



National CAPS Committee (NCC) Conference Call

December 3, 2020

Participants

x	Megan Abraham	x	Brad Danner	x	Helmuth Rogg	x	Feridoon Mehdizadegan
X	Dale Anderson	x	Eric Ewing		Michael Hill	x	Heather Moylett
X	Gregory Aydelotte	x	Lisa Ferguson		Emilie Inoue	x	Cynthia Music
X	Darrell Bays	x	Joy Goforth	x	Lisa Jackson		Darcy Oishi
X	Stephen Bullington	x	Michelle Gray		Kim Rice	x	Alana Wild
x	John Crowe	x	Jesse Hardin		Daniel Mackesy	X	David Nielsen
X	Christopher Pierce						

NCC January Agenda Committee Update

Eric has not received a great deal of new agenda topics for the NCC Meeting in January. Therefore, we will focus on the topics of greatest interest over 3 days.

Review of NCC Terms

Eric, Kim and Helmuth are on for another three-year term.

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National Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) Committee (NCC) - Term Limits & Rotations

Name	Affiliation	State	Title	Term	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
John Crowe	PPQ PHP	National	National Policy Manager - PD	Permanent	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Lisa Jackson	PPQ FO	National	National Operations Manager - PD	Permanent	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Darrell Bays	PPQ FO	National	National Operations Manager - PD	Permanent	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Michelle (Shelley) Gray	PPQ S&T	National	S&T PERAL - CAPS Support	Permanent	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Feridoon Mehdizadegan	PPQ FO	National	Plant Protection Act 7721	Permanent	x	x	x	x	x	x	Present year
Eric Ewing	PPQ FO	West Virginia	State Plant Health Director	3-year				x	x	x	2nd Term
Alana Wild	PPQ FO	Nevada / Utah	State Plant Health Director	3-year			x	x	x		1st Term
Megan Abraham	State	Indiana	Central Plant Board - SPRO	3-year			x	x	x		2nd Term
Kimberly Rice	State	Maryland	Eastern Plant Board - SPRO	3-year	x	x	x				1st Term
Joy Goforth	State	North Carolina	Southern Plant Board - SPRO	3-year		x	x	x			1st Term
Helmuth Rogg	State	Oregon	Western Plant Board - SPRO	3-year	x	x	x				1st Term
Greg Aydelotte	PPQ FO	Tennessee	Pest Survey Specialist	3-year			x	x	x		1st Term
Chris Pierce	PPQ FO	Missouri	Pest Survey Specialist	3-year		x	x	x			1st Term
David Nielson	State	South Dakota	Central Plant Board - SSC	3-year			x	x	x		2nd Term
Emilie Inoue	State	Vermont	Eastern Plant Board - SSC	3-year		x	x	x			2nd Term
Brad Danner	State	Florida	Southern Plant Board - SSC	3-year		x	x	x			1st Term
Darcy Oishi	State	Hawaii	Western Plant Board - SSC	3-year			x	x	x		1st Term

The rotation schedule began January 1, 2008
Annual terms are from January 1 - December 31
Members serve a 3-yr term
A 2nd, 3-yr term is possible with concurrence of the constituency

x 1st year of present term
x 2nd year of present term
x 3rd year of present term

Online work plans

We discussed whether or not to include a cap for travel costs in the PPA 7721 Goal 1 Survey and CAPS online financial plan templates. This is the current guidance:

Out of state travel for the SSC (or other state cooperator) is capped at \$3,000, and will be approved only for CAPS-specific meetings that the individual attends in their role as the state CAPS representative (e.g., Regional Plant Board meeting and National CAPS Meeting). It is strongly suggested that travel to the Regional Plant Board Meeting be incorporated into the Financial Plan. Funding may be augmented to the cooperative agreement for travel to a National CAPS Meeting in years when it is held. It is not appropriate to charge to the Pest Detection agreements travel to other meetings not specific to the CAPS program. Similarly, it is not appropriate to charge to Pest Detection PPQ travel to other meetings not specific to the CAPS program. In-state travel to conduct surveys should be addressed in the Survey work plans. Other in-state travel needs should be clearly aligned with supporting CAPS initiatives.

