

TAG-BCW Petition Flow Chart

Petitioner
 May contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for advice and input
 Prepares petition for Test Plant List or Field Release
 Sends to APHIS-PPQ (TAG-BCW Executive Secretary)

TAG-BCW Executive Secretary
 Acknowledge receipt of petition to petitioner
 Establishes timelines
 Sends petition review sheets to TAG members
 Generates hard copy folders of petition to file
 Sends reminders to TAG members
 Responds to TAG or Petitioner questions
 Filters information through the TAG system

TAG-BCW Members
 Review and evaluate the petition
 Including the Endangered Species Act
 Synthesize comments from subject matter specialists
 Submit comments and recommendations to TAG-BCW Exe. Sec.

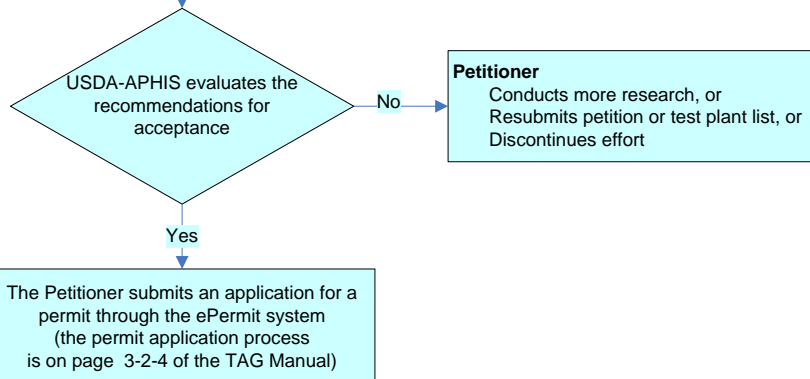
Subject matter specialists
 evaluate

TAG-BCW Executive Secretary
 Confirms receipt of reviewer sheets
 Sends compiled reviews to TAG Chair
 Sets up conference calls to discuss issues w/ petition
 Logs the petition , files information in red folder

TAG-BCW Chair
 Consolidates recommendations
 Submits TAG recommendations to
 TAG Executive Secretary, and Petitioner

TAG-BCW Executive Secretary
 Submits recommendation letter to APHIS PPQ
 Files petition and recommendation letter with APHIS

USDA-APHIS
 USDA-APHIS acknowledges receipt of the recommendation



- Legend
 TAG Member Organizations
- APHIS = Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
 - ARS = Agricultural Research Service
 - PPD = Program Policy Development
 - PPQ = Plant Protection and Quarantine
 - TAG-BCW = Technical Advisory Group for the Biological Control of Weeds