

Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board November Meeting
9:00 a.m. November 6, 2019
The Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel
201 N. Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801
Saddle Rock Conference Room
Online/Teleconferenced via WebEx

Handouts provided for meeting:

- Agenda for meeting
- Draft minutes of the September meeting
- Office Reports
- Financial Report
- Proposal Summary for 2020 Noxious Weed List
- WAC 16.750 Proposed Changes –OTS language
- Draft RCW 17.10 Changes
- List of WSNWCB committees
- 2020 Calendar

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Tony Stadelman.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present

Tony Stadelman	Bill Agosta	Jenifer Parsons
Jerry Hendrickson	Janet Spingath	Steven Seefeldt WebEx
Dirk Veleke	Brad White	Rod Gilbert
Ken Bajema	Carey Caruso	

Others present:

- Mary Fee, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board
Wendy DesCamp, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board
Greg Haubrich, WA State Department of Agriculture
Jennifer Andreas, WSU Extension Integrated Weed Control Project
Cathy Lucero, Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board
Kevin Hupp, Lincoln County Noxious Weed Control Board
Todd Davis, Kittitas County Noxious Weed Control Board
Emily Stevenson, Skamania County Noxious Weed Control Board
Geraldine Saw, Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board
Dave Maiden, Walla Walla County Noxious Weed Control Board
Scott Watson, Whitman County Noxious Weed Control Board
Allen Evenson, Grant County Weed District #3
Mike Mackey, Private Citizen
Dean Caruso, Private Citizen

Brett Burrows, Private Citizen
 Ashlie Arthur, King County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)
 Ashley Shattuck, King County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)
 Beth Tanner, Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Bill Agosta reported that he attended the King County Noxious Weed Control Board meeting.
 Dirk Veleke reported that he attended the Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board meeting and gave an update. He stated that he appreciated they said the Pledge of Allegiance and also offered pesticide credits for attending the meeting.
 Ken Bajema reported that he went to the Wahkiakum County Noxious Weed Control Board meeting and that they are getting their program online.
 Brad White reported that Kate Buckley is the Pollinator Task Force Coordinator and that Mary will be attending the meetings as the WSNWCB representative.
 Jenifer Parsons reported on flowering rush at Lake Roosevelt and variable-leaf milfoil trials. The flowering rush is on tribal lands. Entities are working on getting it treated. New trials are underway using ProcellaCor on variable-leaf milfoil.
 Janet Spingath reported that she attended her watershed council meeting and is working with the local school districts on noxious weed education.
 Jerry Hendrickson reported on surveying for Mediterranean sage in Asotin County.
 Tony Stadelman noted the early killing frost this year.
 No other board member updates.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes for the September 19th regular meeting.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to accept the minutes for the September 19 th regular meeting.
	Dirk Veleke	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

OFFICE REPORTS

Mary Fee highlighted tasks and events from the mid-Sept., Oct., and early Nov. office reports.

- She has been answering calls and requests from county noxious weed boards regarding adopting the county noxious weed list.
- Mary has also spent time working on the CR-102, WAC 16.750, and SBEIS for the weed list public hearing.
- Mary met with the Forest Protection Association on Sept. 20th to discuss RCW 17.10.
- She attended the WISC Meeting and Tour in Okanogan County Sept. 26th.
- She gave a presentation created by Wendy at the National Right of Way Workshop in Zillah Oct. 1st
- She also presented at the WA Salmon Coalition Oct. 8th Aberdeen.

- Mary met with Senator Warnick's Legislative Staff regarding RCW 17.10 Draft Oct. 22nd.
- She attended the Wahkiakum County Noxious Weed Board Meeting Oct. 7th and phoned into the Foster Creek CWMA Meeting, Douglas County, Oct. 17th.
- She also worked with WSDA on internal policies, travel reimbursements, and payroll.

Wendy DesCamp highlighted tasks and events from the mid-Sept., Oct., and early Nov. office reports.

- She has continued to respond to questions and emails regarding plant identification and other questions from the public and county weed boards.
- She attended WA Botanical Symposium Planning Meeting Oct. 3rd.
- She attended a weed tour with Dave Maiden in Walla Walla County, Oct. 15th
- Wendy and Jennifer Andreas met for educational materials and publications planning and development. One of the projects they are working on is a tree-of-heaven brochure that will include information on spotted lanternfly.
- She continues to offer support and answer noxious weed questions via phone calls, emails, and Facebook.
- Wendy passed around a sample of South American sponge plant brought to her by Jeff Nesbitt.

WSDA REPORT

Greg Haubrich provided the update.

