

**Regular Meeting of the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board**

9:00 a.m. September 21, 2017

Natural Resources Building, Room 259 and

Online/Teleconferenced via WebEx

Handouts provided for meeting:

- Agenda for Meeting
- August 9, 2017 Draft Minutes
- September 11, 2017 Draft Minutes
- August 2017 Office Report
- September 2017 Office Report
- August 2017 Budget Report
- Draft FY17-19 Strategic Plan

**Meeting called to order at 9:10 am by Chairman Tony Stadelman.**

**ROLL CALL:**

*Board Members Present*

Tony Stadelman	Commissioner Wes McCart (WebEx)	
Bill Agosta (WebEx)	Jenifer Parsons (WebEx)	
Dirk Veleke (WebEx)	Rod Gilbert	
Janet Spingath		

*Others present:*

Alison Halpern, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board

Wendy DesCamp, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board

Greg Haubrich, WA State Department of Agriculture

Jennifer Andreas, WSU Integrated Weed Control Project

Ryan Balkcom, Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board

Emily Stevenson, Skamania County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)

Cathy Lucero, Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)

Kevin Hupp, Lincoln County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)

Rachel Hutchens, Columbia County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)

Skylar Schrock, Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)

Sasha Shaw, King County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)

Beki Shoemaker, Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)

Joseph Shea, Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes for the August 9 regular meeting and the September 11 special meeting.

<b>VOTE</b>	Wes McCart	Moved to accept the minutes for the August 9, 2017 regular meeting.
	Janet Spingath	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board discussed</i>	Janet noted that the location in Cle Elum was an ideal setting for a productive meeting.
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

<b>VOTE</b>	Wes McCart	Moved to accept the minutes for the September 11, 2017 special meeting.
	Bill Agosta	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:**

Janet Spingath gave two Weed Warrior shout-outs to Dana Coggon with the Kitsap County NWCB and Beki Shoemaker and Morgan Heilesen with the Pierce County NWCB. Dana was doing an excellent job using social media to track knotweed control in Kitsap County. Beki and Morgan responded quickly to a discovery of goatsrue on a privately owned part of the mudflats in Tacoma and had worked with the landowner to get it all treated.

Jenifer Parsons mentioned that a Flowering Rush summit was scheduled for February 27-28, 2018, in Spokane.

Tony Stadelman mentioned that the potato harvest had begun in Grant County.

**OFFICE UPDATES**

Alison Halpern reported that:

- She had submitted the necessary rule-making for the 2018 noxious weed list on Wednesday and had conducted the small business economic impact analysis. She had emailed an online survey to almost 400 licensed nurseries and to the WSNLA, but had received fewer responses this year than in the past.
- On Monday she had been interviewed about the proposed changes to the 2018 noxious weed list by the Northwest AgInfo network.
- She took a shift at the WSDA booth at the Washington State Fair and met Melody with the Pierce County NWCB, who did a fantastic job engaging the public at the adjacent booth.
- She completed her sexual harassment training and mentioned that she'd send out an instructional PowerPoint to Board members about taking the LMS online trainings.
- She had reached out to the Washington Aggregate and Concrete Association and was offered an opportunity to talk about noxious weed control and gravel pits at its winter meeting in November, along with sponsoring an exhibitor's booth.

Wendy DesCamp reported that:

- She, Jennifer Andreas, and Alison had visited a new common crupina site in Walla Walla County with Dave Maiden at the end of August. Alison noted that Wendy's keen eyes spotted a much larger roadside infestation of common crupina.
- She was finishing up all the Written Findings, working on literature citations and photo permissions.
- She would be collaborating with Jennifer Andreas on some new educational material, including revegetating following knotweed control.
- She had submitted an article to Douglasia, the WA Native Plant Society quarterly journal.

The Board discussed:

- Janet was glad for the outreach to the gravel association. She mentioned that fill dirt used at a Parkland restoration project was contaminated with noxious weeds.

### **WSDA UPDATE**

Greg Haubrich provided a presentation about the iForm app and Weed Data Viewer.

- He went through the iForm fields and noted that he, Wendy, and Alison received emails of all the iForm submissions.
- WSDA had provided collector licenses for many county weed board programs throughout Washington and was planning on providing more. There was a cost to the licenses.
- They were receiving data from many sources, including state agencies, Jennifer Andreas's biocontrol releases, and county weed boards.
- There was the potential to use the data points in predictive modeling, which could reveal how large a noxious weed infestation such as knotweed could expand if left untreated. This approach could be used to show current and future costs of weed control.
- iForm fields could be adapted by county weed boards based on their local information-gathering needs.
- He gave a demo of the Washington State Weed Data Viewer that was used for data viewing and explained how useful a tool it was for county weed boards. He noted that there would be a public viewing platform soon that would protect data collected on private lands, for example, by not displaying points when zooming in or only displaying data collected on public lands. The public viewer did not provide the same amount of metadata.

