

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD**

July 30, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.

Online/Teleconferenced meeting via GoToWebinar and
hosted at the Cowlitz County Administrative Building
207 Fourth Avenue N.; Kelso, WA 98626

9:00 a.m. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions

Butch Klaveano	Sarah Cooke	Alison Halpern
Jerry Hendrickson--no	Bill Agosta	Wendy DesCamp
Tony Stadelman	Bob Roth	Members of audience
Mary Toohey	Jim DeTro--no	

Other Attendees:

Angelica Velazquez	Cowlitz County NWCB
Kevin Tyler	Clark County Environmental Services
Anna Lyon (via GoToWebinar)	Okanogan County NWCB
Cathy Lucero (via GoToWebinar)	Clallam County NWCB
Dave Heimer (via GoToWebinar)	WDFW (and Noxious Weed Committee)
Wendy Brown (via GoToWebinar)	WA Invasive Species Council
Glenn Lebsack (via GoToWebinar)	Clark County Vegetation Management

Butch call to order at 9:10 a.m. He, Alison, and Wendy thanked Angelica and Bob for hosting the State Weed Board meeting in Kelso. Cowlitz County IT staff provided great support getting the meeting set up. A special thanks went to Angelica for bringing coffee and croissants.

9:10 a.m. Review and Approval of Minutes of May Meeting

VOTE	Tony Stadelman	Moved to approve minutes for the May 2012 board meeting
	Sarah Cooke	Seconded the motion
		All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

9:15 a.m. Board Member Updates

Butch: yellow starthistle had exploded in Garfield county, and there had been extensive hail damage to crops.
 Tony: Roadside weeds were resprouting due to recent rain.
 Sarah: had been raining a lot but all was well.
 Bill: Growing season was off by about a month late and tansy ragwort was just starting to bloom and thrive.
 Bob: Echoed comments of others: recent rain causing everything to grow rapidly.

9:25 a.m. Office Reports – The Board reviewed the office reports for June and July.

Alison:

- Wendy and Alison attended and learned much from the Wallowa weed tour, co-hosted by Asotin County NWCB.
- Held small, informal meeting with folks from Jefferson and Clallam NWCBs to address the roadside spread of wild chervil and some landowners' opposition to the use of glyphosate.
- Had been working in July on updating and streamlining Class B weed list and designations.
- Provided comments at a Puget Sound Partnership meeting to stress the importance of including invasive species, including noxious weeds, on their priority list.

Wendy:

- Wendy gave a brief PowerPoint presentation highlighting the State Weed Board's successful outreach campaign
- So far, litter bags, 2 sets of magnets, and bumper stickers are being distributed to county weed boards. The response for outreach materials has been very positive, especially for fairs.
- Two road signs have been created. One is already in Kittitas County and Wendy is working with WSDA staff to get Skagit County NWCB its sign and posts.

9:45 a.m. Financial Report

Sarah provided the financial report. The Board discussed:

- Budget Committee met via GoToMeeting on Friday.
- Board ended FY12 with about \$10K unspent, with most of the budget reconciled.
- Outreach campaign was just a couple of hundred dollars under budget.
- Not all pass-through funding allocated towards Class A eradication projects was spent.
- Although only two road signs were made, they purchased many sign posts that can be used for upcoming signage.
- The budget committee recommended that \$2,500 of special project money be used for additional road signs.
- Class A eradication projects for FY13 were discussed. The Board agreed that a \$3K limit per proposal worked well last year and would be implemented again. The budget committee had talked about creating a boilerplate form for the RFP. This would make it easier for counties to fill out while providing consistency for review of proposals. Alison will target October to have a draft form done.
- The Board discussed using special project funding towards a logo that would complement the Weed 'Em Out theme and be used for stickers and temporary tattoos for kids. Alison suggested a \$2K cap towards this leg of the outreach campaign and suggested they get to work on it quickly so stickers would be available in September.

VOTE	Tony Stadelman	Moved for \$2,000 to go toward stickers
	Sarah Cooke	Amend motion for \$2,500 for signs
	Mary Toohey	is \$2,000 for contract and stickers? Yes
	Bill Agosta	Seconded
		All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

10:00 a.m. WSDA Report

Mary provided a brief update.

