



National CAPS Committee (NCC) Conference Call

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Minutes

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CAPS Webinar

The Program presented a webinar on changes and updates to the 2020 National Pest Surveillance Guidelines on July 10, 2019, at 2:00 pm eastern time. The webinar covered changes in the 2020 pest lists, approved methods, work plan expectations and process, and data entry responsibilities, as well as other changes to be aware of as you prepare work plans for 2020. The webinar was recorded. The link to the recorded webinar and slide deck are available on the [Webinar page](#) of the CAPS website. The recorded version also can be accessed directly at:

<http://pdclearning.adobeconnect.com/pa5knsqmlnc/>

Any suggestions or comments regarding the content, format, or presentation is appreciated in order to help better serve your needs. Comments can be sent to [John](#) and [Lisa](#).

Two future webinars have been discussed: one from Purdue in the fall, and the other on the OPEP model in the winter. Please let John and Lisa know if you have other topics that you would like to discuss. Additionally, a national town hall-style of meeting has been discussed where we would answer your questions on topics of interest to you. This also may happen in the fall, and we will need some direction from you. Please discuss this in your conversations with your constituency.

CAPS Recognition

The sub-committee of the NCC met and discussed the nominations received for 2019 CAPS Recognition. One nomination was selected for CAPS Recognition this year (for work accomplished in the past year). That person has been notified. In addition, a Special Recognition was awarded to a group effort in support of the CAPS Program. An official announcement will be sent to the CAPS community through the NCC later this week.

Pollinator Bycatch Guidance

The [Pollinator Bycatch Guidance](#) document has been updated as discussed during the NCC meeting in Portland. It can be found on the [Resources page](#) of the CAPS R&C website under the

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.



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PPA 7721

The 2020 Open Period: will be July 15- August 23. A Stakeholder Registry announcement was sent Monday morning, July 15. The announcement is copied at the end of these minutes for your convenience.

Help session webinars are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, July 16 at 2:00pm EST
- Monday, July 22 at 10:00am EST
- Wednesday, July 24 at 2:00pm EST

Conference call numbers and webinar links, as well as other information, can be found on the APHIS website at: [FY 2020 Open Period for Project Suggestions Website](#)

The required Excel file for Goal 1 Survey suggestions can be found on both the APHIS website at the link above, and on the [2020 PPA Goal 1 Survey page](#) of the CAPS R&C.

For Goal 1 Survey suggestions there will be some added guidance in the [2020 PPA 7721 Implementation Plan](#). Please read the Implementation Plan.

- The Excel suggestion format, updated for 2020, will be required. Suggestions received as a narrative in Metastorm will not be reviewed.
- In the Financial Plan, a separate Contractual Financial Plan will be required to detail contractual costs. A Contractual tab will be added to the Excel Form.
- Guidance for ongoing emergency programs will be provided, especially for suggestions involving Spotted lantern fly (SLF) and European cherry fruit fly (ECFF).
- A section on identification plans was added as well as updating some definitions.

Survey Supplies

Diprion pini lures are ready and being shipped to those who ordered them. This is a difficult lure to make, and it took a little longer than expected.

The Survey Supplies Team will be at the warehouse at Moore the week of July 15, and will discuss the facility and other Program topics with staff.

OPEP Prioritization Model

Pests on a commodity pest list often were placed there in the past more because of a host association than any analysis. However, as of the end of September, the backlog of commodity pests will have been run through the OPEP model. This means that all current Priority Pests will have been analyzed. As we start to look at the 2021 Guidelines, some of these pests may fall off the Priority Pest List if their impact is predicted to be low.



The next phase of the OPEP model, which currently predicts Impact only, is the implementation of the Likelihood of Introduction component. This currently is in development, but slated to be completed by the end of the calendar year. Current thinking is that the Likelihood of Introduction score may elevate or reduce the Impact category/score to give an overall Risk score for that pest. CAPS will then use the Risk score to help determine the pests on the priority pest List.

The Mollusk model also is in development, and the team is working with the statistician to work out some nuances. Since there are less mollusks than arthropods and pathogens, a different approach may be needed.

Alison will hold a webinar, likely in January before the NCC meeting, to update everyone on the OPEP model. There will be an in depth discussion of the OPEP model and resulting Risk scores at the next annual NCC meeting as we re-imagine assessing pests and the Priority Pest List.

