

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD**
Webinar Teleconference - Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Butch Klaveano	Mary Toohey
Jerry Hendrickson	Sarah Spear-Cooke
Joe Coombs	Steven Link
Ken Bajema	Tim Miller
Mary Lou Peterson	Tony Stadelman
Ray Fann	

OTHERS PRESENT

Alison Halpern,	WA State Noxious Weed Control Board
Angelica Velazquez,	Cowlitz County NWCB
Beki Shoemaker,	Pierce County NWCB
Cathy Lucero,	Clallam County NWCB
Cindy Orr,	WA State Noxious Weed Control Board
Gene Biboux,	NW Holly Growers Association
Greg Haubrich,	WSDA
Jeanne McNeil,	WA State Nursery and Landscape Association
Jennifer Andreas,	WSU - Integrated Weed Management program
Justin Bush,	Skamania County NWCB
Kevin Hupp,	Lincoln County NWCB
Laurel Baldwin,	Whatcom County NWCB
Marty Hudson,	Klickitat County NWCB
Rick Johnson,	Thurston County NWCB
Steve Brown,	Capital Press
Steve McGonigal,	Interested citizen
Steven Burke,	King County NWCB

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

REVIEW OF TELECONFERENCE GUIDELINES

Alison Halpern presented a short review of teleconference guidelines.

MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING

Butch Klaveano reviewed Measurable Goals (Board training with Ray Ledgerwood from 2008).

MINUTES OF THE MAY & JULY MEETINGS

The Board discussed the minutes and recordings for May and July 2010.

VOTE	Tony Stadelman	Moved to table the minutes for May 11, 2010 and July 13, 2010 until board members review the recording in executive session on November 2, 2010. The board will vote on the minutes when it reconvenes after executive session.
	Ken Bajema	Seconded the motion.
	Tony Stadelman	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Ken Bajema	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Voted opposed.
	Ray Fann	Voted opposed.
	Joe Coombs,	Voted opposed.
	Mary Toohey	Voted opposed.
	Sarah Cooke	Voted opposed.
	Mary Lou Peterson	Voted opposed.
	<i>Motion Failed</i>	

VOTE	Mary Lou Peterson	Moved to approve the May 11, 2010 minutes of the regular board meeting as presented.
	Ray Fann	Seconded the motion.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Abstained due to being absent at May the meeting.
	Ray Fann	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Joe Coombs	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Tony Stadelman	Voted opposed.
	Ken Bajema	Voted opposed.
	Mary Toohey	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Sarah Cooke	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Mary Lou Peterson	Voted in favor of the motion.
	<i>Motion Carried</i>	

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to approve the July 13, 2010 minutes of the regular board meeting as presented.
	Sarah Cooke	Seconded the motion.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Ray Fann	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Joe Coombs	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Tony Stadelman	Voted opposed.
	Ken Bajema	Voted opposed.
	Mary Toohey	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Sarah Cooke	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Mary Lou Peterson	Abstained due to being absent at the July meeting.
	<i>Motion Carried</i>	

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Jerry Hendrickson	Attended a weed tour in OR.
Ray Fann	Had nothing to report.
Joe Coombs	Worked with the Spokane County inspectors.
Tony Stadelman	Continued work on a noxious weed awareness sign.
Ken Bajema	Reported that Klickitat, Skamania, & Cowlitz County received Title II funds.
Mary Toohey	<i>See WSDA report on page 3 and 4.</i>
Sarah Spear-Cooke	Discussed using milestone on wetlands with ECY staff. <i>The Survey Standards report was postponed until November.</i>
Mary Lou Peterson	Has kept in touch with local noxious weed staff regarding concerns over roadside weed damage. Mary Lou has been following the governor's budget.
Butch	Met with the North Idaho Forest Service and stakeholders who are coordinating WA & Idaho weed control issues including knapweed and houndstongue.

OFFICE REPORT - UPCOMING WORK PLAN

Alison Halpern

The Board reviewed the document titled *WSNWCB OFFICE REPORT - September 2010 - Cindy Orr and Alison Halpern* including a new Winter Work Plan

The board discussed:

- Staff members are moving their workspaces within the DNR building.
- Reducing the number of weed regions.

Action Item: Staff will begin sending a monthly office report instead of bi-monthly.

Break

WSDA REPORT

Mary Toohey

The Center for Biological Diversity and other groups sued EPA with regard to the Endangered Species Act and 15 pesticides. They filed a second suit for an additional 394 pesticides. A decision on the second suit has not yet been made. For more information on the subject see the WSDA website:

<http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/natresources/EndangSpecies.aspx>

A document with incorrect information on Imazapyr was circulated amongst activist groups which resulted in WSDA, legislators, and the governor receiving an inordinate amount of correspondence. WSDA has replied to all correspondence the agency has received to-date.