The Board discussed:

- Joseph Shea expressed his thanks to Greg and Brant Carmen and noted that Skagit County was now able to provide a lot of mapping data.
- Jenifer Parsons asked how iForm handled eradicated noxious weeds. Greg said it was something they were working on. iForm had a field to indicate whether control efforts were taken whether it had been eradicated. Collector allowed users to revisit sites.
- Dirk asked why all county weed boards weren't using iForm and Greg explained that several weed board programs had their own GPS-collecting and mapping systems and didn't need iForm. Those county weed boards still shared their data with WSDA. Greg also pointed out that data was shared between WSDA and EDDMapS, which received data from WISC and other sources.

- Rod asked if iForm would be available on the Android platform. Greg explained that it has only been developed for the IOS.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Alison provided the update.

- The August expenditure numbers had been posted over the weekend. Although the Sate Weed Board’s allotments had been submitted to WSDA fiscal in August, WSDA’s allotments had not been sent to OFM yet, so the expenditure report did not reflect the current allotments.
- Alison suggested the State Weed Board consider funding special projects at the November meeting, such as providing some support to the WSDA mapping project that Greg had talked about.

**STATE WEED BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN**

The Board reviewed the draft strategic plan. Tony suggested that the Board replace “support” to “participate in” regarding the WSDA noxious weed task force.

<b>VOTE</b>	Bill Agosta	Moved to adopt the strategic plan for the 2017-2019 biennium
	Dirk Veleke	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

**UPDATE ON STATE WEED BOARD ELECTIONS AND COMMITTEES**

Alison provided the update and let the Board know that the terms for Positions 1 (SW WA), 3 (NW WA), and 5 (weed districts) ended at the end of the year. She would be mailing out nomination forms to county weed board members the following Friday, which needed to be returned near the end of October. Election ballots would then be mailed out at the beginning of November, and those would need to be returned by the end of that month.

She also mentioned that the Noxious Weed Committee had lost some members, such as their state land management and Washington Native Plant Society (WNPS) representatives. The WNPS was looking for a replacement member, and Alison suggested that the November Board meeting would be a good opportunity to revisit some committee memberships.

**WSDA QUARANTINE ADDITIONS**

Alison explained that the State Weed Board can petition the WSDA Plant Services program to add additional species to the quarantine list (WAC 16-752). They had last submitted a request to add such species as butterfly bush (except sterile cultivars), yellow archangel, nonnative hawkweeds and hybrids, nonnative cattails, and lesser celandine in July of 2014 with a requested effective date of October 2015 to allow nurseries to prepare. She suggested the Board take a similar approach and consider adding: Italian arum, Ravenna grass, yellow flag iris, myrtle spurge, spurge laurel, and annual bugloss.

<b>VOTE</b>	Janet Spingath	Moved to have Alison write the petition to WSDA
	Bill Agosta	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

**COORDINATORS FORUM**

- Joseph Shea from Skagit County mentioned that he had just started in March and was now becoming familiar with the more difficult aspects of the job. He was excited to be working with everyone and was looking forward to making a lot of progress in Skagit County.

**PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENTS**

Ryan Balkcom mentioned that they were having problems with hay containing the toxic noxious weed hoary alyssum. Alison mentioned that WSDA had been contacted by someone from Ferry County who had purchased hay contaminated with hoary alyssum. She said this topic of toxic plant material in hay has been brought up several times but had never been resolved. She offered to talk to Cindy Cooper about the quarantine list, the WSDA Ag inspectors in Commodities, the Washington Hay Growers Association, and veterinarians about toxic plants and the State Weed Board’s new booklet. The Board discussed:

- Tony noted that weed-contaminated hay was more of a problem with hobby farmers. Alison agreed, noting it appeared that most hay produced by professional hay growers was relatively clean.
- Tony asked about the WSDA toxic plant list. Alison was not aware of one but would look into it. Tony suggested that the State Weed Board created and post online a list of toxic noxious weeds. He also suggested making a postcard that could build awareness about the toxic plants booklet.
- Wes suggested providing information about the toxic plants booklet in the annual Hay Growers Association directory.

<b>VOTE</b>	Bill Agosta	Moved to have hoary alyssum added to the petition to WSDA
	Dirk Veleke	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

**MEETING EVALUATION**

The public hearing was scheduled for October 31 and the regular State Weed Board meeting on November 1 in Wenatchee. Alison would look for meeting locations and update the state register. She would also fill out a travel authorization form for OFM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 am a motion by Bill Agosta, seconded by Wes McCart. All in favor.

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Tony Stadelman, Chairman  
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Dirk Veleke, Secretary  
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Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary WSNWCB