

Yellow-legged hornet and NPB Safeguarding Meeting

Monday, October 26, 2026	
Travel Day	
Board of Directors Meeting: 1:30-4:30 pm	
Tuesday, October 27, 2026	
8:00	Welcome and background - Georgia Welcome – Conference Room - Yellow legged Hornet (YHL) background/history - Biology (James Fulton, FI – David Coyle, Clemson) - Identifying YLH
9:15	Session 1 – Pre-response plan Initial detection - Chain of custody through official confirmation. - Communication process. - Notification processes - USDA - Others – who? Pause Point: How would each state handle detection → confirmation? What bottlenecks exist in sample routing or communication? Experience Sharing: GA & SC take aways/best practices/don't dos.
10:30	Session 2 – Yellow-legged hornet Response Plan - Survey - Trapping (Jamie Ellis, UGA) - Supply Procurement – supplies, traps, vehicles, funding sources, etc. - Access issues - Jurisdiction - Locating Nest Pause Point: How would your state handle trapping and Survey? What resources are available? Experience Sharing: GA & SC take aways/best practices/don't dos.
12:00	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00	Field trip (GA to complete. Examples: survey, tracking, trapping, etc.)

Wednesday, October 28, 2026	
8:00	Greater banded hornet, Vespa Tropica – Chris Rosario
9:00	Session 3 – Yellow-legged hornet Response Plan – Public Education I. Public Outreach (Rhonda Santos, PPQ) a. Public Meetings and Community Events b. Reporting Tools and Public Interactions Channels c. Notifications to Residents 2. Media Relations a. Designated Spokesperson b. Media Coordination c. Communication Channel Pause Point: What are your state’s public outreach plan protocols? Could your state follow this plan? Who would you need to contact? Experience Sharing: GA & SC take aways/best practices/don’t dos.
10:30	Session 4 – Yellow-legged hornet Response Plan - Nest Removal and Data Collection a. Mapping Pause Point: What data collection methods would your state use? How would the data be collected and accumulated? Who has access to the data? Experience Sharing: GA & SC take aways/best practices/don’t dos.
12:00	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00	Field trip (GA to complete. Examples: nest removal, data collection, outreach etc.)

Thursday, October 29, 2026		
8:00	Session 5 – Yellow Legged hornet Response Plan Evaluation and Decision Framework – Using Data to Direct Activities • Continuous Evaluation • Intermittent Evaluation • Year-End Evaluation Monitoring to Confirm Eradication Pause Point: How would each state handle continuous evaluation and what would trigger a change in their delimitation strategy?	
9:00	Next Steps/Closing Remarks	
9:30	Directions for splitting into two groups • Group 1 – GA, SC, NC staffs, Apiary Inspectors, and CFWG • Group 2 – SPROs and PPQ	
10:00	Group 1	Group 2 – Separate Agenda
	Developing a State specific response plan • Critical components • Maintenance Pause Point: Discuss with your state specific partners a plan to develop or update YLH response plan and its components. Begin development/updating of response plan.	Facilitator: Abby Walter Review the Strategic Targeted Evaluation for Emergency Response (STEER) SPROs provide feedback to PPQ.
12:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:00	Group 1	Group 2 – Separate Agenda
	Questions and Experience Sharing in the Field. (GA to complete)	Continue Review of the Strategic Targeted Evaluation for Emergency Response (STEER)
Friday, October 30, 2026 Travel Day		