

Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board July Meeting
9:00 a.m. Thursday, September 19th, 2019
Online/Teleconferenced meeting via WebEx
Asotin County Court House Annex 95, 2nd St., Asotin, WA 99402

Handouts provided for meeting:

- Agenda for meeting
- Draft minutes of the July meeting
- Office Reports
- Financial Report
- Proposal Summary for 2020 Noxious Weed List
- WAC 16.750 Proposed Changes –OTS language
- Ferry County proposal letters
- King County proposal letter
- Draft written findings for *Limnobium laevigatum* and *Rosa multiflora*
- RCW 17.10

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

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present

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

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
Sara Murt, Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board
Dave Maiden, Walla Walla County Noxious Weed Control Board
Eric Bell, Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board
Vic Reeve, Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board
Konrad Kauer, Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board
Todd Harris, Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board
Luis Esquivel, Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board
Sherri Duff, Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board
Angela Williams, Natural Resource Conservation Service
Brad Riehle, Asotin County Conservation District
Laurel Baldwin, Whatcom County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)
Sasha Shaw, King County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)
Jason Ontjes, San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)
Naedene Shearer, Columbia County Noxious Weed Control Board

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes for the July 18th regular meeting.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to accept the minutes for the July 18 th regular meeting.
	Ken Bajema	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Bill Agosta reported that he visited the Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board and plans on visiting the King County Noxious Weed Board next.

Jerry Hendrickson commented that it was a good spray year.

Steven Seefeldt commented that he has been doing normal research activities.

Janet Spingath reported on the control of grass-leaved arrowhead (*Sagittaria graminea*). They have removed 8 tons from a lake in Mason County. Some areas were matted for 5 years. They have controlled about half and are done for the season. Jerry asked at what depth were the plants. Janet stated that the plants grew in about 6 inches to 10 feet of water.

Janet also reported on Pierce County wanting to recognize Jess Stone for her efforts in helping to restore Parkland Prairie. Janet provided a letter to be signed and sent.

Ken Bajema reported that he had met the Wahkiakum County Noxious Weed Control Board members and that they do have a full board.

Tony Stadelman reported that he and Mary met with the Douglas County Commissioners. He suggested doing a noxious weed survey in Douglas County, similar to the one done previously for comparison.

No other board member updates.

OFFICE REPORTS

Mary Fee highlighted tasks and events from the mid-July, August, and September office reports.

- Mary and Tony met with the Douglas County Commissioners and discussed state weed board resources and the possibility of a Douglas County Noxious Weed Control Board.
- 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 and WAC 16.750 for the weed list public hearing.
- She is creating a primer for county officials that will discuss the roles and responsibilities of agencies and boards regarding the noxious weed law.
- She attended the Transboundary Conference in Canada. Mary reported that the conference had a session on invasive species, talks pertaining to the Columbia River Treaty and dams, and a tour to the Columbia River headwaters.
- Mary spent time working on legislative committee meeting prep and met with the WSDA advisors for proposed changes to RCW 17.10.

Wendy DesCamp highlighted tasks and events from the mid-July, August, and September office reports.

- She has continued to respond to questions and emails regarding plant identification and other questions from the public and county weed boards. Much publication distribution to counties with fairs happening. She thanked Greg for all his help distributing boxes of publications.
- She has been working on noxious weed written findings and information for the Class B designation review for the proposed changes to the noxious weed list. She spent time working on preparations for the Noxious Weed Committee meeting that took place last week (September 12th).
- Wendy and Jennifer Andreas met for educational materials and publications planning and development. One of the projects they will work on is a tree of heaven brochure that will include information on spotted lantern fly.
- She continues to offer support and answer noxious weed questions via phone calls, emails, and Facebook.

WSDA REPORT

Greg Haubrich provided the update.

- Greg reported that the regional plan for flowering rush is now online. Justin Bush with the Washington Invasive Species Council obtained funding for putting together this regional plan for flowering rush. WSDA is hosting the GIS data that includes infestation locations within the Pacific Northwest and in Canada. Larry Hudson, Okanagan County Noxious Weed Control Program, found flowering rush in Lake Roosevelt and is working with Jenifer Parsons from Ecology and Danielle Blevins, Colville Tribes Soil Conservationist and others to determine the extent of the infestation. Another site was located this summer in Douglas County has flowering rush on the PUD ROW.
- Greg also reported on the Army Corp of Engineers flowering rush control funding of about two million dollars. Jen Parson is putting together proposals for projects for this funding. There is an internal hold up on releasing the funds, and they are looking for 50/50 match on funding from non-federal sources.
- He spoke about the upcoming Innovations for Invasive Species Conference in December in Coeur d'Alene, ID.
- Greg discussed a table top exercise being developed with Justin Bush for early detection and rapid response of an invasive weed species. Mary Fee is also working on this project.
- He also stated that the Forest Service funded grant request for proposals will be out in the next weeks totaling around \$75,000. Grants will probably have a limit of \$5,000 per grant.