CAPIS Directories

The staff at Purdue is updating all PPQ email addresses in the directories from @aphis.usda.gov to @usda.gov. You do not have to do a thing as this is being done behind the scenes. If you use the entire email address as your user name, you may still have to use ...@aphis.usda.gov until it is updated. Otherwise, the new address will work. This is only for PPQ, and does not affect state email addresses. Contact [Cindy](#) if you have any questions.

The group email address napis@purdue.edu is being phased out, and replaced by capis@purdue.edu. CAPIS, for CAPS Information Services, is more encompassing of the breadth of services offered, whereas the NAPIS database is just one component of CAPIS. capis@purdue.edu is available now, and should be used, although napis@purdue.edu will work for a while longer.

Facilitation & Meeting Design Training

The PPQ Professional Development Center (PDC) is still evaluating the training, and will be discussed in the near future the PDC Operational Planning meeting for FY20. The NCC should talk with their constituents and get a tentative head count of those that may be interested.

Annual NCC Meeting Action Items

An updated action items document will be posted on the CAPS R&C under the Portland meeting in the near future. John will let the NCC know when this is done. The PDMT has made a commitment to complete all action items in a timely manner. These will be discussed on the next NCC call.

The 2020 Annual NCC Meeting

It is not too early to start thinking about the 2020 Annual NCC Meeting. We already have a draft agenda started, and may spend at least a half day talking about the OPEP model, commodity



documents, host matrix, and the Priority Pest List, and how it is presented in the 2021 Guidelines.

It also is time to start thinking of where and when the meeting will be held. Since it was on the west coast this year, a central or eastern location is preferred. Suggestions have been made for the Miami PIS, Florida DPI in Gainesville (both repeat venues), PA Dept. of Ag in Harrisburg, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center in MD, and the MSU Coastal Research and Extension Center in Biloxi, MS. Any other suggestions? The requirements are that the meeting room be free of charge, holds 20-22 people comfortably, and can be showcased as part of the safeguarding continuum. Easy transportation in and out is always a plus.

The meeting has been held during the first week of February, except this year due to the government shutdown, or the last week in January. Please check your schedules so we can get a consensus for checking venue availability.

Pest Tracker Website

The Purdue Market and Media Department will soon begin an evaluation of the Pest Tracker website similar to what they did with the CAPS R&C site. The goal is to update the website to increase functionality and navigation, and to give it a modern look.

The next NCC call will be held on Thursday, August 1, 2019, at 1:00 pm eastern time.

Please review the minutes and forward to your NCC representative any agenda topics for discussion on the next NCC call.

In Case You Missed It

PPA 7721 Stakeholder Registry Announcement

Washington, D.C., July 15, 2019 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is inviting stakeholders to submit project suggestions for fiscal year (FY) 2020 Plant Protection Act Section 7721 funding to implement the Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program.

The open period for submitting suggestions will last six weeks, from July 15 through August 23, 2019. There will be \$75 million available with at least \$5 million going to the National Clean Plant Network (NCPN). The open period for submitting NCPN project suggestions will be announced separately. Stakeholders who are interested in learning more about the suggestion submission process may join a webinar on July 16, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. Eastern time. For information: <https://pdclearning.adobeconnect.com/a988829320/ppa/>.



The Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program is organized into six strategic goal areas under which projects are evaluated and funded. The FY 2020 Implementation Plan provides goal area guidance, with specific objectives to assist those who wish to submit a suggestion that is clearly aligned to a goal area:

1. Enhancing plant pest/disease analysis and survey
2. Targeting domestic inspection activities at vulnerable points in the safeguarding continuum
3. Enhancing and strengthening pest identification and technology
4. Safeguarding nursery production
5. Enhancing mitigation and rapid response capabilities
6. Conducting targeted outreach and education

Visit www.aphis.usda.gov/ppa-projects to get resources and guidance for potential cooperators, including the FY 2020 Implementation Plan, templates, help session webinar schedule, frequently asked questions, and more.

Through the **Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program**, APHIS provides funding to strengthen and safeguard the nation's agricultural infrastructure. APHIS is committed to partnering with states, federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, universities, non-profits and tribal organizations to extend its ability to protect, detect, and respond to plant pests and diseases with projects identified and tailored locally and regionally.