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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Biological Control	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	July 25, 2019	
Chairperson	Peter Mason (Agriculture and Agri Food Canada)	
Participants:		
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO secretariat)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO secretariat)	Gustavo Torres (SENASICA)
Kirk Martin (USDA APHIS)	Robert Pfannensteil (APHIS PPQ)	Ron Weeks (APHIS PPQ)
Brian Spencer (Canada industry)	Melissa Tacolla (US industry)	
Summary		
Project:	Discuss agenda provided by Peter Mason (Chairperson)	
General comments:	Participants introduced themselves to the EG.	
Item 1:	NAPPO discussion intranet portal	
Consensus:	The portal has been set up and Biological Control EG members have been given access information. Files uploaded to the portal are regularly backed up to ensure they are not lost should someone inadvertently delete one from the folder. Several files are available in Biological Control EG folder.	
Item 2:	Preparation of 2019 country reports on regulatory, research and industry updates.	
Consensus:	Participants were reminded that these are annual updates and should be completed by December 15, 2019.	
Item 3:	Upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.	
Consensus:	<p>Submissions can be made anytime by sending an email to the NAPPO Secretariat.</p> <p>The Association of Natural Biological Control Producers (ANBP) will hold their annual meeting in conjunction with the International Symposium on Ecology of Aphidophaga in Montréal Québec, 16 to 20 September 2019.</p> <p>The International Congress on Biological Control is planned for September 2021 in Davos, Switzerland.</p>	

Item 4:	Proposal for Review of RSPM 39
Consensus:	A proposal to review RSPM 39 <i>Packaging for the international shipment of live invertebrates used as biological control agents</i> was submitted by the 30 June deadline. A draft was circulated to EG members and approved.
Item 5:	Update of RSPM 26 Appendix II
Consensus:	Canada has reviewed and updated the taxonomic names. Regulators in Canada, Mexico and the United States should discuss the appendix to determine what should be included.
Item 6:	Contributions of the Biological Control Expert Group to NAPPO
Consensus:	An article coauthored by Hugo Arredondo and Peter Mason summarizing the activities of the NAPPO Biological Control EG was published in the July newsletter (NAPPO Newsletter 39(2): 8–12). Several people have commented that it provides helpful information on achievements of this NAPPO EG.
Item 7:	Review of RSPM 22
Consensus:	The project is now initiated. Three focus sub-groups: regulators, researchers, and industry were tasked with review of RSPM 22. The regulator subgroup held a conference call in June and a summary document is available in the Biological Control EG discussion folder. The researcher subgroup solicited comments from Canada and the United States (input from Mexico researchers is still needed). The suggestions have been collated into a single document that is available in the Biological Control EG discussion folder. The industry subgroup will review RSPM 22 and make any suggests, although they are not the primary target user for this RSPM. The regulator subgroup will review the researcher comments and incorporate proposed changes into a version for further discussion.

Next Steps

Responsible Person	Action	Date
	Provide EG members with documentation on how to use the NAPPO discussion portal.	May 31, 2019
EG members regulator subgroup	Review RSPM 22 comments from researchers and develop for further discussion a RSPM 22 document with proposed changes.	September 23, 2019
NAPPO Secretariat	Translate RSPM 22 document with proposed changes for discussion during next conference call on October 23, 2019.	October 14, 2019
P. Mason	Draft Biological Control EG PowerPoint slide for NAPPO annual meeting presentation on 29 October 2019	October 23, 2019
Regulators/researchers	Update Appendix II of RSPM 20, add any new approved agents, update taxonomy	October 23, 2019
EG members	Provide 2019 annual reports on regulatory, research	December 15,

	and industry updates. The NAPPO Secretariat will send reminders 2 months prior to the deadline.	2019
EG members	Provide information on upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.	February, June, October
Next Meeting		
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	October 23, 2019 at 2:00pm EDT	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. The agenda for the next conference call meeting will be provided by the EG Chairperson to all EG members prior to the scheduled conference call date.		