Public Tick IPM Working Group
September 9th, 2015
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The Working Group meets via conference call on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00PM CT (2:00PM EST). The next conference call will take place October 14th.

1. Roll
- Holly Gaff, Old Dominion University
- Jody Gangloff-Kaufman, NYS IPM Program
- Tom Green, IPM Institute of North America, Inc.
- Ron Harrison, Orkin, Inc.
- Tom Mather, University of Rhode Island
- Bob Maurais, Mainely Ticks
- Kathy Murray, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
- Jennifer Reid, BLAST Lyme Program
- Chris Przybyszewski, US BIOLOGIC
- Chloe Nelson, IPM Institute of North America, Inc.

2. Agenda
- Senator contact reminder for S.1503
- Upcoming conference announcements
  - LDA/Columbia 2015 Lyme & Other Tick-Borne Diseases Conference, Nov. 14-15
  - ESA meeting announcement, Nov. 15-18
- Update on Tick-borne disease & IPM Conference
  - Organizational updates
  - Potential sponsors/exhibitors
  - Review previous agenda: additional top priority research or other meaningful contributions?
- Working group presentation at Stakeholder Panel meeting update
- Additional agenda items or member updates

3. Senator contact reminder for S.1503
- Jill Auerbach and her group put together a votervoice link that contains a prewritten message to use or amend which sends directly to your local senator.
- Votervoice link: https://www.votervoice.net/FEDLYME/campaigns/42114/respond

4. Upcoming conference announcements
- LDA/Columbia 2015 Lyme & Other Tick-Borne Diseases Conference
  - For more information: http://www.lymediseaseassociation.org/index.php/Lda-news-a-updates/1419-16th-annual-ldacolumbia-lyme-conf
- ESA meeting announcement
  - Nov. 15-18 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
  - For more information: http://www.entsoc.org/entomology2015
5. Update on Tick-borne disease & IPM Conference
   - Organizational updates
     - Tom Green and Chloe Nelson participated on the August 20th Federal TBD IPM Work Group call to share the conference idea with their larger group.
     - There was strong support for another meeting of this type and initial considerations for funding sources.
   - Potential sponsors/exhibitors
     - Initial considerations for sponsors/exhibitors for the 2016 Tick-Borne Disease and Integrated Tick Management Conference:
       - Government Organizations
         - EPA
         - DoD
         - NIH-NIAID
         - FDA
         - CDC
         - National Park Service
         - USDA
         - Regional IPM Centers (through USDA)
       - Health Care
         - Kaiser Permanente
         - American Medical Association
         - World Health Organization
         - Bayer Animal Health
       - Tick Care and related organizations
         - American Lyme Disease Foundation
         - Lyme Disease Association
         - US Biologic
         - Mainely Ticks
         - TickEncounter Resource Center
         - Ocean State Tick Control
         - Ecohealth Alliance
         - Professional Landcare Network
         - Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation
         - Sense About Science
       - Tick products and lab resources
         - Insect Shield Clothing Apparel
         - Rynoskin
         - Connecticut Tick Control
         - Pet control: Frontline, Vectra, Nexgard, etc.
         - Imugen (reference and diagnostic laboratory)
         - IGeneX, Inc. (tick testing laboratory)
   - Review previous agenda: additional top priority research or other meaningful contributions?
Focus on the problem and what tools are available.
Assess the effectiveness of the current tools and what is needed for the future.
Needs: public and federal support both in funding and acknowledging the issue, more research, new/continued development of effective technology

6. **Working group presentation at Stakeholder Panel update**
   - Tom Green presented on the working group at the North Central IPM Center stakeholder meeting. This included the beginning efforts to organize the 2016 meeting and outcomes from the past year.