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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Expert Group Meeting Report

Expert Group:	NAPPO Forestry – Water bath ring test	
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	June 09, 2025	
Chairperson	Meghan Noseworthy (NR Canada)	
Participants:		
Tyrone Jones (APHIS PPQ)	Baode Wang (APHIS PPQ)	Chuck Dentelbeck (Canada Industry)
Eric Allen (Retired, NR Canada)	Lydia Gonzáles (SENASICA -AMC member)	Stephanie Dubon (APHIS PPQ – AMC member)
Eric Sarrazin (CFIA)	Adnan Uzunovic (Canada Industry)	Brad Gething (US Industry)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)		
Summary		
Project:	Design a standard operating procedure/ manual, outlining the methods for testing and recording the results of water bath heat treatment experiments on wood product pests of concern to the NAPPO region	
General comments:	The NAPPO TD informed that the EG is still without a chairperson. The election of a chairperson will take place once the EG officially has membership from all three NAPPO member countries. Meghan Noseworthy will lead the discussions as the interim chairperson. The TD also suggested continuing the work bilaterally.	
Item 1:	Project logistics and experimental design	
Consensus:	<p>Water bath construction and funding updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canada stated that they have secured funding for a second water bath. - The US indicated that they have received a circulator but expressed concerns that the wrong unit was shipped. - The US and Canadian industry announced that funding has been secured from multiple sources for equipment and operations. <p>Experimental Design</p> <p>The EG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreed to develop the experimental design for the project. - Acknowledged that a data collection platform is needed. The U.S. will explore the possibility of developing a portal for data collection and analysis. - Agreed to develop a list of pests as part of the experimental design and concentrate on representative forest pest species, including insects, pathogens, and 	

	<p>nematodes. Sources for these pest species may include local pest populations.</p> <p>Publication in a peer-reviewed journal The EG agreed to publish this work in a peer-reviewed journal. The NAPPO Technical Director indicated that this process could serve as an alternative to the 60-day country consultation required for the NAPPO discussion documents.</p>
Other subjects	<p>Collaboration with research institutions The Technical Director indicated that collaborating with research institutions can benefit the project. This can be achieved by inviting specific subject matter experts to discuss relevant issues related to the project or by including them as <i>ad hoc</i> members in the expert group. The Technical Director emphasized that this process should be conducted in conjunction with the NAPPO Advisory and Management Committee.</p> <p>2025 NAPPO Annual Meeting The Technical Director informed the EG about the upcoming NAPPO annual meeting in October in Ottawa, Canada, and requested the EG participate in preparing a presentation for the project updates.</p>

Next Steps

Responsible Person	Action	Date
EG members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a preliminary list of pests for testing before the next meeting - Think about the pest populations that are easily accessible at their locations and determine possible sources for any missing pests. 	By July 10, 2025
Eric Allen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Write the last sentence of the abstract stating the purpose of the study 	
Megan Noseworthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share the SOP on Google Docs with all group members - Ask locally about an equivalent secure data-sharing platform as a backup - Circulate the experimental design to the group for agreement 	
Tyrone Jones	Inquire with PPQ about the availability of their secure data-sharing portal	
Alonso Suazo	Send a recurring monthly meeting invite for July 10th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time.	

Next Meeting

Location:	Zoom meeting
Date:	July 10 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. EST

Proposed Agenda Items

1. Welcome remarks
2. Approve/amend meeting agenda

3. Discuss the experimental design
4. Discuss the list of pests
5. Discuss the purpose statement
6. Any other business
7. Next meeting with the EG
8. Meeting adjourned