

2025 Western Region Pesticide Meeting

April 29-May 1, 2025

AGENDA

The Heathman Lodge
7801 NE Greenwood Drive
Vancouver, WA 98662

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A coordination and informational meeting for EPA personnel, state, and tribal lead regulatory personnel, and university and tribal pesticide safety educators. This is a hybrid meeting with in-person and virtual attendance options available.

Tuesday April 29, 2025		
Time	Panel Discussion Topic	Sessions/Panelists
10am-12pm	Welcome and Attendee Intros/Updates	<i>Room location: Chinook/Klickitat</i>
12-1 pm	<i>Lunch- Provided</i>	<i>Room: General Howard</i>
1-2:30 pm	C&T Changes and Lessons Learned	Tina Zimmerman (WA), Wendy Sue Wheeler (WA), Colton Bond (OR), Jenny Weber (AZ), Mathew Deaton (MT), Africa Dorame-Avalos (AZ), Mevany Hecita (EPA Guam), Katy Wilcoxon (EPA 9)
2:30- 2:45 pm	<i>Break</i>	<i>Room: Marshall/Grant</i>
2:45-4 pm	Pesticide User Training and Technical Assistance	Ofelio Borges (WA), Flor Servin (WA), Ann Schaffner (CA), Kris Schaedel (OR), Virginia Balbi (OR) EPA Review and Approval of Training Materials- Bethany Plewe (EPA 10)
4-5pm	Worker Protection Standards/ AEZ	Bethany Plewe (EPA 10), Tim Stein (WA), Bradley Farrar (WA), Africa Dorame-Avalos (AZ), Brian Hurzeler (ID)
5 pm	<i>Adjourn, Dinner on your own</i>	

Wednesday April 30, 2025		
Time	Panel Discussion Topic	Sessions/Panelists
7am-8am	<i>Breakfast-Provided</i>	<i>Room: General Howard</i>
8-11:00 am	Endangered Species Act <i>Room: Marshall/Grant</i>	1: <u>BLT2 and Strategies- Case Study Activity</u> - Abbey Nickelson (WA) 2: <u>Compliance and Enforcement Issues-</u> Toby Primbs (OR), Tim Stein (WA), Mira McBroome (CO), Brian Hurzeler (ID) 3: <u>Statewide Strategies to Assist Growers with Mitigation Measures-</u> Margaret Drennan (WA), Kathryn Rifenburg (OR), Dale Heggem (WY)
11:00-11:15 am	<i>Break-grab coats for field trip. Box lunch provided on tour.</i>	

11:15am-5:30pm	ESA Field Tour	<p>Site 1: Bi-Zi Farms, Vancouver WA- Joe Zimmerman, Owner. Produce Farm. Topics: drip irrigation & cover crops. <i>Lunch (provided) while driving to site 2.</i></p> <p>Site 2: Columbia Edgewater Country Club, Portland OR- David Phipps, GCSAA; Jim Myers, Superintendent; Chas Schmid, OSU Turfgrass. Topics: irrigation, nutrient management, pollinators, habitat considerations, pest challenges.</p> <p>Site 3: Townsend Farms, Boring OR- Thomas Shibley, Agronomist. Topics: berries; inter-row cropping, irrigation, IPM.</p>
5:45pm	<p><i>Adjourn- Dinner on own at Troutdale Station Food Truck pod:</i> https://www.troutdalestation.com/carts Vans depart at 6:30 for return to Heathman Lodge. Arrive hotel approx. 7 pm.</p>	

Thursday May 1, 2025		
Time	Panel Discussion Topic	Sessions/Panelists
7am-8am	<i>Breakfast-Provided</i>	<i>Room: General Howard</i>
8 am-12pm	Special Topics & Next Steps <i>Room: General Howard</i>	<p>1: <u>Registration - Bilingual Labeling</u>- Bethany Plewe (EPA 10) <u>New Labels: Brevis SC, Liberty Ultra & Carbaryl:</u> Brent Perry, Lenora Jones, Matt Sunseri (WA)</p> <p>2: <u>Pollinators</u> - Marie Hallinen (EPA 10), Katie Buckley (WA), Andony Melathopoulos (OSU) Neonicotinoids- Kelly McLain, (WA)</p> <p>3: <u>Building Regional Capacity</u> - Kelly McLain & Wendy Sue Wheeler (WA), Bob Blankenburg (AK), <i>Examples of collaboration and resource sharing:</i> <u>WPS Train the Trainer collaboration:</u> Bethany Plewe (EPA 10), (WSDA, ODA) <u>ESA Grower workshops</u> (OR, WA)</p> <p>4: <u>Next Steps as a Region-</u> Kelly McLain (WA) & Wendy Sue Wheeler (WA)</p>
12-1pm	<i>Lunch-Provided</i>	<i>Room: General Howard</i>
1pm-3pm	Pre-SFIREG meetings	<u>Breakout Rooms by Region:</u> Region 8: General Grant Region 9: General Marshall Regional 10: General Howard
3 pm	<i>Adjourn- Travel home or Portland International Airport (PDX)</i>	