

**Regular Meeting of the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board**  
**9:00 a.m. September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**WebEx hosted at the Natural Resources Building,**  
**1111 Washington St. SE, Olympia WA, 98504**

Handouts provided for meeting:

- Agenda for meeting
- Draft minutes of the July 23rd, 2020 regular board meeting
- Office reports for July, August, and beginning September
- Budget report
- Proposed 2021 Noxious Weed List Changes Handout and PowerPoint Presentation

**Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairman Tony Stadelman.**

**ROLL CALL:**

*Board Members Present*

Tony Stadelman (WebEx)		Randy Johnson (WebEx)
Bill Agosta (WebEx)	Jerry Hendrickson (WebEx)	Jenifer Parsons (WebEx)
	Dirk Veleke (WebEx)	Steven Seefeldt (WebEx)
Ken Bajema (WebEx)	Carey Caruso (WebEx)	Rod Gilbert (WebEx)

*Others present:*

Mary Fee, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board  
 Beth Tanner, Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board  
 Jennifer Mendoza, Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board  
 Bill Wamsley, Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board  
 Allen Evenson, Grant County Weed District #3  
 Anna Lyon, Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board  
 Darla Dolph, Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board  
 Patricia Grover, Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board  
 Jason Ontjes, San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board  
 Julie Sanderson, Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board  
 Greg Haubrich, WSDA Pest Program Manager  
 Kevin Hupp, Lincoln County Noxious Weed Control Board

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes for the July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 regular meeting.

<b>VOTE</b>	Bill Agosta	Moved to accept the minutes for the July 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2020 regular meeting.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

## **BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

- Bill mentioned that the summer has gone by and the rains are now in San Juan County.
- Jerry also reported about the rain but that it has been nice weather in Asotin.
- Randy noted that the knotweed is doing fine regardless of climate.
- Steve reported on the reed canary grass project in Rock Lake.
- Jennifer reported that an Avista Biologist found what think to be the source of flowering rush in the Spokane River system up Hangman Creek.
- Tony reported there has been about ½ inch of rain.

## **OFFICE REPORTS**

Mary reported that:

- Mary reported on the Pollinator Task force. They are finalizing recommendations for legislation.
- She has been working on the final end of year budget.
- Mary has submitted the letter of support for continuation of WISC.
- Mary attended Representative Dent’s Task Force regarding the RCW 17.10 proposed changes and continues to offer support.
- She has also been working on the SBEIS, CR 102, and nursery survey for the 2021 Weed List Changes.

Wendy reported that:

- She has been working on Turkish thistle and hanging sedge written findings.
- She also has prepped for Noxious Weed Committee meetings.
- Wendy also conducted a county survey for proposed additions to the noxious weed list.
- She attended a noxious weed and monitor species site visit in San Juan Island.
- Wendy continued to fill publication requests and update the website and Facebook.

## **WSDA UPDATE**

Greg stated that contracts will be sent out late. Spartina crews are in the field adapting to covid restrictions. Tony asked about the Asian Giant Hornets. Greg stated that they are getting additional funding from Aphis for extra traps and an extra lab person. He spoke about the process to capture live hornets. Rod asked about the reasoning for capturing a live hornet. Greg explained that the intent was to track a live hornet back to the hive. He also stated that it was best to eradicate the infestation in the dark when the hornets are at the nest. Steve asked about the Japanese procedures. Greg said that the Japanese honey bees will attack the hornets and defend their nests but that is not the case here. The local traps and baits have been modeled after the Asian work conducted.

**NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Mary presented a brief PowerPoint presentation on 2021 Noxious Weed List Proposed changes and class B review. Rod interjected with comments.

**2021 Noxious Weed List Additions and Designation Changes**

- Turkish thistle, *Carduus cinereus*, as a Class A noxious weed

<b>VOTE</b>	Bill Agosta	Moved that the proposal for adding Turkish thistle 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.

- Hanging sedge, *Carex pendula*, as a Class A noxious weed

<b>VOTE</b>	Bill Agosta	Moved that the proposal for adding hanging sedge be added as a Class A noxious weed be considered at the public hearing.
	Dirk Veleke	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Siberian elm, *Ulmus pumila*, as a noxious weed – Noxious Weed Committee recommends adding to the Monitor List
- Cherry laurel, *Prunus laurocerasus*, as a noxious weed – Noxious Weed Committee recommends it remains on the Monitor List

**Class B Undesignation Proposal**

- Undesignating the wall subgenus (Hieracium) in Snohomish County. This proposal was submitted by Gerry Saw, Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board.

