Managed Pollinator Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

7/13/21

Attendees: Katie Buckley, Annie Byerly, Jennifer Short, Dave Hunter, Paul Hosticka, Brandon Hopkins, Taylor Cotten, Adeline Lang

4.3 got dropped – it didn’t make it in the bill. (Big surprise.) We will discuss small hive beetle after the meeting (small population near Seattle).

4.4 Survey is tentatively planned for late August. Katie will run it past the task force before it is sent out. Two pronged approach for best coverage: it will be emailed or mailed to all registered beekeepers (emailed to those with an email, snail mail for those that don’t), and sent out for distribution through all the beekeeping clubs.

4.2 Katie will get the contacts (this year) for the agencies that will need to review their guidelines (next year). The task force will come up with a one page recommendation guidelines for how they do that this fall. The name of the game is BALANCE. Beekeepers need good forage for their bees, and it's essential for their overall health. Native bees need protected areas where they are free from the influence of managed bees. Different state lands will have different mandates that will make them more apt for one or the other.

4.1 The WSDA online nursery inspector position is on it. Chris Looney recently submitted a grant to look at effects of *Bombus impatiens*.

Katie will send out a Doodle poll for after August 15.

Small Hive Beetle

SHB is being brought in. It is likely not overwintering very well here.

SHB is more of a management problem, and really a secondary/storage pest. Keep hives strong and full. It can be more of a problem for queen breeders with micro-hives. Properly store boxes of comb, especially when it's full of honey. Treatment recommended by Tim: tape ½ a strip of coumophos on the bottom board under a piece of cardboard. The beetles hide in the cardboard and get dosed and die.