The Board discussed:

- Janet asked about the control measures for flowering rush. Greg stated that Benton and Yakima counties were using glyphosate with hit and miss control. Greg spoke about using bubble curtains. He also took the training for Procellecor herbicide which might work in a tank mix for flowering rush.
- Biocontrol research is moving forward.
- Greg was asked if there was anything that the board could do to help with the Army Corp funding. He said that a letter of support might help, although he or Jen may know more shortly.

BUDGET REPORT

The Board reviewed the financial spreadsheet for 2019 year-end report and the current budget report.

- Fiscal year 19 ended June 30, 2019. Mary discussed the discrepancies in the 2019 year-end report regarding salary adjustments. She will be contacting fiscal and/or the AG regarding this issue.

- Mary reviewed the current budget numbers and reported that there were no outstanding payments. Travel for the next biennium was increased to \$12,919 with no need for a budget adjustment. The final budget allotments for fiscal year 2020 total \$278,410.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE

REVIEW OF AND VOTING TO MOVE FORWARD OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 2019 NOXIOUS WEED LIST

There was one Class A addition proposal for adding South American spongeplant, one proposed class C addition for multiflora rose, three proposed un-designations of Class B noxious weeds in Ferry County, and proposed designation updates to 13 Class B noxious weeds. The Class B noxious weed review was based on distribution maps produced by Greg Haubrich and feedback on noxious weed distributions from county coordinators. Due to the number of Class B noxious weeds, the Committee reviewed half of them last year and reviewed another 19 this year. Wendy presented on the proposed changes for the 2020 noxious weed list. Greg reviewed the recommendations from the noxious weed committee for each proposal. After reviewing each change the board went back through and voted on which proposed changes will move forward to the noxious weed list hearing on November 5th.

Noxious Weed List Addition Proposals

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

Greg stated that the Committee recommended the proposal to list South American spongeplant as a Class A noxious weed.

VOTE	Janet Spingath	Moved that the proposal for South American spongeplant to be added as a Class A noxious weed be considered at the public hearing.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Multiflora rose, *Rosa multiflora*, as a Class C noxious weed

Greg stated that the Committee recommended waiting on this proposal, to gather more information about multiflora rose and consider the addition next year.

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved that the proposal for multiflora rose be deferred for one year.
	Janet Spingath	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Class B Un-designation Proposals from Ferry County

- Russian knapweed, *Rhaponticum repens*, in the southern half of Ferry County, from the Colville Confederated Tribe Reservation line south.
- Rush skeletonweed, *Chondrilla juncea*, in the southern half of Ferry County, from the Colville Confederated Tribe Reservation line south.
- Spotted knapweed, *Centaurea stoebe*, in Ferry County.

Greg stated that the Committee did not support these proposals to undesignate these three noxious weeds from Ferry County.

Steven commented that counties only have so many resources.

No motion was made, therefore the proposals will not go forward or go to public hearing.

Class B Designation Proposals

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

Greg stated that the Committee recommendation was to move the Eurasian watermilfoil designation proposal forward to the hearing.

VOTE	Dirk Veleke	Moved that the proposal for designation of Eurasian watermilfoil in Kitsap, Kittitas, and Whitman counties be considered at the public hearing.
	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.

Greg stated that the committee recommendation was to move the Bohemian knotweed designation proposal forward to the hearing.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved that the proposal for designation of Bohemian knotweed in San Juan, Whitman, Yakima, and Stevens counties be considered at the public hearing.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

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

Greg stated that the Committee recommendation was to move the Japanese knotweed designation proposal forward to the hearing.

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved that the proposal for designation of Japanese knotweed in Stevens County be considered at the public hearing.
	Janet Spingath	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Giant knotweed, *Polygonum sachalinense*, reviewed with no changes.

Greg stated that the Committee recommendation was to leave giant knotweed designation as is. No motion was made, therefore the proposals will not go forward or to public hearing.

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

Greg stated that the Committee recommendation was to move the Himalayan knotweed designation proposal forward to the hearing.

VOTE	Dirk Veleke	Moved that the proposal for designation of Himalayan knotweed in Clark and Stevens counties be considered at the public hearing.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Kochia, *Bassia scoparia*, reviewed with no changes.

