

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

9/18/19

Call Notes – Final

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

Roll call:

Tribes

- Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs
- Gerald Wagner, National Tribal Caucus
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Theodore Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
- Jefferson Biakeddy, Navajo Nation
- Dustin Roy, White Earth Nation
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation

Tribal Organizations

- Diana Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association

EPA

- Emily Ryan, EPA/OPP
- Rachel Ricciardi, EPA/OPP
- Monica Wait, EPA/OPP
- Don Wilbur, HED
- Mike Metzger HED

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 11 tribes and tribal organization representatives.

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

- Carol, EPA/OECA
 - EPA is still planning tribal consultation for mid-October for the draft Framework for Piloting Focused WPS Inspections, and Revisions to the FIFRA Inspection Manual.
 - Inspector credential training changes are coming – switch to FedTalent Learning Management System from Inspector Wiki. All inspector training will be conducted and tracked in FedTalent beginning in January. More details to come.
- Update from HED - analysis of FQPA factor for pyrethroids. Default factor is usually a 10x under the assumption that children are more sensitive than adults. Two components add 10x. EPA talked about their rationale for amending the safety factors. Fred suggested that Rachel can

assist as a liaison to HED and the TPPC. Emily will make sure the TPPC has a copy of the recent EPA update on this topic.

- Emily, EPA/OPP
 - No updates.
- Peter Earley, EPA/Region 9
 - No updates.

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

- a) Administrative
 - Recent membership list change:
 - New authorization letter received for Jeremy Phillips, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Uploaded to the TPPC DropBox site for safekeeping.

Jarrett Pfrimmer recently wrote that Region 7 received an award for a new Pesticide Circuit Rider, which will report to Jarrett starting Oct. 1. However, the individual will most likely not be brought on-board until ~Nov. 1. Jarrett agreed to be on the upcoming ballot (he is the sole authorized TPPC member for that region) but it's likely that the new hire will take his place after November.

- b) Election is underway. Suzanne received nominations from 10 members/tribes and is now in the process of confirming with nominees if they want to appear on the ballot or not. They have until 9/24 to reply. Ballots to be emailed 9/26 and folks may bring them to the meeting on 10/8 or email in advance.
- c) Fall 2019 meeting planning

17 tribes registered, 4 EPA Tribal team members. Registration closes 9/20.

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 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

For those folks who requested we book and pre-pay their rooms, Hannah will send those confirmations on or before 9/23.

- 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

- d) 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) (0:35 – 0:50)

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

5. PREP request for TPPC member to serve on Steering Committee for 2020 Courses (Suzanne) (00:50 - 01:05)

Fred will send an inquiry out to the listserv to see if a member can participate. If this is an issue for tribes in the Status Report then it's critical to have tribal input.

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

Jim said that the workgroup has not been meeting but there is a lot of movement and action across the US. State of Illinois introduced a bill to ban new neonicotinoids. Fred said that Connecticut made the neonics a Restricted Use Products due to concerns for pollinators.

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

The draft is moving along the next call is 9/26. Bob has melded comments into a single document and addressing comments one at a time and discussed with the larger group. Nina and Bob will present on this at the Tribal / EPA Region 9 and getting feedback on it, also recruit for TPPC. Bob spoke with Carol Galloway about the DI portions of the report.

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

None noted.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SFIREG Joint Working Committee Meeting, Sept 23–25, 2019, Lafayette, IN
- 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
- Region 4 Pre-SFIREG meeting, October 29-30, 2019, Decatur, GA
- Region 5 Pre-SFIREG meeting, November 6-7, 2019, Chicago, IL
- Region 1 Pre-SFIREG meeting, November 12, 2019, Chelmsford, MA
- Full SFIREG Meeting, December 9-10, 2019, Arlington, VA
- Pesticide Stewardship Alliance Annual Conference, Feb 4-6, 2020, San Antonio, TX
- 73rd Annual AAPCO Spring Meeting, March 8-11, 2020, Alexandria, VA
- TPPC Spring Meeting, March 11-13, 2020, Arlington, VA
- Western Region Pesticide Meeting, April 21-23, 2020, Bend, OR