- Contracts for knotweed control projects were being approved and sent out
- USFS Forest Health Project agreements were moving forward.
- Spartina eradication efforts were going well

10:10 a.m. Committee and other updates:

Noxious Weed Committee update – The NWC met on July 24. Alison provided summary of proposed changes to the 2013 noxious weed list (technical difficulties with Dave Heimer’s phone connection).

- French broom proposed as a Class A
 - 1 known escaped population in King County
 - Currently listed as a noxious weed in OR
 - Does not appear to be carried by nurseries
- Tall hawkweed proposed as a Class B
 - Has negative impacts to pasture, grassland, and rangeland
- Common teasel proposed as a Class C
 - Skagit County NWCB provided new information about its germination rate when it submitted the 2013 proposal.
 - Skagit County NWCB chairman Jim Hinton phoned into NWC to talk about impacts of teasel on agriculture in Skagit County and to answer questions,
- Common barberry was proposed as a Class C
 - It is an alternate host to black stem rust, which affects wheat and barley
 - WSU researchers are concerned that sexual reproduction of black stem on common barberry could lead to strains resistant to fungicides.
- Japanese eelgrass—proposed as a Class C without being limited to commercially managed shellfish beds
 - No new scientific information about impacts (negative or positive) submitted, and no new information came out of stakeholder meeting held in February.
 - Ecology was working on draft NPDES permit for Imazamox that would be limited to commercially managed clam beds at this time.
- New additions to monitor list: Bladder senna, Dyer’s Greenwood, Bachelors button and cornflower
- Alison has been working to update the weed list by proposing new Class B designations based on WSDA distribution maps and new 6-region designation map. May hold Webinar to review changes to coordinators in September and answer questions.
- Bill asked about the status of the common teasel proposal and mentioned that common teasel was problematic in San Juan County.

The Board discussed:

- Alison mentioned that recruitment of new county weed board members has been challenging in many counties across the state. She has checked in with county weed boards with vacancies and will send a press release to Capital Press. She also talked to Farm Bureau about helping to recruit interested farmers.
- Butch asked for an update of the scientific adviser positions. Alison had vetted a potential new member, but he decided he was too busy to serve on the State Weed Board. Jenifer Parsons had recently been appointed by Director Newhouse to fill the vacant seat left by Kathy Hamel.
- Tony asked if counties had provided feedback about proposed listing. Alison noted that 3 counties noted in last year's survey that they would require control of common teasel if it were a Class C noxious weed. Wendy had sent out a recent survey to counties for distribution information about proposed listings.
- Tony asked what farmers were using to control common teasel. He noted that he hadn't seen it spreading in eastern Washington. Alison noted that the farmers wanted it controlled before it spread into their crop fields.

10:40 a.m. Review of draft strategic plan

Tony and Alison had met in Chelan in March to brainstorm strategic plan, and Tony suggested they develop specific goals that could be addressed in biennial reports to mark successes.

Updated benchmark goals could include:

- Monitor, document, map and classify noxious weeds in WA
- Promote education and outreach about IPM, roles of county NWCB's, weed disposal
- Supporting county weed boards and districts through membership recruitment, outreach/training to county commissioners
- Address noxious weed vectors such as ATVs and railroads
- Maintain a successful working relationship with land management agencies, by supporting adequate funding for noxious weed control on public land (Tony: draft letter about CRP land and how the laws apply while is CRP and after)
- (Maintain a legal and professional Board and Staff)

The Board discussed:

- Whether to adopt those goals or adopt new goals?
- Tony suggested that Alison put those goals into a plan with subtitles for the Board to review in September.

10:50 a.m. Coordinators' forum

Angelica: noted that she had successfully held booths at two fairs and were able to share the State Weed Board's outreach materials and publications with the public. She expressed concern about local farmers' markets selling bighead knapweed in their flower arrangements, even though it is on the WSDA quarantine list. Much of it comes from Oregon, where it is not on the state weed list.

Tony mentioned that Chapter 17.04 RCW, the law for weed districts had ambiguities in it, and that updated it would be helpful.

Public Questions and Comments: there were none

10:40 a.m. Adjourn

VOTE	Tony Stadelman	Moved to adjourn the July board meeting
	Mary Toohey	Seconded the motion
		All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Butch Klaveano, Chairman
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary
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Tony Stadelman, Secretary
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