**Expert Group:** Lymantriids

**Location:** Conference call

**Date:** May 27, 2016

**Chairperson:** Gericke Cook, APHIS

**Participants:**
- David Holden, CFIA
- Eduardo Jiménez, SEMARNAT
- Rebecca Lee, NAPPO
- Katharine Church, CFIA
- Sara Cabrera, SEMARNAT
- Stephanie Bloem, NAPPO
- Daniel Bravo, SENASICA
- Gustavo González, SEMARNAT
- Christina Devorshak, NAPPO

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### Summary

**Project 1:** Develop a NAPPO Science and Technology paper on the risks associated with Lymantriids of potential concern to the NAPPO region, identifying potential species and pathways of concern.

**Consensus:** Participants continued discussions from previous call regarding specific risk questions, particularly capacity to balloon and hosts that are economically important. Some discussion on potential sources (such as export data, crop statistics, etc.) that indicates economic importance. Since “economic importance” is not defined by NAPPO, we are using the definition that if a NAPPO-region species matches a genera that is host to the pest (Lymantriids reportedly feed across a genera) and is used for economic gain in the NAPPO region, then we answer “yes” for the economic importance question. Dave Holden has provided a list of economically important species for Canada on the Google Drive.

Gericke Cook posted a “tips” document to the Google Drive which summarized guidance from the previous call on how to answer the risk questions.

The team decided to have only one set of qualifying questions, which must be answered “yes” in order to proceed with the risk analysis. The secondary set of qualifying pathways questions were combined with the rest of the risk analysis.

Finally, it was agreed by the team that we utilize a standard naming convention for the pest tables based on species name, version status (Draft/Final), risk score (utilizing +/- signs), and language (E/S).
## Next Steps

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| Gericke Cook       | • Send next set of pests for evaluation  
• Select a few new pests and begin risk analysis  
• Research and contribute US list of crop/forest pests of economic concern. | Due June 30, but upload to google drive as information becomes available |
| Dave Holden        | • Continue work on assigned pest list.  
• Continue expanding list of Canada list of crop/forest species of economic concern.  
• Contact experts about questions around secondary setae and ballooning capability. Is it safe to assume that the Lymantriid family all technically have capacity to balloon, thus negating value of the question? | |
| Gustavo González   | • Continue work on assigned pest list  
• Research sources to expand Lymantriid spp. list for tropical region (reported as nearly complete this last call).  
• Research and compile Mexico list of crop/forest species of economic concern. | |
| ALL                | • Update pest tables so answers are aligned with group consensus and “tips”, including the guidance that if the pest does not meet first two risk questions with “yes” answers then discontinue risk analysis. This was not discussed, but suggest “NA” as score for this outcome.  
• Post your pest tables to the Google Drive, using naming convention to indicate draft or final status. | |

## Next Meeting

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## Proposed Agenda Items

2. Field questions from the team.
3. If pest tables are submitted enough in advance, Gericke will present the spread of the rankings and the EG will discuss whether the risk values per question need adjustment.