

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
12/14/22
Call Notes – Final

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Roll call:

Tribes (16)

- Lucas Bair, Spokane Tribe of Indians
- Earl Bautista, Tohono O’odham Nation
- Josiah Candelaria, Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council
- Jasmine Courville-Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d’Alene Indian Tribe
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Phil Jackson, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Tacy Jensen, Gila River Indian Community
- Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Camilo Perez, Quechan Indian Tribe
- Ted Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
- Dorla Tartsah, Kiowa Tribe

Tribal Organizations (1)

- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association

EPA (5)

- Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA
- Vanessa Emerson, EPA
- Loren LaPointe, EPA/OCSP
- Emily Ryan, EPA/OCSP
- Linsey Walsh, EPA/OCSP

Other (3)

- Mark Daniels, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
- Jennifer Glennon, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
- Mehrdad Khatibi, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

1. Tribal Caucus

2. Welcome/Introductions

Jasmine Courville-Brown, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, led roll call and welcomed everyone.

3. EPA Updates

- a. Report out of the major themes of the full SFIREG meeting last week: Vanessa Emerson, EPA /OCSPP reported that Mark and Jasmine attended the meeting and gave an update on the TPPC. All presentations from SFIREG are available on their website: <https://aapco.org/2015/07/30/sfireg-3/>
- b. Overview of the National Pesticide Manager Meeting (NPMM) last week: Linsey Walsh, EPA /OCSPP reported that they hosted this meeting which usually meets twice a year and is for all of the pesticide and enforcement personnel to discuss various pesticide related issues and programs. Mark and Jasmine provided a report out from TPPC. They also had a Tribal topics session in which Emily Ryan, EPA presented on the cannabis paper. Emily also touched on official guidance from the White House on incorporating Indigenous Knowledge into federal agency programs, and mentioned the pilot project with White Earth Nation and HED (Health Effects Division).
- c. Debrief on the Tribal Science Council Meeting last week: Loren LaPointe, EPA/OCSPP is now a part of this Science-focused council and will share relevant information with the TPPC. They had an open discussion about the White House TEK guidance and many felt that there could be more of an effort with this. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/OSTP-CEQ-IK-Guidance.pdf>
There continues to be a concern about the amount of TEK that gets shared with government agencies. Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation mentioned that White Earth will be collecting their own data (not EPA) for the pilot project, so they can choose what to share and protect Tribal knowledge.

4. TPPC Administrator Updates

Mark mentioned that the Fall Meeting Materials are now all on the TPPC website.

Spring Meeting Update: The dates for the spring meeting are Wednesday-Friday, March 8-10 in Crystal City, VA and will tie into the AAPCO meeting earlier that week on March 6-8 in Old Town Alexandria so that members can choose to attend both.

Issue Papers Update: We are trying to finalize and get the Certification and Training Plan issue paper out in the beginning of the new year.

Website visits: 314 views from 95 users for November and YTD saw 5091 views from 1435 users.

Mark was able to get more information on doing a drift catcher project, Pesticide Action Network (PAN) can help but Tribes would need to bring their own funding (sample analysis is the biggest cost, and there are lots of samples required).

5. TPPC Letter of Support Requests

Mark brought up a recent request for support from the Alaska Emergency Management group for an EPA grant they are applying for. In general, it is beneficial when applying for a grant to have documented support for the application process. Jasmine asked the group if they have thoughts on establishing a process for doing this. Nina would like to discuss this at the spring meeting as this subject needs further consideration if the TPPC wants to show endorsement for some Tribes or groups over others.

6. Workgroup Report-out

The next Risk Assessment work group meeting is December 19, Renee will provide an update on the pilot project.

7. Tribal Caucus Report-out

There was discussion about getting someone from the Army Corps of Engineers to speak at a future meeting about how they work with EPA to get a better understanding of the dynamic between the two (with regard to permits issued on reservation lands).

The group would like more information about EJ (Environmental Justice) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and gain an understanding of the need for shovel-ready projects.

8. NTC Updates

This will be addressed at the next meeting

9. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics

Jim Mossett asked about which Tribes have opted out of the C&T plan. **Linsey offered to reach out to colleagues at EPA to find out that information.** There was more discussion on this subject and the presence of non-Tribal inspectors on Tribal land and the need for more funding and oversight.

10. Next TPPC Conference Call: Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST

*(**Yellow highlighting** in the notes above indicates action items)