



## **AGENDA - FICMNEW**

**Open meeting (3:30 PM eastern, 26-August-15)**  
(3:30 central, 2:30 mountain, 1:30 pacific, 12:30 alaska, 10:30 hawaii)  
**One hour later than normal because of earlier ITAP meeting**

**Call toll free 855-547-8255, code 69990008#**  
**or 703-648-4848 code 69990008#, if there's a busy signal**

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3:30 PM eastern: call in/check in (all)

3:35 PM: questions about previous meeting notes (Rondinella)

3:40 PM: Presentation: "**Sheriff Al and the Wild FICMNEW bunch**"

*On the eve of his retirement from Federal service, Dr. Al Tasker (USDA-APHIS) has graciously agreed to give a presentation reminiscing about his experiences with FICMNEW over more than a decade.*

Dr. Alan Tasker has served as USDA APHIS Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist since 2012. His current duties include managing data development to support the 'Not Allowed Pending Pest Risk Assessment' category of imports for Plants for Planting. He had previously served APHIS Plant Protection & Quarantine as National Noxious Weed Policy Manager since 1999. As a member of the APHIS Weeds Cross Functional Work Group, he is involved in reviewing and priority setting for evaluation of weeds and plants as hosts of insects and pathogens. His previous APHIS jobs have included pesticide registration support and environmental documentation. A weed scientist and agronomist, Al has experience in government, industry, and consulting, and has worked in all States beginning in "M" except Maine and Massachusetts. Al (as Sheriff Al) has for the last 10 years or so been passing out Invasive Weed Control information and singing weed songs with Randy Westbrook (aka Randy the Weed Wrangler) for Kid's Fun Day at the National Weed Awareness Week, (later National Invasive Species Awareness Week).

4:00 PM: Q/A (All)

4:10 PM: Open Topics (All)

4:20 PM: Participants' Roundtable (All)

4:45 PM: Announce next meeting date and adjourn (Rondinella)