- Greg talked about the upcoming Innovations in Invasive Conference in Coeur d'Alene, ID.
- He reported on the RFP that will be out soon. New grant approved by the Forest Service to fund bio-control and EDRR projects.
- He also reported that WSDA has had an email request about their glyphosate usage. They will be in touch with contractors that were supplied with glyphosate products. Rod asked if the state reports on herbicide usage. Greg stated that each application has an application record. They also track aquatic herbicide usage separately through the NPDS permitting process. If herbicide was given to other agencies or projects to use, then the usage is noted on their own records. Brad stated that the WSDA application totals for glyphosate is about 1.5 gallons.
- Greg stated that if there is extra funding left at the end of the fiscal year, that it can be used for herbicide for projects. Tony asked about who was requiring the survey on glyphosate usage. Brad stated that legislation may require it. Rod explained about the issues in CA and difficulties in getting insurance.
- Brad stated that the Forest Service funding is getting smaller. Greg noted that BLM dollars are also going down. Douglas County's CWMA and Chelan County both utilize BLM dollars.

BUDGET REPORT

The Board reviewed the financial spreadsheet for the current budget report.

- Mary reviewed the current budget numbers and reported that there was a miscalculation that was corrected. The money from the overage of the miscalculation was added into supplies and materials, printing, and seed packets.

- There will approximately be \$15,000 for seed packets, \$5,000 for WSU Extension Integrated Weed Control Project, and \$15,000 for Class A projects this year.
- Jennifer Andreas talked about the financial need of the bio-control program. She stated that funding will be utilized for travel, wages, and staff. She can use it by the end of June. She also spoke about knotweed biocontrol agent approval. She spoke about the whitetop mite approval and releases in Montana.
- Ken Bajema asked about the Class A projects. Mary stated that the board will be going over the RFP at the January meeting.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Legislative Committee Update

- RCW 17.10 Mary has emailed with Senator Warnick’s staff, although has not received their final draft yet. Mary briefly highlighted draft changes in RCW 17.10. The board discussed the word “active” pertaining to roads in the forestry portion of RCW 17.10.140. Doug Hooks from the Forest Protection association explained some of the other road definitions and why “all” roads could be problematic to forest land owners at the Legislative Committee Meeting. The Board also discussed the added words “when encountered” again pertaining to noxious weeds on forest lands. The Board discussed taking out the wording in WAC 16.750 that pertained to the RCW 17.10 changes until RCW 17.10 has been ratified, mainly the WSNWCB appointed member by the Association of County Coordinators.
- Mary explained the process and timeline for the draft RCW 17.10 changes and legislation. This will be submitted as a technical bill. The 2020 legislative session is a short session and the bill may not be picked up this session. Mike Mackey stated that if the bill is picked up that a hearing will be held for testimony on the bill. Tony thought it would be good to talk to legislators for support of the bill. Janet supported sending out a quick information sheet on the changes that board members can refer to.

2020 Noxious Weed List Additions and Designation Changes

- South American spongeplant, *Limnobium laevigatum*, as a Class A noxious weed

VOTE	Ken Bajema	Moved that South American spongeplant be added as a Class A noxious weed.
	Bill Agosta	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Class B Designation Proposals

- Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) in Kitsap, Kittitas, and Whitman counties.

Janet stated that she supported the designation of Eurasian watermilfoil. Bill asked about the discussion at the hearing.

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to designate Eurasian watermilfoil in Kitsap, Kittitas, and Whitman counties.
	Janet Spingath	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Bohemian knotweed (*Polygonum x bohemicum*) in San Juan, Whitman, Yakima, and Stevens counties.

Janet asked about control of Bohemian knotweed in Stevens County. Mary explained example of owner’s agreement to control from Ferry County. Bill questioned about landowners not wanting to control it.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to designate Bohemian knotweed in San Juan, Whitman, Yakima, and Stevens counties.
	Dirk Veleke	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*) in Stevens County.

Tony questioned requiring control of ornamental infestations verses new infestations. Janet stated that it all needs to be controlled.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to designate Japanese knotweed in Stevens County.
	Ken Bajema	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Himalayan knotweed, *Persicaria wallichii*, in Clark and Stevens counties.

Bill reiterated the same issues about land owner control as with Japanese knotweed. Wendy noted that is currently not any known to occur in Stevens County and that it can be a little easier to identify.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to designate Himalayan knotweed in Clark and Stevens counties.
	Janet Spingath	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Lesser celandine, *Ficaria verna*, in the regions as follow:
 - Region 1
 - Region 2 except King and Whatcom counties
 - Region 3
 - Region 4, 5, and 6

VOTE	Janet Spingath	Moved to designate lesser celandine in region 1, region 2 except King and Whatcom counties, and regions 3, 4, 5, and 6.
	Bill Agosta	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor except one no vote by Ken Bajema, motion carried.

