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State Noxious Weed Control Board sets public hearing to consider changes to the 2025 noxious weed list and WAC 16.750

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board (WSNWCB) will hold a public hearing on November 5th, 2024 via WebEx Webinar and in-person to take comments on proposed rule-making changes to the 2025 state noxious weed list and WAC 16.750. The changes proposed consist of two class A additions, one Class B designation changes, one class C addition, and pronoun updates.

When: 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024

Where: Virtually and in person. WebEx Please contact Mary Fee at MFee@agr.wa.gov or 360-561-4428 for login information if you would like to attend.

In-person at the Confluence Technology Center 285 Technology Way Wenatchee WA, 98801

How to comment:

- Mail written testimony to: WSNWCB; P.O. Box 42560; Olympia, WA 98504-2560.
- Send comments by email to noxiousweeds@agr.wa.gov.
- Attend the public hearing to provide written or verbal testimony in person.

Written testimony should be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, November 4th, 2024. At the hearing, verbal testimony will be limited to three minutes per person.

The WSNWCB will vote on the proposed rule changes during its regular board meeting the next day via WebEx and in-person, Wednesday November 6, beginning at 9:00 a.m. This meeting is also open to the public. Please contact Mary Fee at MFee@agr.wa.gov or 360-561-4428 for login information if you would like to attend the WSNWCB Regular Meeting virtually. Physical location is Confluence Technology Center 285 Technology Way Wenatchee WA, 98801.

WAC 16-750-005 Class A Noxious Weed Changes and Additions

The addition of round leaf bittersweet, *Celastrus orbiculatus*

The addition of marsh thistle, *Cirsium palustre*

WAC 16-750-011 Class B Noxious Weed Changes and Additions

Un-designating shiny geranium, *Geranium lucidum*, in Pierce County.

WAC 16-750-015 Class C Noxious Weed Changes and Additions

Adding wild holly, *Ilex species* not including holly found in managed landscapes, or where commercially or agriculturally grown.

Updating Pronouns Throughout

WAC 16-750-120 (8)(11), WAC 16-750-130 (2b), WAC 16-750-135 (11)(15c), WAC 16-750-137 (5).

Visit <https://www.nwcb.wa.gov/whats-new> for more information about these proposed changes and other noxious weeds.