

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[[EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0467; FRL-10014-48-ORD]

Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Safe and Sustainable Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting—October 2020; Correction**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting; correction.**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Research and Development (ORD), published a document in the *Federal Register* of August 24, 2020, giving notice of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Safe and Sustainable Water Resources (SSWR) Subcommittee.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) via phone/voice mail at: (202) 564-6518; via fax at: (202) 565-2911; or via email at: tracy.tom@epa.gov.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Correction**

In the *Federal Register* of August 24, 2020, in FR Doc. 2020-18516, on page 52130, column 2 correct the “Dates” caption to read:

DATES:

1. The initial meeting will be held over two days via videoconference:
 - a. Wednesday, October 28, 2020, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. (EDT); and
 - b. Thursday, October 29, 2020, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. (EDT).

Attendees must register by October 27, 2020.

2. A BOSC deliberation will be held on November 17, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (EDT). Attendees must register by November 16, 2020.

3. A final summary teleconference will be held on December 2, 2020 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (EDT). Attendees must register by December 1, 2020.

Meeting times are subject to change. These series of meetings are open to the public. Comments must be received by October 27, 2020, to be considered by the subcommittee. Requests for the draft agenda or making a presentation at the meeting will be accepted until October 27, 2020.

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[EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0201; FRL-10015-84]

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee; Notice of Public Meeting**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) Office of Pesticide Programs is announcing a virtual public meeting of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) on October 28–29, 2020, with participation by webcast only. There will be no in-person gathering for this meeting.**DATES:** *Virtual meeting:* The virtual meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m., and Thursday, October 29, 2020, from 11 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. To make oral comments during the virtual meeting, please email Shannon Jewell by noon on Tuesday, October 20, 2020.**ADDRESSES:** *Virtual meeting:* Please visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-advisory-committees-and-regulatory-partners/pesticide-program-dialogue-committee-ppdc> to find the link for joining the meeting. The link will be on the meeting agenda, which will be posted to the website prior to the meeting.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shannon Jewell, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency (7501P), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (571) 289-9911; email address: jewell.shannon@epa.gov.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. General Information***A. Does this action apply to me?*

You may be potentially affected by this action if you work in agricultural settings or if you are concerned about implementation of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*); the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) (21 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.*); the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) (which amends FIFRA section 33); and the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to: Agricultural workers and farmers; pesticide industry and trade associations; environmental, consumer, and farm worker groups; pesticide users

and growers; animal rights groups; pest consultants; State, local, and tribal governments; academia; public health organizations; and the public. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0201, is available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please note that due to the public health emergency the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) and Reading Room was closed to public visitors on March 31, 2020. Our EPA/DC staff will continue to provide customer service via email, phone, and webform.

Once the EPA/DC is reopened to the public, the docket will also be available in-person at the Office of Pesticide Programs Regulatory Public Docket (OPP Docket) in the EPA/DC, West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPP Docket is (703) 305-5805. For further information on EPA/DC services, docket contact information and the current status of the EPA/DC and Reading Room, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

II. Background

The PPDC is a federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463. EPA established the PPDC in September 1995 to provide advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on issues associated with pesticide regulatory development and reform initiatives, evolving public policy and program implementation issues, and policy issues associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides. The following sectors are represented on the current PPDC: Environmental/public interest and animal rights groups; farm worker organizations; pesticide industry and trade associations; pesticide user, grower, and commodity groups; Federal and State/local/tribal governments; the general public; academia; and public health organizations.

III. How do I participate in the virtual public meeting?

A. Virtual Meeting

The virtual meeting will be conducted via webcast. Please visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-advisory-committees-and-regulatory-partners/pesticide-program-dialogue-committee-ppdc> to find the link for joining the meeting. The link will be on the meeting agenda, which will be posted to the website prior to the meeting.

B. Oral Comments

Requests to make brief oral comments to the PPDC during the virtual meeting should be submitted when registering online or with the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** on or before noon on the date set in the **DATES** section.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2 *et seq.* and 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: October 6, 2020.

Edward Messina,

Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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[EPA-HQ-OGC-2020-0507; FRL-10015-55-OGC]

Proposed Settlement Agreements, Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator's October 16, 2017, Directive Promoting Transparency and Public Participation in Consent Decrees and Settlement Agreements, notice is hereby given of a proposed stipulated order of dismissal to address several claims in a lawsuit filed by Northwest Environmental Advocates ("Plaintiff") in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. On December 7, 2016 the Plaintiff filed a complaint alleging, among other things, that the EPA's failed to perform duties mandated by the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to consult with the Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (collectively "the Services") regarding its actions under the Clean Water Act (CWA) with respect to nonpoint source management programs administered by the State of

Washington Department of Ecology ("Ecology"). EPA seeks public input on the proposed stipulated order of dismissal prior to its final decision-making to settle the litigation.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed settlement agreements must be received by *November 12, 2020*.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID number EPA-HQ-OGC-2020-0507, online at www.regulations.gov (EPA's preferred method). For comments submitted at www.regulations.gov, follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from www.regulations.gov. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA generally will not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.* on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). The EPA encourages the public to submit comments via www.Regulations.gov, as there will be a delay in processing mail and no hand deliveries will be accepted. For additional submission methods, please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. For the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Sweeney, Water Law Office (2355A), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564-5491; email address: sweeney.stephen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Additional Information About the Proposed Stipulated Dismissal

On December 7, 2016, Plaintiff filed suit in the federal district court for the Western District of Washington. Plaintiff's original Complaint brought six claims alleging violations of various statutes by EPA and the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA"), including Administrative Procedure Act ("APA") claims alleging

violations of the Coastal Zone Management Act, the CWA, the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments, and the ESA. The State of Washington Department of Ecology ("Ecology") also intervened as a defendant in the litigation, as did the Washington State Farm Bureau Federation and Washington Cattlemen's Association. Each party filed motions designed to resolve some of the claims in the dispute. The proposed stipulated order of dismissal would resolve the remaining claims, specifically the remaining claims against EPA under the CWA and ESA.

Plaintiff's remaining claims are that EPA: Violated CWA section 319 by approving Ecology's 2015 nonpoint source program update; violated CWA section 319(h)(8) in successive determinations in 2015, 2016, and 2017 that Washington had made "satisfactory progress" in implementing its nonpoint source program over the preceding years (2014, 2015, 2016); and violated ESA section 7 by failing to consult on the preceding actions, as well as on EPA's annual awards of CWA section 319 grant funds in each year between 2011-2017.

Under the proposed stipulated order of dismissal, EPA's obligations would be as follows: EPA's approval of Ecology's 2015 program update submittal would be remanded to EPA, and EPA's reconsideration of the program update (and associated ESA procedural commitments) would be stayed pending Ecology's action (or inaction as of a date certain) in submitting its next anticipated program update under section CWA section 319. Under the proposed settlement, EPA would be obligated to make an effects determination under ESA regulations, pursuant to 50 CFR 402.14(a), on EPA's approval, if any, of either Ecology's 2015 Submittal or its next nonpoint source management program update, depending on whether Ecology timely submits an update and, as appropriate, request initiation of ESA section 7 consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service. Specifically, if Ecology does not submit a program update by December 31, 2021, or a mutually negotiated extension, EPA would proceed with an ESA effects determination based on the State's 2015 submittal (which EPA approved in 2015) and, as appropriate, request initiation of ESA section 7 consultation. EPA also would make an "effects determination" under the ESA for the first "satisfactory progress" determination (under CWA section 319(h)(8)) associated with issuance of