

Minutes of the FGC Pest Management Technical Advisory Committee

Tuesday, 18 March 2008: 10:30 AM – 11:19 PM PST

Informal telephone conference

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

Coast pest management
 MoFR pest management research
 Interior pest management
 University pest management research
 CFS pest management research
 Interior industry orchards

Guests: none

Regrets: Tim Crowder, Timberwest Forest Company
 Chris Walsh, BC MoFR
 Jack Woods, SelectSeed

Coast industry orchards
 MoFR orchards
 Forest Genetics Council

ACTIONS:

Bennett	Organize individual member reporting for Fall 2008 meeting
Strong	Public access to research results
Strong, Bennett, et al.	Resolve URMULE issues
Bennett	Continue with revisions to Business Plan
Bennett, Strong	<i>Contarinia</i> proposal for 2009/10 fiscal year.
Bennett	Ensure field guide progress report is prepared
Lindgren	Continue redrafting <i>Fusarium</i> manuscript
Strong	Discuss ways to ameliorate start-up lags in annual projects funding
Bennett	Ensure timely production and filing of annual progress reports
Bennett	Organize next “face-to-face” meeting for Winter 2009

IMPORTANT DATES:

Next PM TAC meeting will be called, if necessary, after final FGC budget decision is announced. At that time, if no need is seen for further budget discussions, next meeting will be scheduled for no later than Fall 2008.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 10:30 AM (PST). Meeting was organized with no formal agenda – progress was guided by the list of action items resulting from the previous meeting (12 Feb 2008). Previous minutes were not reviewed.
2. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM 12 FEBRUARY 2008 MINUTES.**
 - a. **Individual member reports (Bennett). Carry forward.**
 - b. **Project reports, etc. collected (Bennett (with Douglas)).** Done (finally). Bennett has relocated copies of most relevant reports as well as original proposals. Three file folders (Minutes, Proposals, Reports) have been created on PM TAC website under “Shared Documents” heading (<https://sharepoint.forests.gov.bc.ca/pmtac/default.aspx>). All PM TAC members should now have access to this site. Site is secure from “unauthorized” access. **Strong will discuss public access to research results with Jack Woods.**
 - c. **Resolve URMULE issues (Strong, Bennett, et al.). Carry forward.**
 - d. **Update Business Plan (Bennett).** Some progress has been made on revisions. 2nd worksheet (“SPU-Insect data”) has been updated and reorganized – new SPUs added, annual seedling figures updated, columns reorganized into cone/seed insects, foliage/stem/root insects, and cone seed fungi categories (with additional column “Int Ops” reflecting impacts of Corrigan’s operational interior pest management program). Within categories, “pests” are organized by number of seedlings potentially impacted.

Potential confusion with Int Ops column noted: looks as if Corrigan's program actually has potential for severe negative impacts on interior seed production (oops). Suggestion was made to add another column adjacent to Int Ops column reflecting potential positive impacts on seedling production resulting from research projects and add category title reflecting POSITIVE impacts of Int Ops and research activities.

Bennett will continue with further revisions for future PM TAC discussion.

- e. **2009/10 *Contarinia* proposal (Bennett, Strong). Carry forward.**
- f. **Field guide progress report (Bennett). Carry forward.**
- g. ***Fusarium* manuscript progress (Lindgren).** Relevant versions of ms received from Corrigan and Dave Kolotelo. Contents outline drafted and sent back to Corrigan and Kolotelo for approval. Lindgren now is working on reorganizing sections. Positive progress should be reasonably straightforward from here. Tentative target for completion of this draft – June 2008. **Lindgren will continue to work on draft with input from others as necessary.**
- h. **Prepare final draft of budget request (Bennett).** Done. Final draft approved by PM TAC and delivered to Woods for presentation to FGC.
- i. **Presentation of budget request to FGC (Bennett).** Woods presented the PM TAC budget request to FGC on 12 March 2008. Request received favourably. No decision immediately forthcoming but indications are that amount approved for the new fiscal year MAY be reduced by \$9k (i.e. \$420K vs. \$429K). This is a relatively small difference and no significant problems are foreseen with funding of the approved projects. Some concern was expressed over the annual lag between announcement of budget approvals and delivering funds to contractual and contribution agreement partners. **Strong will discuss this issue with Woods and contribution agreement partners.**
- j. **Ensure timely filing of progress reports (Bennett). Carry forward.**
- k. **Winter 2009 “face-to-face” meeting organization (Bennett). Carry forward.**

3. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Next meeting (Bennett).** Date for next meeting will remain open pending announcement of budget approvals by FGC. If necessary, a meeting to discuss approvals will be scheduled after the announcement. Otherwise, next meeting will occur during or before Fall 2008, as events dictate.

4. ADJOURN.

Business meeting was adjourned at 11:19 AM PST.

Minutes compiled by R. Bennett, 18 March 2008.