- Leafy spurge, *Euphorbia virgata*, in Whitman and Garfield counties.

VOTE	Dirk Veleke	Moved to designate leafy spurge in Whitman and Garfield counties.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Purple loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria*, in Benton and Pierce counties.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to designate purple loosestrife in Benton and Pierce counties.
	Janet Spingath	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Wand loosestrife, *Lythrum virgatum*, in Benton, Pierce, and Mason counties.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to designate wand loosestrife in Benton, Pierce, and Mason counties.
	Janet Spingath	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Poison hemlock, *Conium maculatum*, in Douglas County.

VOTE	Dirk Veleke	Moved to designate poison hemlock in Douglas County.
	Bill Agosta	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Policeman's helmet, *Impatiens glandulifera*, in Pierce and Pacific counties.

VOTE	Janet Spingath	Moved to designate policeman's helmet in Pierce and Pacific counties.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Ravenna grass, *Saccharum ravennae*, in Grant County.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to designate Ravenna grass in Grant County.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Rush skeletonweed, *Chondrilla juncea*, in Kitsap County.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to designate rush skeletonweed in Kitsap County.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- European coltsfoot, *Tussilago farfara*, in Grant County.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to designate European coltsfoot in Grant County.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Additional WAC 16.750 Changes

1. WAC 16-750-140 Adding a standing legislative committee.
2. WAC 16-750-142 Create a new section for the State noxious weed control board—Executive secretary and education specialist—Hiring and dismissal.
3. WAC 16-750-145 Editing the State noxious weed control board—Executive secretary—Definition.
4. WAC 16-750-146 Adding new section for the State noxious weed control board—Education specialist—Definition.
5. WAC 16-750-150 Repealing section on State noxious weed control board- Executive secretary- Hiring and dismissal. Moved to section 142.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to except additional WAC 16.750 changes as discussed.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Letter in support of WSU Weed Research Scientist position- Dr. Steven Seefeldt could help review a draft letter. Jennifer Andreas also has knowledge of this position. She felt it was important to point out the benefits of the position to non-crop land noxious weed management. The Board discussed if this position is being filled and how it is funded. Janet suggested trying to get support from other groups. Rod mentioned The Nature Conservancy and asked about legislative support.

- Committee Assignments- Tony appointed Cathy Lucero to the Noxious Weed Committee and appointed Rod Gilbert as Chair. Tony appointed Cathy Lucero as Chair of the Legislative Committee and added Janet Spingath to the committee.

The Noxious Weed Committee- Rod Gilbert (Chair), Jenifer Parsons, Tony Stadelman, Emily Stevenson, Cathy Lucero, Bob Buzzo, Marty Hudson, Steve Burke, Kevin Hupp, Greg Haubrich, Anna Thurston, Todd Palzer.

Budget Committee- Bill Agosta (Chair), Tony Stadelman, Brad White, Ken Bajema

Executive Committee- Tony Stadelman, Brad White, Bill Agosta

Legislative Committee- Cathy Lucero (Chair), Tony Stadelman, Jerry Hendrickson, Dirk Veleke, Kevin Hupp, Todd Davis, Laurel Baldwin, Emily Stevenson, Janet Spingath.

Janet asked about the need for this committee. Brad stated the value of things like reviewing the RCW and other statutes. Ken suggested things should filter through the chairman. Tony explained the process as things change and hearing input from committee is very useful in coming to a consensus.

Public Lands Committee- Dirk Veleke (Chair), Tony Stadelman, Janet Spingath, Dave Heimer, Mike Mackey, Anna Lyon. Mary will confirm if Mike Mackey still wants to be on this committee.

Pollinator Committee- Carey Caruso (Chair), Tony Stadelman, Emily Stevenson, Loretta Nichols, Dirk Veleke, Judy Blanco.

COORDINATORS FORUM

- Cathy Lucero will suggest a letter of support for the WSU position to the Coordinators Association.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No Public Comments

2020 Meeting Dates

- The board discussed the tentative 2020 meeting dates and agreed on the following:
 - January 9 in Olympia
 - March 11 in conjunction with the Coordinators Conference in Chelan
 - May 7 with a potential weed tour
 - July 23 with a potential aquatic weed tour
 - September 24 with a potential weed tour
 - November 3 and 4 for the public hearing and regular meeting in conjunction with the Weed Conference in Wenatchee
 Either May or September will be held in Olympia depending on which meeting also has a noxious weed tour.

The board meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m. by a motion by Bill Agosta, and seconded by Jerry Hendrickson. All in favor.

Tony Stadelman, Chairman
WSNWCB

Dirk Veleke, Secretary
WSNWCB

Mary Fee, Executive Secretary WSNWCB