

# National CAPS Committee (NCC) Conference Call

November 5, 2020

### Participants

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### **CAPS Biological Assessment – Update**

On Thursday afternoon, October 29, 2020, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) personnel met with APHIS ERAS and PPQ - CAPS to discuss the impacts of the current policies related to Rusty Patch Bumble bee (RPBB).

During this meeting each organization introduced their various members, and PPQ-CAPS's National Policy Manager John Crowe provided a summary of CAPS and a background of the current issues we are facing with RPBB policies. The current CAPS policies restrict use of plastic bucket traps from all zones identified on the <u>RPBB website</u>, including yellow (low potential zones, primary dispersal zones), red (high potential zones), and blue (low potential zones, uncertain presence). The current restrictions prevent the CAPS program from meeting its trapping needs and program mission, particularly in WI, MN, IL, and OH where This restrictive policy is currently not acceptable to meeting CAPS trapping needs, particularly in WI, MN, IL, and OH where there are large areas of red, yellow, and blue RPBB zones.

FWS considered our issues and offered that plastic bucket traps as well as other traps that are not attractive to RPBB can be used in the yellow and blue zones.

There was agreement on:

- USDA exploring a percentage of identification of bumblebee by-catch from plastic bucket traps placed in "yellow" zones. USDA will determine how many plastic bucket traps are placed in yellow zones to determine the percentage of bycatch identification that will result in meaningful information.
- USDA determining if red areas can be avoided altogether for placement of plastic bucket traps.
- FWS continuing to work on narrowing species range maps as needed for other ESA-listed insects.

CAPS Science Support Lead, Heather Moylett, also provided an overview of PPQ-funded bycatch research, including an impact study on the effect of bycatch on pollinators and two trap comparison trials exploring trap technology options that could minimize bycatch while remaining effective for early detection. The guidance posted in the CAPS Resource and Collaboration site still is in effect. Plastic Bucket traps must avoid the Red, Yellow and Blue areas for Rusty Patch Bumble Bee. We continue to make progress on other insects and are covered by ESA.

### **Survey Supplies - Jackson**

#### Fall Ordering Open Period Closes on November 20

The Survey Supply Ordering System in IPHIS is open now through November 20 for orders supporting CAPS and PPQ Supported Program surveys.

During this time you may submit orders for:

- FY2021 CAPS
- PPQ Supported Programs (including EAB) (there will not be a separate EAB ordering period as there was in previous years)
- Any other items needed (FY20 PPA Goal 1 Survey, etc.)

\*DO NOT include orders for FY2021 PPA surveys now. The Survey Supply Ordering System will open again after the FY2021 PPA spending plan is released to support FY21 approved PPA 7721 – Goal 1 Surveys.

### Shipping will start the first week January 2021.

If you need items this fall, please let your NOM know the order number via email when you place the order, so they can approve it and let the warehouse know. Otherwise, NOMs will go into IPHIS once per week to approve orders through the open ordering period. Lisa and Darrell will approve the survey supply orders for their respective states.

If this is the first time you will be ordering supplies or reviewing orders, please listen to this recorded webinar, Placing Survey Supply Orders in IPHIS:

- slide deck
- recording

There are other resources on the <u>Survey Supplies page</u> of the CAPS website. Please review the <u>Survey Supplies Best Practices</u> document.

#### Virtual Survey Supply Procurement Program Meeting week of November 2

The team is meeting this week to discuss:

1) Continued improvements in our operations (on our to do list – revising the <u>Lure shelf life guidance</u> to include more products.

2) Fine-tuning our work flow document that captures all aspects of the program.

3) Defining roles of new players on the team.

4) Preparing for the busy winter/spring shipping season.

### **Pest Detection Updates – Bays**

#### PPQ Survey Summary Form open until November 30th

2021 PPQ Survey Summary Form The 2021 PPQ Survey Summary Form for Pest Detection surveys is open for entering survey information. It will close on November 30, so please enter your survey information before then. This is important information for reporting Pest Detection measures and metrics, especially in support of budget requests and reports to Congress.

#### **NCC Term Rotations**

The NCC membership for 2020 has been determined. Terms begin January 1, and are for 3 years.

David Nielson (NE) will replace Dale Anderson (SD) as the SCC representative from the Central Plant Board States.

David Nielson will be invited to the December NCC conference calls to begin transitioning in to the NCC.

#### **FY21** Continuing Resolution

The current Continuing Resolution to fund the government runs through December 11th and funds the government at 12% of FY20 levels. If you need a Pre-Award Letter based on the current CR, please contact your agreement specialist asap, and let Lisa and Darrell know that this is what you are interested in.

## **NCC Meeting Agenda Topics**

Submit to Eric Ewing for inclusion on agenda. Topics should focus on discussions that the group has the ability come to an action item or plan for resolution of the issue. For example, if we are going to discuss Tropical Pests - the expected framing might look like, Discuss the formation of a small committee to better understand and work with OPEP and other PPQ areas. What is the focus of this committee and how would it connect to NCC and other CAPS units needs to be discussed and agreed upon.

Submitting ideas is fine too though the agenda committee will work to appropriately frame the discussion.

### **PPA report:**

The FY 21 Goal Team reviews are complete-thanks to the great work of the review teams including Lisa and John and their team for Goal 1 S. We are now compiling the funding recommendations to draft of the spending plan.

We have arranged to meet with our deputy administrator in December and January to discuss and finalize the spending plan. We Plan to release the spending plan in early spring.

PPA Update Goal 1 Survey

The FY 21 goal teams are completed and the draft spending plans are completed. Draft Spending plan is being drafted and PPQ DA and MT will review and provided insight. Continual

### **Mapping Program Update**

S&T is working on completion of the mapping. The focus group will meet one more time to discuss the details required for the maps. The meeting in October was important to ensure S&T understood what was needed from the group and many details were resolved. The NCC meeting in January will present the draft version for consideration. The maps will require regular review and input to ensure it is being used.