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## NFAHW Council update notes

### Teleconference July 9, 2015

In spite of busy schedules of Council members since the June Council meeting, there has been progress made in the various work areas. Council received updates on the following work areas:

#### Emerging Issues

The working group plans to study the loss of domestic market access in an emerging disease using the experience with PED as a model. Any recommendations will be tested against other species and disease situations.

The working group has identified a number of individuals with experience in the recent PED outbreak who will be invited to participate in the working group to help develop an understanding of the situation during PED and mitigating measures that could be taken.

#### AMU/AMR

The AMU/AMR working group is in the process of identifying individuals to expand the working group to ensure broad input when moving forward. The work of the Council will focus on the Stewardship pillar of the Federal AMR Action Plan while keeping the Surveillance and Innovation pillars in mind.

The working group currently includes:

**Council members** - John Ross – Lead (AAFC), Jim Fairles (CVMA and Ontario Animal Health Laboratory), Rob McNabb (CCA), Scott Dingwell (hog producer and CPC), Steven Sternthal (PHAC), Jane Pritchard (CVO BC).

**External members** - Emily Bond (CPC), Jean Szkotnicki (Canadian Animal Health Institute) and John Prescott (U of G). An invitation has been extended to Health Canada to participate.

The working group is planning to provide an update to stakeholders at Forum 2015 in November. A broader stakeholder input session is anticipated in the November – March period depending on progress to that date.

#### Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020

The working group will meet before the end of July to begin development of the online tool for stakeholder reporting on activities which contribute to progress on the strategic outcomes and priorities in Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020.

The working group is considering available tools and will have the input of several stakeholder representatives with experience in online data collection.

An update will be provided at Forum 2015.

**Forum 2015 – November 23-24, 2015 – Ottawa**

The Council's annual stakeholder meeting, Forum 2015, will once again provide a meeting place for stakeholders to provide input to enhancing Canada's animal health and welfare system. The theme of the 1.5 day program is "Innovation". The program will include a brief update on Council activities, presentations by stakeholders demonstrating the broad commitment to innovative solutions and participatory opportunities for attendees. A draft agenda will be available soon.

We look forward to your participation.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
The NFAHW Council Forum 2015 will take place in  
Ottawa on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

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- Public documents are posted under *documents*