

TO: Deborah Marlow and Brenda Bacon
FROM: Chris Gordon and Lisa Brown
DATE: July 19, 2010
SUBJECT: Wild Harvested Mushroom Committee Report

Title of committee: Wild Harvested Mushroom Committee

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Name of report preparer: Chris Gordon and Lisa Brown, Co-Chairs

Committee charge:

- 1) Develop guidelines to help regulators address the issue of wild mushrooms in food establishments
- 2) Report back at the 2012 CFP.
- 3) The name of the committee will be Wild Harvested Mushrooms Committee.

Listing of committee members: See attached template, current as of Monday, July 19, 2010.

Progress report: Mr. Gordon and Ms. Brown have had several discussions via conference call to identify Conference for Food Protection (CFP) members who are willing to participate and serve on the Wild Mushroom committee. After discussing the selection process, it was agreed that membership would include eleven CFP participants as follows:

- Chair and Vice Chair (2 Co-Chairs);
- 2 representatives from state regulatory;
- 2 representatives from local regulatory;
- 2 representatives from industry;
- 1 from an academic institution;
- 1 consumer representative; and
- 1 representative from a federal agency.

The Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has apportioned one advisor to sit on the council, Ms. Lisa Whitlock, with Ms. Katey Kennedy identified as an alternate.

On Tuesday, July 13 an e-mail was sent to eleven CFP members who had expressed interest in serving on the committee. Eight CFP members have responded in the affirmative at the time of this report and three more are pending. The attached list identifies the eleven members as well as the two

FDA advisors (primary and back-up). The selection process will continue until all eleven members have agreed to participate and work on the committee charge.

The first conference call meeting for all members is anticipated to be scheduled in August, 2010.

Requested Board (or other) actions: Mr. Gordon and Ms. Brown request the following information be provided to the Wild Mushroom Committee:

1. Conference call dial-up information for hosting meetings via conference call at least once every two months with extension for additional meetings as needed.
2. Information on available website space allocation (i.e. how many MB for posting of information/articulate ppt?) on www.foodprotect.org website.
3. Approval for budget amount for purchase of educational material/texts/software on mycology from academic resources (\$500).
4. Approval for budget amount to create training/educational guidelines specified in committee charge (\$500).
5. Funds allotment/reimbursement for one face-to-face meeting in Spring, 2011 (up to \$750 per person)

Recommendation(s) for future charge: None proposed at this time.