



## Minutes

### Participants

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### Farm Bill Update

The 2011 Farm Bill Draft Spending Plan has been presented to USDA Under Secretary Avalos for his consideration, and has been approved. USDA is in the process of requesting the funds. The spending plan will be released and conversations with cooperators will begin once APHIS is in receipt of the funds. The time line for this to occur is unknown at the moment. A communication will be forthcoming when the sending plan is released.

### 2010 CAPS Conference Update

Meeting information, as well as registration and hotel reservation links, have been sent to the CAPS community via the NCC. Meeting documents, including hotel and travel information, state travel justification letter, draft agenda, etc., will be posted on the CAPS R&C site at <http://caps.ceris.purdue.edu/node/118>. **The deadline for meeting registration and hotel reservations is November 8, 2010.** The hotel will be the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. Please let us know if any particular documentation is needed to support your travel authorization or meeting attendance. You can check out the hotel using this link: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mcidt-kansas-city-marriott-downtown/>.

In the effort to be inclusive and distribute the work load at the meeting between federal and state folks, we are seeking those with facilitating experience or training and note takers for the breakout sessions. NCC members will be leading the discussions as subject matter experts, but will need assistance with discussion management, charting, and note taking. Please contact Troy Fine at [Troy.L.Fine@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Troy.L.Fine@aphis.usda.gov) if you would like to help at the meeting.

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### Greater Caribbean Safeguarding Initiative (GCSI)

Jennifer Lemly, Director of the GCSI, has been invited to join the NCC conference calls to learn more about our domestic detection activities, and to participate in a joint effort to develop linkages between offshore pathways and domestic surveys. Jennifer and her group have been tasked to develop a commodity/bundled survey for pests of concern in the Caribbean basin that the NCC should consider for domestic pathway surveys and inclusion into the CAPS Survey Guidelines. There is a long history of pests island-hopping through the Caribbean to Florida and the mainland. This survey, as an option for southern states, may help both programs look for these pests utilizing this important pathway. The NCC, with CPHST support, will consider what the GCSI proposes at the annual NCC meeting in January. See below for a short explanation of the GCSI.

### Pacific Rim Pest List

In a similar vein, Kristian Rondeau is coordinating a group with representatives from HI, WA, OR, and CA to develop a pest list and survey focusing on the Pacific Rim pathway. This revolves around Hawaii's unique situation as a focal point in pests arriving from Guam, American Samoa, and elsewhere in the Pacific, and pests moving from Hawaii to the mainland. As above, the NCC also will discuss and consider this proposal for inclusion in the guidelines.

A concern was voiced as to whether the CAPS program should be concerned with regional pest lists and surveys, and the proliferation of specialized pest lists, as opposed to emphasizing national surveys. In addition to the two examples above, a nursery survey is another example where there would be regional pest lists and surveys as opposed to a national survey. This is a valid concern and something the NCC needs to discuss and reach a consensus on moving forward. This also may be a good topic for discussion at the CAPS Conference in December. The NCC is encouraged to talk with their constituency about this topic, and get a sense of perspective from the CAPS community.

EWB/BB Manual - from last month's call, action is still needed.

The original Exotic Wood Borer/ Bark Beetle National Survey Guidelines has been revised and is now posted on the CAPS website and available for review. See the News and Announcements page at <http://caps.ceris.purdue.edu/node/4>. Edits, comments, and concerns should be directed to Lisa Jackson at [lisa.d.jackson@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:lisa.d.jackson@aphis.usda.gov) or 919-855-7549. **Comments need to be received by October 15th.** If there is information that is still lacking or information that needs clarification, please contact Lisa. A discussion folder will be put on the CAPS Resource and Collaboration website so the entire community can comment on the draft. Significant revisions

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include the addition of: 1) eleven new pests; 2) tools and forms for determining high risk locations; 3) new pest datasheet sections; and 4) more detailed survey instructions.

Additional revisions that are still under development:

- Species-specific survey protocols for all species that only have a visual survey method available. The protocol included in the manual for *Agrilus biguttatus* will be used as a template.
- Target species lists for *Xylotrechus* and *Xyleborus*. The genus level targets will be removed. This will allow species-specific attractants to be listed for target species, where appropriate.

### CAPS-Approved Methods

The Approved Methods page now has a version control function for the pest datasheets. On the Approved Methods table, an "Updated" column has been added to show the date of the most recent version of the pest info sheets. Please be aware of which version you are using, as information may have changed. You can compare the new version to older versions on the individual pest information sheets. Click on "Version" in the top right hand corner of the sheet. Substantial changes (trap type, lure, etc.) will be sent out as an email notification to the CAPS community.

