

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
WASHINGTON STATE NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD**  
DSHS OB-2; 1115 Washington St. SE; Olympia, WA 98504  
Monday, January 12, 2010

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Butch Klaveano	Ray Fann
Jerry Hendrickson	Sarah Spear Cooke
Joe Coombs	Steven Link
Kathy Hamel	Tim Miller
Ken Bajema	Tony Stadelman
Mary Toohey	Mary Lou Peterson (teleconferenced)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dan Newhouse,	Director, WSDA
Alison Halpern,	WA State Noxious Weed Control Board
Angelica Velazquez,	Cowlitz County NWCB
Bill Wamsley,	Lewis County NWCB
Cathy Lucero,	Clallam County NWCB
Cindy Orr,	WA State Noxious Weed Control Board
Greg Haubrich,	WSDA
Jennifer Andreas,	WSU – IWCP
Jill Severn,	WA State Noxious Weed Control Board
Patricia Grover,	Mason County NWCB
Rick Johnson,	Thurston County NWCB
Steve McGonigal,	Citizen
Beki Shoemaker,	Pierce County NWCB

**9:00 – CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Ray Fann was presented with a plaque for over 30 years of service to the Board.

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING**

<b>VOTE</b>	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to accept the 11/03/09 draft minutes as presented.
	Ken Bajema	Seconded the motion.
	The Board	Voted in favor of the motion.

**OFFICE REPORT**

Alison Halpern

The Board reviewed:

- *Office Report – January 2010 - Cindy Orr, Jill Severn, and Alison Halpern.*
- Website home page mock-up.
- Press release on rule changes under consideration.
- *Civics for Weed Warriors* Power Point Presentation.
- Four early detection, rapid response postcards, created by Jennifer Andreas (WSU) and Greg Haubrich (WSDA).

A new database-driven website is scheduled to be launched in January which will include a user friendly Botany for Beginners page and powerful search tools.

Alison and Jeanne McNeil (WSNLA) had discussed creating a pilot incentive program to encourage voluntary removal of invasive ornamental plants.

The Board and audience discussed:

- Individual nurseries or the WSNLA might administrate a pilot program.
- A program in Grant County to remove Saltcedar.
- CRP contracts in eastern WA recommend planting invasive Russian olive trees.

**Board Consensus:** Alison will pursue the pilot incentive program and speak at the WSNLA meeting.

## **WWHAM**

The U.S. Forest Service has offered the Board \$10,000. for the WWHAM program. The WWHAM Committee will meet in March to discuss the best way to use those funds. Options include purchasing tags and offering travel incentives to growers/producers who are interested in certifying but do not have an inspector in their county. A WWHAM training session will be scheduled in March.

## **DIRECTOR NEWHOUSE**

WSDA Director Newhouse summarized the Governor's requirement to streamline agencies while continuing to provide high quality service to the public.

Director Newhouse, the State Noxious Weed Control Board and the audience discussed:

- The Director is doing his best to preserve the Noxious Weed Committee (advisory group).
- HB 2617 lists 76 boards and commissions, across all agencies, proposed for elimination.
- Legislative action is required to eliminate boards and commissions.
- Stopping new invaders is cost effective.
- Developing a specific counterproposal to HB 2617 which includes language relating to future evaluation of the need for a state board.
- Appreciation of Director Newhouse's open door policy.

**Action Item:** Mary Toohy will send Mary Lou Peterson a list of sponsors.

## **FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

The Board and audience discussed:

- Options for trimming the Board's budget.
- Clear communication to legislators regarding the need to preserve current staff positions.

- If the Board is eliminated, administration of the Board's budget will be conducted by WSDA.
- The effective date of the HB 2617 would be June 30, 2010.
- Using funds for printing or special projects vs. travel.
- Teleconferencing the May meeting.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Alison Halpern

The Board reviewed documents titled:

- *Weed Board Projects FY 09*
- *State Weed Board FY 09*
- *Wee Board Education FY 09*
- *FY 09 Weed Board*
- *FY 09 Education*

**Consensus:** Alison's original budget report format (one summary document and one detailed report) is the Board's preference for future meetings.

The Board discussed salary and staff reduction due to the \$25,000. budget cut.

**Action Item:** Alison will compare the Nov. and Sept. OFM reports and submit her findings to the Board at the March meeting.