Governor Gregoire signed an executive order for across-the-board cuts in WA state general fund budgets. The percentage was not specified, but cuts are estimated to be 4-7% for every agency. Pass through funding from the U.S. Forest Service will not be effected. The budget cut will affect WSDA state interagency agreements for Japanese knotweed control.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Report

The Board reviewed documents titled *Special Projects 56025, Special Projects FY10, Year End Expenditures FY10, Budget Summary June 2010 (pg.1), Weed Board Projects (pg.2), State Weed Board (pg.3), Weed Board Education (pg.4), FY09 Weed Board (pg.5), FY09 Education (pg.6)*

The Board discussed:

- End of year purchases.
- New GPS units will be loaned to counties.
- WSDA priority programs and budget tiers.

Action Item: Alison will write an agreement reflecting county responsibility to replace GPS units if damaged while on loan.

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to hire an Education and Outreach Specialist as advertised.
	Mary Lou Peterson	Seconded the motion.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Ray Fann	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Joe Coombs	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Tony Stadelman	Voted opposed.
	Ken Bajema	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Mary Toohey	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Sarah Cooke	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Mary Lou Peterson	Voted in favor of the motion.
		<i>Motion Carried</i>

Discussion of voting on FY12-13 Proposed Budget Reductions, FY11 Proposed Budget Reduction

The Board discussed:

- Budget reduction scenarios.
- In Scenarios B & C, \$11,546 reflects the Executive Secretary’s travel and the full Board teleconference costs.
- Cost estimated for the Education Specialist’s travel does not include a vehicle.
- A Prius leased for staff travel will be returned to Motor Pool in FY11 and is not included in the scenarios.
- Staff duties and related skill sets.
- Staff benefit packages are currently under negotiation, so future cost must be estimated.
- The possibility of WSDA sharing the cost of the Administrative Assistant’s benefit package, if the agency is employing her at times outside Weed Board working hours.

Action Item: Alison will make corrections, if necessary, to the estimated salary and benefit package scenarios.

VOTE	Mary Lou Peterson	Moved to adopt corrected draft scenario C as the budget for FY12 and FY13.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Ray Fann	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Joe Coombs	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Tony Stadelman	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Ken Bajema	Voted opposed.
	Mary Toohey	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Sarah Cooke	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Mary Lou Peterson	Voted in favor of the motion.
		<i>Motion Carried</i>

Break

WA INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL UPDATE

Alison Halpern

The Washington Invasive Species Council is scheduled to sunset at the end of FY10, and the Council requests a letter of support from its member agencies/organizations to extend its services.

The Board reviewed three WISC scenarios and a letter of support from the WSDOT.

The Board discussed the role of the Council and how it differs from the WSNWCB.

VOTE	Sarah Spear Cooke	Moved to send a letter of support for the continuance of the WISC as requested by the Executive Secretary of the Noxious Weed Control Board.
	Ray Fann	Seconded the motion.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Ray Fann	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Joe Coombs	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Tony Stadelman	Abstained.
	Ken Bajema	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Mary Toohey	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Sarah Cooke	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Mary Lou Peterson	Voted in favor of the motion.
		<i>Motion Carried</i>

Action Item: Alison will write a letter of support, on behalf of the Board, for the continuance of the WISC.

WWHAM UPDATE – Discussion of WWHAM Future

Alison

The pilot WWHAM program has been very successful and has grown beyond the scope of the Board. WSDA is willing to begin administration of the program for the next growing season with Board assistance to make the transition.

VOTE	Tony Stadelman	Moved to approve the WWHAM program administration transitioning from the WSNWCB to WSDA.
	Mary Lou Peterson	Seconded the motion.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Ray Fann	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Joe Coombs	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Tony Stadelman	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Ken Bajema	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Mary Toohey	Abstained.
	Sarah Cooke	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Mary Lou Peterson	Voted in favor of the motion.
		<i>Motion Carried</i>

COMMITTEE UPDATES - Noxious Weed Committee

Alison Halpern

The Board reviewed a Power Point presentation titled *The Last Meeting of the Noxious Weed Committee for 2010*.

Weed	Proposal	Noxious Weed Committee Recommendation to the WSNWCB (Details included in the Power Point Presentation)
Denseflower cordgrass, <i>Spartina densiflora</i>	Delete from Noxious Weed List.	Did not recommend adopting this proposal.
Yellow archangel, <i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>	Change from class C to B.	Recommended adopting this proposal.
Hairy willow-herb, <i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Change from class C to B.	Recommended adopting this proposal.
Hoary Alyssum, <i>Berteroa incana</i>	Class B designation change in Ferry County.	Recommended adopting this proposal.
Eurasian water milfoil, <i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	State class B designation change in Pend Oreille, Stevens, Ferry, Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas, and Lincoln counties.	Recommended adopting a modified proposal.
Houndstongue, <i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	To be designated in Region 5.	Recommended adopting this proposal.
Narrow-leaved cattail, <i>Typha angustifolia</i>	Add to the class B list.	Did not recommend adopting this proposal.
Spotted jewelweed, <i>Impatiens capensis</i>	Add to the class C list.	Did not recommend adopting this proposal. Committee added it to the monitor list.
Teasel, <i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Add to the class C list.	Did not recommend adopting this proposal.
Bittersweet nightshade, <i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Add to the class C list.	Did not recommend adopting this proposal.
Tall hawkweed, <i>Hieracium piloselloides</i>	Add to the class C list.	Did not recommend adopting this proposal. Committee added it to the monitor list.

