

Regular Meeting of the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
9:00 a.m. September 15th, 2016
Online/Teleconferenced meeting via WebEx
And hosted at the Natural Resources Building
Located at 1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA 9801

Handouts provided for meeting:

- Agenda for meeting
- July 2016 Draft Minutes
- August Office Report
- First Half of September Office Report
- July Budget Update
- Chelan County Ravenna Grass Classification Change Proposal
- Ravenna Grass Distribution and Designation Chart
- Pierce County Designation Change Proposal

Meeting called to order at 9:08 p.m. by Chairman Tony Stadelman.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present

Tony Stadelman	Brad White (Arrived late)	Tim Miller
Bill Agosta (WebEx)	Bob Roth (WebEx)	Jenifer Parsons (WebEx)
Dirk Veleke (WebEx)	Carey Caruso (WebEx)	
Janet Spingath		

Others present:

Greg Haubrich, WSDA (WebEx)

Alison Halpern, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board

Kittanya Locken, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board

Laurel Baldwin, Whatcom County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:

- Bill Agosta reported that the San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board has hired a new assistant coordinator and is now fully staffed and moving forward to control noxious weeds.
- Tim Miller shared that he met with weed scientists from Washington, Oregon, and Idaho in Corvallis, OR to discuss progress and trials. He reported that the community is starting to see glyphosate resistance in fields and roadsides in multiple species, such as Kochia and Russian thistle. While the entire population of either species is not yet resistant, there is concern it may become so.
- Jenifer Parsons shared that she is still in field season working to eradicate flowering rush and variable-leaf milfoil. She noted that an applicator was out spraying flowering rush again that day.
- Tony reported that the potato harvest was going full swing, though the season was winding down.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes for July Meeting. There was one name correction on page four.

VOTE	Janet Spingath	Moved to accept the minutes for the July 2016 Board meeting with a name change on page 4.
	Dirk Veleke	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

OFFICE UPDATES

Alison gave office updates. In August and the first half of September:

- Alison reviewed grants as an appointed member on the RCO Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee. She noted that all of the farms who submitted applications demonstrated a commitment to weed control and IPM strategies.
- Alison was considering options to quarantine or otherwise limit the sales of invasive Atlantic ivy after many questions from the public. Alison will work with WSDA and WSNLA to find out how many nurseries carry the primary invasive species, *Hedera hibernica*, and potentially apply for collaborative funding to analyze escaped invasive ivy as well as ivy carried in nurseries. She will be meeting with the Nursery Advisory Committee soon.
- Alison discussed the quarantine list and would be working with Cindy Cooper to create guidelines to help explain what gets added to the quarantine list.
- Alison has been talking to WSNLA about reactivating its Invasive Plant Task Force. The group has not been active in years, and now it had lost two of its greatest proponents this year with the passing of Jeanne McNeil and Sarah Reichard.
- Alison worked on draft language for 17.10 with the Board’s attorney as well as a WSAC Legislative Committee member.
- Alison was nearly finished with the Economic Impact Report. The process had been more involved than expected but final edits are being completed now. Alison will send the final version when complete. The Board discussed the impacts of the species highlighted in the report.
- Kittanya and Alison have nearly finished the Biennial Report. The draft will go out to the Board for review next week.
- Alison had been filing rule-making and the Board was on track for the adoption of the 2017 noxious weed list.
- Kittanya and Alison launched the new WSNCB website, which is fast, easy to navigate, and easy to update. The Board discussed the new updates and features of the site.

WSDA UPDATE

Greg provided the WSDA report. He explained that he attended a meeting in Oregon to discuss flowering rush and they had taken legislators, ODA, Army Corps, and Tribal officials out to see the flowering rush infestations. Additionally, he shared that Douglas County has secured funding to hire divers to control Eurasian milfoil, a grant from DNR for surveying, and another for biocontrol with Jennifer Andreas.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Alison noted that, as was usually the case in the second year of a biennium, the FY2 budget was lower than FY1. Alison would like to hold a budget committee meeting to discuss possible expenditures. In addition to the biennial report and toxic plant booklet printing costs, the Board was nearly out of western WA field guides and would likely need to reprint those. The Board's increased public outreach was resulting in a much larger number of publication requests, which was not factored into the budget allotments.

The Board discussed the toxic plant booklet and funding options to reduce the overall printing cost while increasing quantity.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Noxious Weed Committee:

Tim reported that the committee met twice this summer and had finalized their recommendations on the two proposals received for the 2017 noxious weed list.

In Pierce County, the designations for the Meadow subgenus of hawkweeds and meadow knapweed had been inadvertently changed when the regions were updated a few years ago. The county weed board had requested that these two species be designated again and requested that myrtle spurge be undesignated in the county. The NWC supported these designation requests.

Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board proposed that the Board reclassify Ravenna grass from a Class A to a Class B. When it was originally listed two years ago, it was listed as a Class A due to its limited distribution but it was later learned that there was a lot more ornamentally planted than initially believed. The NWC recommended that Ravenna grass be reclassified as a Class B with designation in:

- Cowlitz County in region 3
- Region 4 except Chelan County
- Region 5, except Yakima and Grant counties
- Region 6 except Benton County

The counties not designated were actively monitoring and addressing escaped populations but have extensive intentional planting such that requiring control of these ornamentals would not be feasible. The NWC recommended that western WA not be designated because Ravenna grass does not appear to be escaping there at this time with the exception of some escaped plants in Cowlitz County.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to hold a public hearing on the proposed changes to the 2016 noxious weed list.
	Carey Caruso	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Legislative Committee:

Alison reported that the draft for RCW 17.10 was progressing. She and the AAG were working on a few remaining flagged areas and seeking county PA input through WASAC. She had been invited to speak about the role of the county extension director on county weed boards at the WSU Extension meeting at the WASAC conference in November. Janet and Alison would be discussing outreach to the timber industry.

COORDINATORS FORUM - No updates.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENTS - No public questions or comments.

MEETING EVALUATION

In past years, the Board has held the public hearing on the day prior to the board meeting to give ample time to review testimony. With an anticipated low attendance at this year’s hearing, the Board has the option of holding the board meeting after the hearing or continue to schedule them on separate days. The Board discussed these options and Alison will follow up by email.

The upcoming public hearing and regular Board meeting take place on November 1st and possibly 2nd, hosted in Wenatchee, WA and conducted online via WebEx.

The Board recessed for the Executive Session at 10:34.

The Executive Session adjourned at 10:52.

The Board adjourned at 10:54 with a motion by Bill Agosta, seconded by Dirk Veleke.

Tony Stadelman, Chairman
WSNWCB

Dirk Veleke, Secretary
WSNWCB

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison Halpern". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary
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