

Minutes of the FGC Pest Management Technical Advisory Committee
Wednesday, 6 May 2009: 10:00 – 10:30 AM PST
Informal teleconference

<p>Present: Robb Bennett (Chair), BC MoFR Ward Strong, BC MoFR Jim Corrigan, BC MoFR Staffan Lindgren, UNBC Peter de Groot, CFS Sault Ste Marie Dan Gaudet, Vernon Seed Orchard Company Tim Crowder, Timberwest Forest Company Chris Walsh, BC MoFR Jack Woods, SelectSeed</p>	<p>Coast pest management MoFR pest management research Interior pest management University pest management research CFS pest management research Interior industry orchards Coast industry orchards MoFR orchards Forest Genetics Council</p>
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Guests: None

Regrets: None

ACTION ITEMS (1-7 retained from previous meeting, 24 Feb)

Strong, Bennett, et al.	Resolve URMULE issues
Bennett	Continue with revisions to Business Plan
Lindgren, Corrigan, Bennett	Continue <i>Fusarium</i> revisions
Corrigan	Review needlecast issues, monitor budworm populations
Bennett & Strong	Develop proposal formatting template for 2010/11.
Woods	Overhead discussions updates as necessary.
Woods, D.Douglas, K.Thomas	PM TAC page on FGC website; listserv
Strong	Initiate pesticides contract & univ. transfers paperwork

IMPORTANT DATES:

Date for next regular PM TAC meeting will be determined by consensus in early Fall 2009.

- 1. BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 AM.** Meeting was informal with no review of previous minutes or action items. Expressed purpose was to determine final project allocations based on budget allotments set by Forest Genetics Council on 30 April 2009 (all allocations currently subject to final approvals from Ministry of Forests).
- 2. BACKGROUND (Woods).** Budget planning progress has been stalled by provincial government administrators. FGC received allocation figures on 28 April and discussed and set program allotments on 30 April. All programs were hit with budget reductions. PM TAC allotment is \$360 000 (\$20 600 less than “option 3” request presented to FGC on 11 March – see appendix). In consultation with Woods, FGC has provided recommended allocation levels for all line items in PM TAC budget request (see appendix). Allocations to PM TAC projects involving university collaborators (projects 2-5) are unchanged because of pre-approvals granted through Research Branch earlier in 2009. PM TAC is free to manipulate other project figures (projects 1, 6-8) for best operational value.
- 3. DISCUSSION.** A few relatively minor budgetary details were clarified. Interim funding for first 5 months of fiscal year has been approved; this may affect initial development of paperwork for university grants (*i.e.*, projects 2-5). Reduction of \$6800 to project 5 (*Leptoglossus* MRR) budget reflects negotiations after initial budget request table was developed in February. Discussion of allocations to projects 1 and 6-8 followed. Lab operations allocation is minimally sufficient. Pesticides trials allocation is minimally sufficient for completion of 2 of 3 planned trials – Douglas-fir and spruce trials will proceed, lodgepole pine trial will be dropped (although concern was expressed over effects of pitch moths in lodgepole pine). Interior operations allocation is minimally sufficient. Guidebook budget allocation could be reduced depending upon insect availability and final status of current 13 fact

sheet drafts (*e.g.*, need for additional new images to complete fact sheets) – if full allocation is not required, surplus guidebook allocation will be used to cover off possible shortfalls resulting from budget reductions elsewhere in PM TAC allotment. **Strong will initiate paperwork for university transfers and pesticide trials contract.**

4. ADJOURN. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM PST.

Minutes compiled by R. Bennett, 6 May 2009.

Appendix

PM TAC budget table development - 2009/10 fiscal year

Project	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	FGC Rec'n
1 Lab operations	28 000	13 000	13 000	10 000
2 Lepto IR	33 400	33 400	33 400	33 400
3 Contarinia pheromone	11 000	11 000	11 000	11 000
4 Dioryctria UA	39 300	39 300	39 300	39 300
5 Lepto MRR UNBC	51 800	51 800	51 800	45 000
6 Pesticide trials	43 100	43 100	29 100	29 100
Other Projects				
7 Interior Operations	25 000	25 000	25 000	18 200
8 Pest guidebook	8 000	8 000	8 000	4 000
Salaries				
Robb and Ward	170 000	170 000	170 000	170 000
Total	409 600	394 600	380 600	360 000