In addition, major changes will still be documented in the "Change Log" document that is available from the main menu under "Approved Methods" on the left hand side of the CAPS Resource and Collaboration Site homepage.

CPHST is developing pest datasheets for AHP pests that are not included in any of the commodity documents. The pest datasheets are being posted into the Approved Methods pest information sheets as they become available. Links to the datasheets can be found at the top of the pest information sheets, from the link "CPHST Pest Datasheets." Pest datasheets are currently available for: *Achatina fulica*, *Chalara fraxinea*, *cronartium flaccidum*, *Ditylenchus angustus*, *Meloidogyne paranaensis*, *Mycosphaerella gibsonii*, and *Phytophthora alni*.

### CAPS Resource & Collaboration Website

If you're interested on keeping tabs on updates, most pages have a "Watch This Page" feature. If you click on this, you can receive emails when updates have been made. If there's anything that you want to give feedback on, send it to John Bowers. Also, if anyone is having trouble getting into the site or certain pages, email Susan.

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## FY11 Cooperative Agreements

New language has been added to the cooperative agreement for FY11. Article 6 of the General Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between PPQ and the States addresses data sharing and Section 1619 of the Farm Bill. Section 1619 prohibits USDA, its contractors, and cooperators from disclosing certain categories of information provided by an agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land. This article was added to acquire assurance to USDA, PPQ that the States would protect the confidentiality of the data. Without this assurance, USDA may not cooperate with the States. This article was subsequently added to the template for all PPQ cooperative agreements (Article 6 in both the MOU and cooperative agreement template) .

## Survey Supplies

If there is a need of one of the following lures to support your 2011 survey programs (either PPQ or State) please let John Crowe, Brian Kopper, or Kristian Rondeau know as soon as possible. These lures that were inadvertently omitted from the database this year, and are likely to be procured through a bulk PPQ ordering process (depending on funding and availability);

- *Dendrolimus pini* - Pine tree Lappet
- *Platypus quercivorus* - Oak Ambrosia Beetle
- *Ostrinia furnacalis* - Asian Corn Borer
- *Archips xylostenus* - Variegated Golden Tortrix
- *Tortrix viridana* - Green Oak Tortrix
- *Duponchelia fovealis*

Lastly, if there are lures or traps that you know are posted on the approved methods site, and we are not making available and are needed to support PPQ survey programs, please post a comment on the CAPS collaborative site. There is a discussion thread entitled, "Survey Supplies." If you can't see this please let Susan know. You can also choose to follow the discussion thread to keep up on the discussion.

A second discussion thread was posted entitled, "Survey Supply Suggestions." This discussion is meant to capture future or potential items we should procure. You can and should communicate with Lisa Jackson directly if you would like to suggest a change in survey protocols. These topics are connected in many ways, so please do not hesitate to make suggestions in either format. They will be monitored and transferred to those who needs to know.

Keep in mind these should be items that the USDA will receive a cost benefit or increased quality through bulk procurement. For example, a lure for pest X is needed; would be a great suggestion. However a request for zip or cable ties would not realize the USDA a significant cost savings and are likely already under a GSA contract (they are available locally and are

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inexpensive and used in many locations). While any suggestion is welcomed please keep these points in mind when making suggestions.

### NCC Annual Meeting

A location for the annual NCC meeting, tentatively scheduled for January 26-27, 2011, needs to be determined. The constraint is that it must be free, either a PPQ facility or a state that wishes to host the meeting at no charge to the program. So far, the PPQ office in Austin, Texas is available. Unfortunately, the state office in New Haven, CT is unable to host the meeting. Any other offers? Could be a big PR coup to host the NCC. :)

The next NCC call will be on **Thursday, November 4, at 11:00 am eastern time.**

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The Greater Caribbean Safeguarding Initiative (GCSI) is a collaborative effort between the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and its partners in the Greater Caribbean Region (GCR). GCSI's long term goal is to protect participating countries and territories from the introduction and establishment of high-risk plant pests by establishing a perimeter approach. The GCSI seeks to harmonize and strengthen the on-going regional development of offshore pest detection, control, and exclusion activities, and regulatory frameworks for the benefit of all countries and territories in the GCR. The scope of the program includes the Caribbean Islands, Central America (Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica), French Guiana, Guyana, Panama, Suriname, Venezuela, and parts of the United States including Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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