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NAPPO Panel Report

Panel Name:	Invasive Alien Species (IAS) Panel	
Location:	Toluca, Mexico	
Date:	20-22 February 2007	
Panel Chair:	Richard Orr National Invasive Species Council	
Participants:		
Penny Kriesch, USDA	Ian McDonell NAPPO	Patricia Koleff, CONABIO
Polly Lehtonen, USDA	Claire Wilson, CFIA	Alejandra Elizalde, SAGARPA
Gary Smith, USDA – Forest Serv.	Eric Snyder, CFIA	
	Christine Tibelius, CFIA	
Industry & NGOs Representatives		
Lin Schmale-Tate Society of American Florists	Craig Regelbrugge, ANLA	Eduardo Morales, CONABIO
James Tate, DOI	Catherine Hazlewood, TNC	
Summary		
Issue1:	Review of the current NAPPO Panel Assignments for 2006-07. Lead by Richard Orr	
Consensus:	<p>Discussion around the new Panel Charges (see below) indicated that they could be accomplished by the Panel within the next two years.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define the scope of Invasive Alien Species in the context of NAPPO 2. Begin development of a NAPPO Standard for evaluating the potential invasiveness of plants for planting 3. Begin development of a NAPPO Standard for identifying and prioritizing pest introduction pathways (pathway analysis). 4. Coordinate and clarify NAPPO's invasive species efforts with those of the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation and other North American international treaties, conventions and trilateral activities. 5. Coordinate with the NAPPO Working Group to develop the agenda and speakers for the Invasive Species symposium at the October, 2007 NAPPO Annual Meeting. 	
Issue 2:	Discussion around understanding the structure and function of the NAPPO Panels and their sub-panel working structure. Lead by Ian McDonell and Claire Wilson.	

Consensus:	An extensive discussion took place within the panel on the makeup of the future Panel and its sub- Panels (Core Panel, Industry Panel Partners, NGO (Environmental) Panel Partners, Screening Technical Advisory Group, Pathway Analysis Technical Advisory Group, Screening Resource Group, and the Pathway Analysis Resource Group. Preliminary agreement on the makeup, numbers and roles of each of the groups was worked out with additional details and modifications to be submitted via email. The chair (Richard Orr) will provide a draft on the structure and roles of the Panel for comment from the Panel participants. The paper will then be maintained (by the chair) when new members/players are added to the various groups within the Panel structure.
Issue 3:	Discussion on the NAPPO Annual Meeting symposium on Invasive Alien Species. Full Panel discussion.
Consensus:	The Panel developed a tentative agenda for the IAS symposium for the upcoming October meeting. The day will be divided into presentations surrounding three main themes: Global Context, NAPPO Perspectives and International Perspectives. In addition, the final presentation may be (depending of availability) a comedian from the local Newfoundland area. Names of potential speakers are still being looked into. A draft of the tentative agenda (including potential speakers) will be provided to the NAPPO secretariat.
Issue 4:	Initiating the development of a NAPPO Standard for identifying and prioritizing pest introduction – Pathway Analysis. Leads Richard Orr and Penny Kriesch.
Consensus:	The development of a NAPPO Standard for Pathway Analysis was a new charge for the Panel. A considerable amount of effort was spent by the Panel in outlining what the Standard would do and the totality of its coverage (scope). The core for the Pathways Technical Advisory Group was determined to be Penny, Eric Snyder and Alejandra Elizalde. Penny Kriesch agreed to serve as Chair - -with chair seat eventually to be rotated between countries. A timeline for the development of the Standard was developed (see next steps).
Issue 5:	Update and discussion on the Scope of Taxa project. Lead Christine Tibelius.
Consensus:	The group reviewed the table of plants to be protected. Discussion covered areas of where there is legislative authority and where there are gaps in that authority that are covered by other agencies. Additions to the cart were noted. Discussion then centered upon what the document may be used for, how can it be extended. Decision was made to add another column called “gaps covered by other organizations”. Terms of strain/biotype caused concern, since often these terms do not have legislative authority for their use. Continued development and timeline was agreed upon for completing this project.
Issue 6:	Update and discussion on the development of a NAPPO Standard for evaluating (screening) the Potential invasiveness of plants imported as live plants. Lead Alejandra Elizalde, Claire Wilson and Polly Lehtonen.
Consensus:	Discussion focused on the current “Terms of Reference”, organizing the roles and responsibilities for the NGO, Industry and Advisory Technical Group, and establishing a timeline for this standard development. Leadership roles were established (Polly will lead the TAG, joined by Craig Ramsey and Craig Regelbrugge) but the intent is to rotate the lead between country members. The timeline was developed along with milestones (see next steps).

Next Steps

Action Item for Pathway Analysis Standard (Responsibilities will be determined by the Pathways TAG):

1. First Term of Reference Draft	March 30, 2007
2. Second Draft Term of Reference	April 27, 2007
3. Teleconference	May 15 week, 2007
4. Final Terms of Reference	May 31, 2007
5. Discussion paper (which includes comparison of this system with sections including issue, introduction and scope, definitions, background, current situation for regulatory framework, tools now in use, strengths and weaknesses of each, calibration of issues and recommendations)	Sep 28, 2007
6. Comments on Discussion Paper	Oct 12, 2007
7. Final Discussion Paper	Nov 30, 2007
8. Write 1 st Draft Standard	Jan 30, 2008
9. Comments on 1 st Draft Standard	Feb 2008 meeting
10. 2 nd and Final Draft Standards to forward to NAPPO	March 30, 2008
11. NAPPO Internal Review of Standard	April/May
12. 90 Day Comment Period	June-Aug 2008

Action Item for IAS Panel Structure

13. Draft of structure by March 2nd out to Panel Members Richard Orr

Action Item for NAPPO Annual Meeting Symposium of IAS Agenda.

14. Draft agenda for the conference will be completed the week of March 13. Comments will go to Christine who will consolidate and forward them to Ian.

Action Item for Scope of Invasive Species under NAPPO:

15. Polly will review the terms in the Plant Protection Act. Review will include how U.S. has authority to deal with biotypes and sub-species. (In MX and CA, strains and biotypes are listed as quarantine pests).

16. Christine will re-do the table, define active program (each country should submit their thoughts on this to Christine, immediately). From suggestions, Christine will develop a draft definition by April 10.

17. Feedback to Christine on the first draft is due April 27.

18. Group will discuss finalizing the table during the May 14 conference call. Drafts and final documents will be provided in English and Spanish.

Action Item for Screening Standard (Responsibilities will be determined by the Screening TAG):

20.	TAG Finalize PFP Terms of Reference	March 31, 2007
21.	Panel Comments on Terms of Reference	April 20, 2007
22.	TAG prepare Final Document	May 4, 2007
23.	TAG forwards Draft Discussion paper to IS Panel	October 12, 2007
24.	Panel Comments back to TAG (note: should add to screening tool description “and facilitate compliance” to link yet minimize impacts on trade. This can be framed in terms of ISPM 24.	November 16, 2007
25.	2 nd and Final Draft for NAPPO	June 18, 2007

Next Meeting

Location:	NAPPO Annual Meeting Newfoundland, Canada
Date:	October 2007 Panel needs to be at the IAS Symposium Panel needs to meet with open NAPPO participants (2 hours?) Panel needs to meet closed session for one full day
Proposed Agenda Items	
1.	Issues 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 listed above will be covered in the next closed session Panel meeting.