



## National CAPS Committee (NCC) Conference Call

August 4, 2011

### Minutes

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#### Participants

John Bowers	Julie Van Meter	Lisa Jackson
Brian Kopper	Avi Eitam	Melinda Sullivan
Kristian Rondeau	Erin Stiers*	John Crowe
Rick Zink	Laurinda Ramonda	Susan Schechter
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#### Oregon SPHD TDY

Kristian Rondeau has been selected as the Acting Oregon State Plant Health Director in Portland, OR. This is a temporary duty position for 30 days beginning August 14. Kristian will continue to monitor work plans coming into the Western Region Office, and will work with the WRO to facilitate review and feedback of the work plans.

#### Survey Guidelines

The 2011 Exotic Wood Borer/ Bark Beetle National Survey Guidelines has been finalized, and can be found at [http://caps.ceris.purdue.edu/survey\\_manuals](http://caps.ceris.purdue.edu/survey_manuals). The 2011 version contains the Approved Methods for surveys in 2011. The EWB/BB Survey Guidelines will be updated for 2012 this fall, and will contain changes to the Approved Methods that will be implemented for 2012 surveys. Comments and suggestion can be sent to Lisa Jackson.

The Stone Fruit Survey Reference and Stone Fruit Survey Guidelines are posted on the CAPS R&C site for review at the link above. Please take the time to review these important documents. Comments and suggestions can be sent to Melinda Sullivan.

#### Approved Methods

There have been several recent changes and additions to the Approved Methods site (<http://pest.ceris.purdue.edu/services/napisquery/query.php?code=cam2012>).

- There has been a taxonomic name change for the Plum fruit moth in the Stone Fruit Commodity Pest List. *Cydia funebrana* has been changed to *Grapholita funebrana*. This change also has been made in the Stone Fruit Commodity documents. Please make sure your 2012 work plans reflect this change.
- A pest data sheet for *Diprion pini*, the Pine sawfly, has been posted. Additional pest data sheets will be posted for other pests as they become available.
- The approved method for *Lymantria monacha*, Nun moth, has been added to both the 2011 and 2012 Approved Methods. This pest has been a Farm Bill survey target. Asian

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Note: A reminder to the NCC, please distribute CAPS updates, conference-call minutes, and other CAPS-related information to the constituency that you represent in a timely manner. Also, please bring their items, issues, concerns, and opinions back to the NCC for discussion. It is our responsibility that everyone is kept engaged in the CAPS program.



defoliators as a group will be available for surveys in 2013. The posting of approved methods for this pest initiates the process of having approved methods available for all pests in this group for 2013 surveys.

An email is sent from the CAPS R&C site when updates are made to the Approved Methods, with a subject line of 'New posts.' This occurs when Lisa or Melinda update the CAPS Approved Methods Change Log. Please pay attention to this email and the information it contains. If you are not receiving these emails, please contact Susan Schechter.

### **CAPS Technologies Webinar**

An email from Meeting Wizard has been sent out to those on the NCC call asking for your availability for a webinar that Terrence Walters will host to demonstrate several technologies that may benefit the CAPS program. Additional dates were added to the request. Please respond to your availability as soon as possible so we can confirm the date.

### **IPHis Update**

The CAPS program currently is pursuing three major issues with IPHis: 1) How to build the CAPS complex(es) that will be used to develop the data entry templates. Evidently with the way the system currently is designed, large complexes with many pests will not work in IPHis. The system cannot handle the many linkages that need to occur. We have arrived at an option that may work, but this will involve development work by the contractors, and will incur costs. We are waiting to hear from the IPHis Executive Steering Committee if funding is available and these costs will be approved at this time. 2) How to summarize data in IPHis so that the appropriate data can be sent to NAPIS to support Pest Tracker. Also an issue is how to send the data. This must be worked out to avoid double data entry, once in IPHis and summarized in NAPIS. Reporting functions in IPHis may be able to do this now, but there is still some question as to whether or not the reporting functions exist and the appropriate data presently is being collected in IPHis. 3) What minimal number of data fields is appropriate for detection surveys in the CAPS program. Several versions of the suggested data fields have been sent to the NCC for sharing and discussions with their constituency. We want to make sure that when we submit this requirement to the Change Control Board that we have the consensus of the CAPS community. We are close to arriving at a final version. If you have not seen the latest version or participated in the discussion, contact your NCC representative. We want this to be as inclusive as possible. The downside is that this will incur development and costs to implement, and may have to wait until next year to implement. The sooner we submit a final version for consideration, the better off we will be.

Several items still need to occur and several issues need ironing out before we can commit to using IPHis in 2012, although this still may happen. At present we are about 50:50 for using IPHis or NAPIS in 2012. We may know one way or the other in a few weeks, but cannot commit to one way or the other right now. Much may depend on the available budget for IPHis for the remainder of the calendar year. We need to put in an honest effort to determine if IPHis



will work for CAPS before we resort to NAPIS again in 2012. As such, we cannot commit to any specific data management language in the work plan or agreement. Once we hear whether or not the development work in IPHIS can be accomplished before the end of the calendar year, then we will let everyone know what data management will look like in 2012. If you have any questions, please contact John, Brian, or Kristian.

### **FY12 Budget**

The FY12 budget is unknown at this time. We are expecting some reductions, but we do not know how much and where the impacts will be felt. Please pay attention to messages from the Regional Offices. Budget information will come from these offices as it becomes available.

### **CAPS and NCC Meetings**

If the CAPS Conferences are to be held every two years, as the CAPS community suggested, then the next one would be tentatively scheduled for December 2012 (in FY13). In the current budget and economic climate, we will have to investigate management's thinking for having the meeting, and provide good justification and ways to cut costs before a request for approval is submitted. We cannot really say yes or no right now, but we will look into putting in a request. At most, the request may be denied or deferred to the following year. In the meantime, the CAPS community needs to be thinking of possible alternatives to a large meeting...how could this be done and what would it look like. This meeting is important to the CAPS program, and we all need to find a way to get it done in whatever form it turns out to be.

A request for an NCC meeting toward the end of January will be submitted. Where?

### **NCC Action Items**

The remainder of the call was spent reviewing action items from the NCC meeting in January. These are posted on the NCC page of the CAPS R&C site.

The next NCC call will be on **Thursday, September 1, at 11:00 am eastern time.**

The following page shows the Stone Fruit Outreach Display at the National Plant Board meeting in Denver, CO.





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