



Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board

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Dear Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board:

The Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board (MCNWCB) would like to propose the following changes to the 2019 Washington State Noxious Weed List.

- 1) Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) – Currently, a Class B designate in all of region 1, except Pacific and Mason counties. It is currently “selected” for control by the MCNWCB.

Proposed change: Designate for control in Mason County. Currently all waterbodies, Mason Lake and Island Lake, known to have Eurasian watermilfoil have control plans in place and active control measures are being undertaken.

- 2) Grass-leaved arrowhead (*Sagittaria graminea*) – Currently, a Class B designate in all of region 1, except Mason county. It is currently “selected” for control by the MCNWCB.

Proposed change: Designate for control in Mason County. The species is only known from Mason Lake and is actively being controlled.

- 3) Diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*) – Currently, a Class B designate in all of region 1, except Mason county. It is currently “selected” for control by the MCNWCB.

Proposed change: Designate for control in Mason County. The population of diffuse knapweed is limited to the Johns Prairie area and additional populations are unknown. It is currently “selected” for control by the MCNWCB.

- 4) Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) – Currently, a Class B designate in Clallam and Jefferson counties of region 1. It is currently “selected” for control by the MCNWCB.

Proposed change: Designate for control in Mason County. Prior to the reallocation of regions, the species was designated for control in Mason County.

In addition, the MCNWCB would like to propose the addition of non-native *Petasites* species. Treatment is currently underway for *P. japonicas giganteus* along a riparian area in the county. A smaller species has been located in several wetland areas, and the identification has not been confirmed.

Thank-you for your consideration and review. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia A. Grover". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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Cc: Dave Robbins, Myrn Stewart, Barry Fischer, Tamara Cowles