

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
10/16/19 – 2:00-3:00pm EST
Call Notes

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

Roll call:

Tribes

- Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs
- Theodore Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
- James Jackson, Muskogee Creek Nation
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Tribal Organizations

- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association

EPA

- Emily Ryan, EPA/OPP
- Rachel Ricciardi, EPA/OPP

Other

- Bob Gruenig, TPPC

Reported in advance as absent:

- Suzanne Forsyth, University of California Davis Extension

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.
- This call is only one hour since TPPC held an in-person meeting last week.

2. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (notes provided by Suzanne in advance) (00:10 - 00:15)

- Suzanne is working on the October in-person meeting notes/action items.
- Reminder: TPPC members funded to attend the October meeting must have their travel expense reports submitted by the deadline (Oct 25).
- TPPC members to decide on this call if they want the tribal jurisdiction presentation on the Nov 2019 or Jan 2020 call Suzanne to confirm with the speaker. **Update: speaker to present on January 2020 call.**

3. National Tribal Caucus (NTC) FY21 Budget Priority Guidance (00:15 – 1:00)

Fred told the group that National Tribal Caucus (NTC) Chair Gerald Wagner joined the TPPC at the October in-person meeting. The NTC is currently working on the draft of their FY21 Budget Priority Guidance and has invited TPPC to provide feedback on the tribal pesticide program section (specifically on funding). Fred must send them the feedback by Wednesday, October 23.

Fred tells the group to refer to page 15 of the Guidance to review the tribal pesticide program section. He clarifies that NTC did not reach out to TPPC for feedback last year, so the priorities listed in the document are based on information from FY17, which is the last time TPPC gave input. TPPC did not provide any of the language used.

The group agrees the priorities listed in the draft don't align with TPPC's current priorities and need some revising. Diania notes that pesticide exposure to basketweavers is currently listed in the draft Guidance under the toxics section instead of under pesticides. Fred says he will follow up with Gerald on that point.

Fred asks which priorities the TPPC should include. Emily suggests highlighting the ones identified for the *The Status of Pesticides in Indian Country Report* at the October in-person meeting: risk assessment, gaps in direct implementation, funding, education and training, and enforcement and compliance. The group agrees to submit those priorities to NTC.

Fred will work with Bob to provide NTC with language on the TPPC's priorities by Weds, Oct 23. He says the budget will be a challenge because he doesn't know where the current funding recommendation in the draft came from. Action item: Emily will send Fred OPP budget information so Fred can use it to make an educated estimate for funding (update: Emily has sent Fred information).