Greg stated that the Committee recommendation was to leave the kochia designation as is. No motion was made, therefore the proposals will not go forward or to public hearing.

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

Greg stated that the committee recommendation was to move the lesser celandine designation proposal forward to the hearing.

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved that the proposal for designation of lesser celandine be considered at the public hearing.
	Janet Spingath	Seconded the motion
	The Board	Motion died.

Ken asked for Clark County to be designated. He felt that if the surrounding counties are required to control it, then Clark County should be held to the same regulation. Brad questions why Clark County was left undesignated. Wendy reviewed the distribution map and comments. Brad questioned the exception for King and Whatcom counties. Tony asked if it was a B select in Clark County. Wendy noted that it is not selected in Clark County for control and that Whatcom and King Counties have larger infestations. Bill commented that it should be designated in Clark County. Discussion continued until Tony called for a vote. The motion then died due to lack of votes.

VOTE	Ken Bajema	Moved that the proposal for the designation of lesser celandine in all counties of the state be considered at the public hearing.
	No One	Seconded the motion
	The Board	Motion Died

Bill asked about why the committee made its recommendation. Greg explained the distribution of lesser celandine. Tony state that there was a motion and needed a second. The motion was not seconded, thus the motion died.

VOTE	Janet Spingath	Moved that the proposal for the designation of lesser celandine in all counties of the state except for King and Whatcom counties be considered at the public hearing.
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	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	Janet Spingath withdrew the motion	Motion Withdrew

Brad made a clarifying comment about if the motion was to have the proposal heard at the hearing and if changes can be made at the hearing. Tony explained that changes to designate cannot be made at the hearing. Wendy also explained the CR 102 process and that no changes can be made after that. Tony suggested voting on each region separately. Bill continued in agreement with Tony. Janet withdrew her motion.

VOTE	Janet Spingath	Moved that the proposal for the designation of lesser celandine in region 1 be considered at the public hearing.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

VOTE	Janet Spingath	Moved that the proposal for the designation of lesser celandine in region 2 except King and Whatcom counties be considered at the public hearing.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	The Board	Majority in favor, one opposed, motion carried.

VOTE	Janet Spingath	Moved that the proposal for the designation of lesser celandine in region 3 be considered at the public hearing.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Bill commented about the whole region being designated and not being able to except Clark County at the hearing. Tony agreed and discussed being able to provide the exception next year.

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved that the proposal for the designation of lesser celandine in regions 4, 5, and 6 be considered at the public hearing.
	Janet Spingath	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

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

Greg stated that the committee recommendation was to move the leafy spurge designation proposal forward to the hearing.

VOTE	Ken Bajema	Moved that the proposal for designation of leafy spurge in Whitman and Garfield counties be considered at the public hearing.
	Carey Caruso	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

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

Greg stated that the committee recommendation was to move the purple loosestrife designation proposal forward to the hearing.

VOTE	Dirk Veleke	Moved that the proposal for designation of purple loosestrife in Benton and Pierce counties be considered at the public hearing.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

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

Greg stated that the committee recommendation was to move the wand loosestrife designation proposal forward to the hearing.

VOTE	Janet Spingath	Moved that the proposal for designation of wand loosestrife in Benton, Pierce, and Mason counties be considered at the public hearing.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Parrot feather, reviewed with no changes.

Greg stated that the committee recommendation was to leave the parrotfeather, *Myriophyllum aquaticum* designation as is. No motion was made, therefore the proposals will not go forward or to public hearing.

- Perennial pepperweed, *Lepidium latifolium*, reviewed with no changes.

Greg stated that the Committee recommendation was to leave the perennial pepperweed designation as is. No motion was made, therefore the proposals will not go forward or to public hearing.

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

Greg stated that the Committee recommendation was to move the poison hemlock designation proposal forward to the hearing.

VOTE	Dirk Veleke	Moved that the proposal for designation of poison hemlock in Douglas County be considered at the public hearing.
	Ken Bajema	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

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

Greg stated that the Committee recommendation was to move the policeman's helmet designation proposal forward to the hearing.

VOTE	Janet Spingath	Moved that the proposal for designation of policeman's helmet in Pierce and Pacific counties be considered at the public hearing.
	Bill Agosta	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Puncturevine, *Tribulus terrestris*, reviewed with no changes.

Greg stated that the committee recommendation was to leave the puncturevine designation as is. No motion was made, therefore the proposals will not go forward or to public hearing.

