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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Phytosanitary Alert System	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	16 April 2015	
Chairperson	Ignacio Baez (APHIS)	
Participants:		
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	Summary
Project 1:	1. Manage the NAPPO pest reporting system (Phytosanitary Alert System – PAS).
Consensus:	• Update: As of April 2015, 13 official pest reports posted on the PAS site, and 66 people subscribed for a total of 3096 subscribers. Pertinent pest reports are also posted on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) with links back to the full reports on the PAS. • The 'about us' site in PAS needs updating to reflect most current information. • Mexico requested a new login user name and password to access PAS. • Canada requested a copy of the last yearly report poster.
Project 2:	2. Review the unofficial pest alert product offered by the Phytosanitary Alert System.
Consensus:	• 2.1 Discuss original intent of PAS alerts. Expert group agreed that this service is important for the region, and should continue. Furthermore, the alert purpose can be enhanced by also using this platform to monitor, for example an eradicated plant pest from the region that can still be a threat. • 2.2 Determine if Canada, Mexico and U.S. have similar 'alert' systems. The U.S. has PestLens, an early warning phytosanitary system that publishes weekly updates on exotic plant pest, with available public subscription for email updates of the product. Canada has Plant Science Scan that is published time to time. Mexico has SCOPE used for the Phytosanitary Epidemiological Surveillance Program (Programa de Vigilancia Epidemiológica Fitosanitaria). All countries agree that these systems don't replace the PAS alert product. However, for example PestLens can be useful in notifying expert group members and through country consensus, use the PestLens information that is relevant to North American region and include on the PAS alert. • 2.3 Actions to promote the use of PAS alerts. Review and propose new names for the 'alert' product. Review the current guidelines for the alert process, and make aware the expert group members the roles and responsibilities in the

	development of PAS alerts. To facilitate the development of PAS alerts, consider the use of PestLens weekly products as a source for exotic pest information that may be relevant to the region. Also, take the opportunity to harmonize the PAS 'alert' product with ongoing NAPPO's 'emerging pest' pest data sheet. • 2.4 Determine if disclaimers in PAS alerts are clear to users. Expert group agree to review definitions of alerts, and disclaimers to make clear the intent of the alerts.
Other subjects	None.
Consensus:	

Next Steps

Responsible Person	Action	Date
Ignacio Baez	Share annual report poster with expert group.	4 May 2015
Ignacio Baez	Share instructions for posting OPRs and alert with expert group and NAPPO secretariat.	4 May 2015
Ignacio Baez	Request PAS developer for new login user name and password to access PAS for Mexico.	4 May 2015
Ignacio Baez	Update PAS site (e.g. 'about us' site) to reflect most current information.	4 May 2015
All expert group members	Propose new names for the PAS alert.	4 May 2015
All expert group members	Review alert definition and disclaimer regarding the information posted on PAS alert site.	4 May 2015
All expert group members	Review guidelines for posting PAS alerts.	4 May 2015
Ignacio Baez	Share with the expert group and NAPPO secretariat the link of PestLens.	4 May 2015

Next Meeting

Location:	Teleconference
Date:	To be determined.

Proposed Agenda Items

1. Discuss results of tasks listed above.