Weed	Proposal	Noxious Weed Committee Recommendation to the WSNWCB (Details included in the Power Point Presentation)
English holly, <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Add to the class C list	Recommended moving this proposal to public hearing.
Japanese eelgrass, <i>Zostera japonica</i>	Add to the class C list	Did not recommend adopting this proposal

The Board discussed:

- WAC language for Eurasian water milfoil may exclude tributaries of the Columbia River.
- Jennifer Parsons, from ECY, proposed to list *Typha*.
- *Impatiens capensis* may be difficult to identify.
- Possible impact of listing crop plants.
- Grower concerns that listing English holly may cause a negative impact on the industry.

VOTE	Mary Lou Peterson	Moved to accept the Noxious Weed Committee recommendations as presented.
	Ray Fann	Seconded the motion.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Voted Opposed.
	Ray Fann	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Joe Coombs	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Tony Stadelman	Voted Opposed.
	Ken Bajema	Voted Opposed.
	Mary Toohey	Abstained.
	Sarah Cooke	Voted in favor of the motion.
	Mary Lou Peterson	Voted in favor of the motion.
		<i>Motion Carried</i>

Noxious Weed Committee Monitor List Recommendations - Vote not required.

Mole Spurge, <i>Euphorbia lathyris</i>	Add to Monitor list.	Angelica Velazquez will sponsor.
Italian Erum, <i>Arum italicum</i>	Add to Monitor list.	Casey Gozart will be asked to sponsor.
<i>Vinca minor</i> and <i>Vinca major</i>	Add to Monitor list.	Angelica Velazquez will sponsor.

The Chairman of the Board read an interpretation of RCW 42.23.

The Board discussed:

- Conflict of interest.
- All testimony the Board receives regarding the rule changes that go to hearing will be reviewed at the November 2nd hearing in Yakima.
- Those who wish to testify do not need to be physically present at the hearing to have their testimony considered.

Action Item: Before the public hearing on November 2nd, Butch Klaveano will obtain an informal legal opinion on conflict of interest.

Action Item: Alison will inform WA holly growers that the proposal to list English holly on the Noxious Weed List will go to public hearing on November 2 in Yakima, WA. Additional testimony is welcome, and can be submitted to Alison Halpern at ahalpern@agr.wa.gov or P.O. Box 42560; Olympia, WA; 98504-2560.

STATE WEED BOARD POLICY REVIEW, BY-LAWS, AND HANDBOOK

Discussion postponed until the November meeting.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

The Board reviewed the document titled *WA State Noxious Weed Control Board Committees 2010*.

Butch Klaveano named the Hiring Committee to include himself, Kathy Hamel and Alison Halpern.

Mary Lou Peterson’s term to serve on the Board, and the Bylaws Committee, will end on Dec. 31, 2010.

Correction: Ken Bajema (as Vice Chairman) will serve on the Executive Committee.

COORDINATORS’ FORUM

There was no feedback from coordinators.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There were no questions or comments.

MEETING EVALUATION

There was no meeting evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE	Tony Stadelman	Moved to adjourn the meeting.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion.
	The Board	Voted in favor of the motion.
		<i>Motion Carried</i>

Documents included with this meeting were:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes of Regular Meetings for the WA State Noxious Weed Control Board on May 11, 2010 and July 13, 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measurable Goals (training session with Ray Ledgerwood)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WSNWCB Office Report, September, Cindy Orr and Alison Halpern
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget Reports:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Special Projects 56025○ Special Projects FY10○ Year End Expenditures FY10○ Budget Summary June 2010 (pg.1)○ Weed Board Projects (pg.2),○ State Weed Board (pg.3)○ Weed Board Education (pg.4)○ FY09 Weed Board (pg.5)○ FY09 Education (pg.6)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter from Jeffry Kinzel to Chelan County Commissioners dated 8/30/10 + attachments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Power Point Presentation on weeds proposed for the 2011 Weed List
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• List of committee members
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summary, to-date, of weed list proposals
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weed list proposals to-date
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Weed Board policy reviews 1996

Minutes prepared by
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Respectfully submitted,

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Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

Tony Stadelman, Secretary
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