



# NAPPO

North American Plant Protection Organization  
Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

## NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Biological Control	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	February 8, 2019	
Chairperson	Peter Mason (Agriculture and Agri Food Canada)	
<b>Participants:</b>		
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO secretariat)	Nedelka Martinez (NAPPO secretariat)	Hugo Arredondo (SENASICA)
Bruno Gallant (CFIA)	Dominique Pelletier (CFIA)	Patricia Abad (APHIS PPQ)
Kirk Martin (USDA APHIS)	Robert Pfannensteil (APHIS PPQ)	Ron Weeks (APHIS PPQ)
Gregorio Ramos (Mexican industry)	Brian Spencer (Canadian industry)	Melissa Tacolla (US industry)
<b>Regrets:</b>		
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO secretariat)	Gustavo Torres (SENASICA)	John Goolsby (USDA ARS)
Thierry Poirré (CFIA)	Rene Ruitter (US industry)	
<b>Summary</b>		
Project:	Discuss agenda provided by Peter Mason (Chairperson)	
General comments:	Participants introduced themselves to the EG.	
Item 1:	Review of RSPM 22	
Consensus:	<p>NAPPO Advisory &amp; Management Committee will confirm EG participants for this project by the end of February 2019. The work will be divided with participants to focus on regulatory aspects or new technologies relating to containment. Consultation with other groups (e.g. CFIA's Biohazard and Containment group) will be needed. If needed a face-to-face meeting may be held in the middle of the review or at the end to finalize the revised RSPM. Images can be included, and these would be placed in an Annex.</p>	
Item 2:	Completion of Spanish module of RSPM 12 and upload to the NAPPO website.	
Consensus:	The Spanish module of RSPM 12 has been uploaded to the NAPPO website. There are some issues with modulation of the sound, and these are being addressed.	

Item 3:	Preparation of 2018 country reports on regulatory, research and industry updates.
Consensus:	Participants were reminded that these are now due April 1, 2019.
Item 4:	Upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for the NAPPO newsletter.
Consensus:	Submissions can be made anytime by sending an email to the NAPPO Secretariat.
Item 4:	Potential new projects for the Biological Control EG.
Consensus:	Review of RSPM 39 <i>Packaging for the international shipment of live invertebrates used as biological control agents</i> was last conducted in 2011. Other potential projects need to be considered for the call expected in May 2019.
Other subjects	History of the Biological Control (Panel) Expert Group
Consensus:	The NAPPO Biological Control EG has been very active during the last 20+ years, producing 6 RSPMs and putting on several workshops. A review of these activities and participants would be a useful document.
Other subjects	Addressing the North American and Pacific Rim Invasive Insect and Arthropod Species Challenge
Consensus:	NAPPO provided input into this 2018 Entomological Societies of America, Canada and British Columbia initiative in Vancouver and those who provided input were thanked. The year 2020 has been named the International Year of Plant Health.
Other subjects	USDA ARS-APHIS Agriculture Biorisk Compendium
Consensus:	ARS and APHIS are planning a book that will address agricultural issues including biological control. A Table of Contents has been drafted.

### Next Steps

Responsible Person	Action	Date
Bruno	Circulate new CFIA guidelines for containment <a href="http://inspection.gc.ca/plants/plant-pests-invasive-species/biocontainment/containment-standards/eng/1412353866032/1412354048442">http://inspection.gc.ca/plants/plant-pests-invasive-species/biocontainment/containment-standards/eng/1412353866032/1412354048442</a>	Completed
Advisory & Management Committee	Participants for the RSPM 22 review project to be identified.	March 15, 2019
EG members	Review RSPM 22 completed and proposed changes identified. The NAPPO discussion folder can be used to exchange information.	April 30, 2019
EG members	Provide 2018 annual reports on regulatory, research and industry updates. The NAPPO Secretariat will	January 1, 2019

	send reminders 2 months prior to the deadline.	
EG members	Provide information on upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.	February, June, October 2019
P. Mason	Agenda items for discussion at next conference call:  New projects for NAPPO proposal call: Review of RSPM 39	May 8, 2019
K. Martin	The table of contents for the USDA Agriculture Biorisk Compendium to be placed in the NAPPO discussion folder.	Asap
<b>Next Meeting</b>		
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	May 9, 2019 at 2:00 pm EDT	
<b>Proposed Agenda Items</b>		
1. The agenda for the next conference call meeting will be provided by the EG Chairperson to all EG members prior to the scheduled conference call date.		