wed, October 8-9, 2019
- Executive Committee Meeting: 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

Travel planning underway and funded travelers are in the process of ticketing by 8/23. There are limited flights in and out so folks should book travel soon.

- Sept. 20, 2019: Last day to register to attend with UCDE

- Sept. 20, 2019 Last day to cancel attendance with UCDE without \$\$ penalty (due to hotel's need for catering #s)
- Sept. 23, 2019: Last day to reserve hotel room at reduced rate

Mural tour via covered wagon of Toppenish – they will stay open for the TPPC for week of the meeting. \$18 per person. Would be a good option for the eve of October 8. Daylight savings time November 3.

- 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.
- d) TPPC election – on 7/2/19 I sent out a message called "Key Points for the Upcoming TPPC Election" and that authorization letters are due September 3 in order to be eligible to serve or cast a ballot on behalf of your tribe. After that date I will be emailing the TPPC and asking for nominations.

The TPPC will be holding an election of all Executive Committee positions at its in-person meeting on October 8, 2019. You will need to have an authorization letter on file with the TPPC Coordinator to be considered for an elected position. If you do not have a letter on file and would like to run for an elected position then please submit your letter right away.

Key election points:

- In order to be nominated to serve on the Executive Committee, the Tribal representative must have an authorization letter on file.
- A Tribe/Organization may only cast one vote in each category, in order to stay fair and equitable to the group.
- The voting Tribal representative must have an authorization letter on file in order for the vote to be counted.
- Tribes/members may vote via email in advance in the event they do not plan to attend the October meeting.

4. TPPC Fall Meeting Agenda Planning (Suzanne) (0:35 – 0:50)

Suzanne shared a draft agenda and the group concurred on the session times and placements.

5. TPPC Pollinator Workgroup Update (Jasmine, et. al.) (00:50 – 01:00)

Jasmine said that the workgroup is on hold. Mary has taken another position and they have had a hard time getting attendance in addition to that. They will take a break for the time being.

6. Status of Pesticides in Indian Country Report (Bob) (01:00 – 01:20)

Bob will send out a revised draft, identification of data gaps and other information. He is hoping to re-establish a timeline going forward. Nina would like Bob to come to the annual Tribal / EPA conference in October. The group as well as EPA was favorable to his attending and presenting.

7. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics (All) (01:20 – 02:00)

None noted.

8. Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 2-4 p.m. EDT)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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
- Tribal / EPA Region 9 Conference, October 21-24, 2019, Maricopa, AZ