The NCC will revise this guidance for the 2022 CAPS Guidelines.

FY2021 CAPS Work Plans

Darrell and Lisa are approving the last of the FY21 CAPS work plans. If you have a work plan with a January start date and need a pre-award, please contact your agreements specialist. Pre-awards can be funded at the current CR amount of 19.73%.

CAPS Biological Assessment – Rusty Patch Update

Website: <https://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/insects/rpbb/rpbbmap.html>

- Can the red areas be avoided with Plastic Bucket Traps or all other traps?

Red areas may be able to be avoided, though the states would like the option and a clear path for being able to trap in these areas. There could be instances of a need based on urban centers and if targets changed. Agreement to move forward with trapping in Red Areas as an option and determine what FWS determines the options for trapping in those areas would be.

FWS indicated that there is a possibility for a more local consultation process for traps placed in red areas. Though they were not committed to it at this time. PPQ will attempt to negotiate that only plastic bucket trap bycatch would require ID even from the red areas.

- When are you able to provide an approximation of the number of traps in the yellow or red areas as appropriate. This doesn't need to be exact and only needs to be focused on Plastic Bucket Traps.

The estimated plastic bucket traps are likely about 50 statewide with some traps being placed in the yellow areas. A firmer number regarding the traps placed in Red and Yellow areas will be coming by January.

Other traps while not required at this time but it may be good to start to determine the impacts of possible bycatch determination if placed in the red areas.

Kelly will follow up as more details are known ideally prior to January 2021.

- What are the issues you see about sending bumble bee bycatch to a PPQ designated identifier? These would likely be in some dry format perhaps with a cotton ball with ethyl acetate (nail polish remover).

No significant issue was identified for sending BB bycatch to a PPQ identifier. An issue regarding sending these to university or research institutions was discussed. Though similar concerns were shared regarding the university or research route. The PPQ resource was acceptable and all confirmations would be done by SEL.

CAPS Biological Assessment - Next Steps

Continue to discuss species and ranges as we move forward. Currently working on California species as they have the most of any state. There are a few other insects which cross state lines. We will work on those after we have a clear path for RPBB. It's likely we will have similar solution for those insects.

Likely outcome of this will be a process with options which will be weighed against value of trapping:

Option 1 - Avoid All Trapping in defined areas

- No required measures

Option 2 - Avoid specific traps in some areas

- Requires some level of bycatch identification

Options 3- Perform local consultations

- Requires point level data to be sent to FWS Regional Office
- Additional requirements may be placed

Survey Supplies - Jackson

Closure of Survey Supply Ordering System Ordering Open Period

The Survey Supply Ordering System in IPHIS is now closed. The Survey Supply Ordering System will open again after the FY2021 PPA spending plan is released to support approved FY21 PPA 7721 surveys.

If you are the receiver of the survey supply products, you should have received an email from IPHIS saying that the order has been approved. If you have not received this email over the last few weeks, please reach out to your NOM.

Holiday Closure at Moore Airbase

The survey supply warehouse located at Moore Airbase will be closed for shipping from December 19, 2020 through January 10, 2021. No products will be shipped out of the warehouse during this time. We expect that all orders with a December delivery date should be able to be shipped before December 18.

If there is an urgent need for products to be delivered before December 18 **that are not already captured** in the Survey Supply Ordering System in IPHIS, you may send a request to your National Operations Manager (Darrell or Lisa). Please fill out the [Order form](#) completely and send it via email to the NOM. Requests must be received by **COB Wednesday, December 9**. There is no guarantee that these orders will be able to be filled by December 18.

For any questions about orders with a December or January requested delivery date, you may contact your National Operations Manager (Darrell or Lisa).