



FICMNEW - Public Meeting Agenda

25 July 2018, 2:30-4:00 PM ET

Zoom information:

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/140898520>

Call -in number: 1-646-558-8656; Meeting ID: 140898520#

Facilitated by Terri Hogan and Bob Nowierski

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2:30-2:40 PM – Welcome and Introductions.

2:40-3:30 PM - **Presentations:**

July 25th:

Weed Risk Assessments as Tools for Categorizing and Quantifying the Invasiveness of Plant Species - Anthony (Tony) L. Koop – USDA-APHIS-PERAL

Tony is a risk analyst with the Plant Epidemiology and Risk Analysis Laboratory (PERAL) of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Over the last ten years, he has prepared and reviewed several hundred weed evaluations, helped develop the foundation and structure of the lab's weed processes, and organized four weed risk assessment (WRA) training workshops. He also led the development of the predictive model of the new PPQ WRA and its guidelines. Prior to his work on weeds, Tony prepared commodity and pest risk assessments for PERAL. Tony is a plant ecologist and has been working on invasive plant issues for over 20 years. Contact info: Anthony L. Koop (Plant Ecologist): Plant Epidemiology and Risk Analysis Laboratory, Plant Protection and Quarantine, United States Department of Agriculture; [1730 Varsity Drive, Suite 300; Raleigh, NC, USA 27606](#)

July 25th:

Quantifying and Ranking Weed Impacts for Prioritizing Management – Dean Pearson, Rocky Mountain Research Station, USDA-FS, Missoula, MT.

Dean Pearson received his BS in wildlife biology, his MS in zoology, and his PhD in organismal biology and ecology all from the University of Montana. He has been a research scientist with the Rocky Mountain Research Station, USDA-FS, Wildlife and Terrestrial Ecosystems Program since 2005, where he leads an invasive species research team exploring the causes and consequences of plant invasions and the efficacy of invasive species management strategies. He is also adjunct faculty with the Organismal Biology, Ecology and Evolution faculty at the University of Montana.

Future presentations at FICMNEW Open Meetings:

- TBD: Steve Popovich, BLM, Weed-Free Seed and Mulch (informs FICMNEW work plan element)
- TBD: Derek Sebastian, Bayer U.S. LLC, Western VM Stewardship and Development Team. Presentation Date and Title TBD.

Standing Agenda Items:

- Advances in weed free seeds for PCAs
- New/emerging issues (e.g., Palmer amaranth in conservation seed mixes)

3:30-4:00 PM - **Participants Roundtable** (All)

4:00 PM - **Adjourn Meeting**

Next meeting: *Wednesday, August 29, 2018, 2:30 - 4:00 pm ET - FICMNEW Public Meeting*

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Future presentation ideas are welcomed (Dates to be determined). Send presentation ideas to Bob Nowierski (rnowierski@nifa.usda.gov) or Gina Ramos (gramos@blm.gov).