### Mary Toohey

- Annual reports for knotweed and *Spartina* are near completion.
- The proposed supplemental budget cut for FY11 for knotweed is significant. WSDA is currently calculating the impact of that cut.
- *Spartina* is primarily funded from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA), and those funds are proposed to carry forward.
- The Governor's proposed supplemental budget cut for FY11 for *Spartina* is approximately \$33,000 in the general fund. Most of the funding for *Spartina* eradication comes from ALEA, and a general fund cut would not jeopardize the program.
- *Spartina* acreage treated in the 2009 growing season, statewide, equals approximately 108 solid acres. WSDA anticipates approximately 33 solid acres will re-grow and be treated next year.
- Chad Phillips (WSDA *Spartina* coordinator) will soon return to WSDA on a part time basis following an injury and recovery.

### Greg Haubrich

- WSDA received a grant from ECY for the Yakima River Cooperative Weed Management area to develop an Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan.
- The Forest Health Protection fund from the U.S. Forest Service was reduced to \$200,000. Additionally, \$10,000 was granted for WWHAM and \$10,000 was granted for the WA Invasive Species Council.
- Weedmapper base maps will be published soon.

**BREAK**

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: HB2446

The Board reviewed *HB 2446*. An act relating to long-term noxious weed management on land newly acquired by the Fish and Wildlife Commission; and amending RCW 77.12.037.

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to support the HB 2446 through Alison’s testimony at the hearing scheduled for 3:30.
	Sarah Spear Cook	Seconded the motion.
	The Board	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Mary Toohey	Abstained

The Board and audience discussed:

- DOT land purchases.
- Re-organization may cause DNR to assume the responsibility of WSDFW weed control.

Alison summarized HB 2509 - Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to use certain funds to ensure that firefighting equipment does not spread noxious weeds.

## ADOPT 2009 NOXIOUS WEED LIST FOR 2010

VOTE	Sarah Spear Cooke	Moved to adopt the FY2009 Noxious Weed List for FY2010.
	Tony Stadelman	Seconded the motion.
	The Board	Voted in favor of the motion.

Proposed changes for the 2011 Weed List are being accepted for Noxious Weed Committee to review.

## VOTE ON PROPOSED CHANGE TO WAC 16-750

### Revising the definition of control

#### WAC 16-750-003(2a):

##### Current definition:

“Control” means to prevent all seed production and to prevent the dispersal of the following propagules of aquatic noxious weeds – turions, fragments, tubers, and nutlets.

##### Proposed change:

“Control” of noxious weeds means to prevent all seed production and to prevent the dispersal of all propagative parts capable of forming new plants.

The Board reviewed:

- *Revising the Definition of Control WAC 16-750-003(2a)*
- *WSDA Hearing Officer’s Report (Teresa Norman)*

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to accept the proposed definition of control.
	Ray Fann	Seconded the motion.
	The Board	Voted in favor of the motion.

## Schedule of Monetary Penalties (WAC 16-750.020(1))

The Board and audience discussed:

- The Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board prefers to make its own judgment call on the number of enforcement days.
- Acting on feedback from Coordinator's, the Legislative Committee made the proposal.
- Dialog on language possibilities between the Legislative Committee and coordinators took place late summer and into the fall.
- Compliance timelines may be complicated by weather.
- The Thurston County Noxious Weed Control Board believes monetary penalty need to be a comparatively reasonable sum.
- Bonds.

<b>VOTE</b>	Ray Fann	Moved to reject the proposed change to monetary penalties.
	Tony Stadelman	Seconded the motion.
	The Board	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Mary Lou Peterson	Voted opposed.

### **COORDINATORS' FORUM**

The Board and audience discussed:

- Developing a standard for weed-free soil.
- Researching Colorado's existing standards for weed free gravel.
- Gravel pits who wish to certify might follow NAWMA standards and work with the U.S. Forest Service program.
- Immediately stopping all face-to-face State Weed Board travel and teleconferencing meetings instead.
- Pursuing further discussion on the Schedule of Monetary Penalties language in the future.
- Appreciation of the early-detection rapid-response postcards. Jennifer Andreas welcomes feedback.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION & LUNCH**

No action was taken following the Executive Session.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

There were no public questions and comments.

### **MEETING EVALUATION**

There was no meeting evaluation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes prepared by  
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Executive Assistant

Respectfully submitted,

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Butch Klaveano, Chairman  
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

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Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary  
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

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Tony Stadelman, Secretary  
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board