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

Greg stated that the Committee recommendation was to move the Ravenna grass designation proposal forward to the hearing.

VOTE	Dirk Veleke	Moved that the proposal for designation of Ravenna grass in Grant County be considered at the public hearing.
	Ken Bajema	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

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

Greg stated that the Committee recommendation was to move the rush skeletonweed designation proposal forward to the hearing.

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved that the proposal for designation of rush skeletonweed in Kitsap County be considered at the public hearing.
	Ken Bajema	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Plumeless thistle, *Carduus acanthoides*, reviewed with no changes.

Greg stated that the committee recommendation was to leave the plumeless thistle designation as is. No motion was made, therefore the proposals will not go forward or to public hearing.

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

Greg stated that the committee recommendation was to move the European coltsfoot designation proposal forward to the hearing.

VOTE	Dirk Veleke	Moved that the proposal for designation of European coltsfoot in Grant County be considered at the public hearing.
	Ken Bajema	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mary provided copies of the proposed changes for WAC 16.750 and RCW 17.10

The board reviewed the proposed changes for WAC 16.750. These proposed changes are intended to improve the ability of the WSNWCB to carry out the duties and authorities assigned to the board per Chapter 17.10 RCW.

1. WAC 16-750-115 Adding an advisory board member appoint by the County Noxious Weed Coordinator’s Association.
2. WAC 16-750-140 Adding a standing legislative committee.
3. WAC 16-750-142 Create a new section for the State noxious weed control board—Executive secretary and education specialist—Hiring and dismissal.
4. WAC 16-750-145 Editing the State noxious weed control board—Executive secretary—Definition.
5. WAC 16-750-146 Adding new section for the State noxious weed control board—Education specialist—Definition.
6. WAC 16-750-150 Repealing section on State noxious weed control board- Executive secretary- Hiring and dismissal. Moved to section 142.

The Board discussed:

Janet questioned if WAC 16.750.142 and .146 would be in conflict with WSDA procedures. Brad suggested that it was a slightly different process but still within due process. Tony asked about who is responsible for hiring of board employees. Discussion was had about the responsibilities of the Executive Secretary and hiring of employees. Additional conversation was had regarding the Education Specialist position and responsibilities. Discussion was had about the new coordinator association board member being advisory and not a voting member.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved that the proposal for these additional changes to WAC 16.750 be considered at the public hearing.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor except Ken Bajema abstained, motion carried.

The board reviewed the proposed changes for RCW 17.10 from Senator Warnick’s office. Mary reported that this bill would be submitted for legislation in December 2019. If the issues with WSDOT and paying assessments are still not resolved, then the proposed changes to section 17.10.145 will not be considered. Janet asked about the definition of ROW (right-of-way). The definition was discussed. Bill commented on the 10 signatures that are required for county board nominees must obtain. He stated that it can be difficult in rural areas for nominees to get the signatures. Ken agreed and commented that this may not be very effective. Section 17.10.050 was discussed pertaining to reducing the number of county board members required to be engaged in the primary production of an agricultural product from 4 to 3. Discussion was had about being consistent throughout RCW 17.10 with converting shall to must. How the budget funds are appropriated was discussed and if there was a change that could be made to insure that noxious weed board funds are separate and cannot be reallocated if there is a budget shortfall. Mary reported on her meetings with both the WSDA policy staff and the Forestry Protection Association. The Board’s consensus was to move forward with the proposed changes in Warnick’s draft of RCW 17.10 with the following additional changes:

- Consistency with changing shall to must
- Reducing the number of county board members required to be engaged in the primary production of an agricultural product from 4 to 3.
- Check on wording in section 17.10.074 (3) pertaining to weed board fund appropriations.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Mary asked the Board if they would like to contribute funds for a keynote speaker at the weed conference. The Weed Association is paying half and trying to raise the additional half from sponsors.

VOTE	Janet Spingath	Moved to contribute \$100 to the Weed Conference’s keynote speaker.
	Jerry Henderickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Steven Seefeldt commented that multiflora rose is not very difficult to control.

COORDINATORS FORUM

- Vic Reeves stated that he likes and is very supportive of the Eastside state board meetings. He stated that he would like to see the 10 signature policy stay in place for county board member nominations.
- Eric Bell commented that he continues to get 10 registered voter signatures even in his rural areas.
- Scott Watson, the new coordinator for the Whitman County Noxious Weed Control Program, introduced himself.
- Naedene Shearer, the new coordinator for the Columbia County Noxious Weed Control Program, introduced herself.

The board meeting adjourned at 11:53 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