<b>VOTE</b>	Bill Agosta	Moved that the proposal to undesignate wall subgenus (Hieracium) in Snohomish County be considered at the public hearing.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

**Class B designation Proposals**

- Designate Ravenna grass, *Saccharum ravennae*, in Chelan County. This proposal was submitted by Julie Sanderson, Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board.

<b>VOTE</b>	Dirk Veleke	Moved that the proposal to designate Ravenna grass, <i>Saccharum ravennae</i> , in Chelan County be considered at the public hearing.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

The following 10 designation changes are recommended by the Noxious Weed Committee after reviewing each.

- Designate myrtle spurge, *Euphorbia myrsinites*, in Stevens County.
- Designate saltcedar, *Tamarix ramosissima*, in Benton and Franklin counties
- Designate spurge laurel, *Daphne laureola*, in Skamania County
- Designate tansy ragwort, *Jacobaea vulgaris*, in Klickitat County
- Designate velvetleaf, *Abutilon theophrasti*, in Franklin County
- Designate water primrose, *Ludwigia hexapetala*, in Cowlitz County
- Designate white bryony, *Bryonia alba*, in Garfield County
- Designate wild chervil, *Anthriscus sylvestris*, in Cowlitz, Island, Skamania, and Clark counties
- Designate yellow archangel, *Lamium galeobdolon*, in Cowlitz County
- Designate yellow floatingheart, *Nymphoides peltata*, in Cowlitz County

<b>VOTE</b>	Dirk Veleke	Moved that all 10 Noxious Weed Committee designation change proposals be considered at the public hearing.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

### Scientific Name Updates

Noxious Weed Committee recommends update the following names on the state noxious weed list – reference: Flora of the Pacific Northwest, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (Hitchcock and Cronquist 2018)

1. *Anchusa arvensis*, annual bugloss > ***Lycopsis arvensis***
2. *Polygonum cuspidatum*, Japanese knotweed > ***Fallopia japonica***
3. *Polygonum sachalinense*, giant knotweed > ***Fallopia sachalinensis***
4. *Polygonum x bohemicum*, Bohemian knotweed > ***Fallopia x bohémica***

5. *Saccharum ravennae*, Ravenna grass > ***Tripidium ravennae***
6. *Matricaria perforata*, scentless mayweed > ***Tripleurospermum inodorum***
7. *Silene latifolia* ssp. *alba*, white cockle > ***Silene latifolia***
8. *Centaurea x moncktonii*, meadow knapweed > ***Centaurea x gerstlaueri***
9. *Zostera japonica*, Japanese eelgrass > ***Nanozostera japonica***
10. *Rubus armeniacus* > ***Rubus bifrons***

<b>VOTE</b>	Bill Agosta	Moved that all 10 Noxious Weed Committee scientific name changes be considered at the public hearing.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Mary reported that RCW 17.10 proposed changes are now being handled by Representative Dent and his staff. There will be another Task Force meeting in the near future.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

- Mary presented the budget worksheet. She expects a 15% cut. Greg validated that assumption. Tony asked Greg about furlough next year. Greg said that it was a good idea to plan for furloughs and a 15% decrease.

#### DISCUSSION TOPICS

- **Flowering rush, Chelan County PUD, and right-of-way:** Jennifer discussed the need for an AAG opinion on the issue of ownership for land within river beds and along river right-of-ways and easements. Tony asked if this relates to the high water mark. Jennifer stated that the land in question was below the high water mark. Jennifer stated that it could be land within 3 feet of the high water mark but mostly above it. DNR claims the river bed and up to the high water mark. Randy agreed that there is a legal issue and that it should be sorted out.

<b>VOTE</b>	Tony Stadelman	Moved to get an official legal opinion on who is legally responsible when there is an use easement along a river bank.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- **County Legislative Authority and Noxious Weed Control Board MOUs:**

Bill explained that there was some concern about the Jefferson County Noxious Weed Control Board. He recommended for the board to gather more information. Tony suggested meeting with the commissioners similar to the meeting with Douglas County Commissioners. Randy suggested to offer a working session with the commissioners. Mary will work on setting up a meeting.

- **Biennial Report:**

Mary is working on a draft and will take any suggestions.

- **Personnel:**

Wendy has given her resignation and will be contracting with WSDA on some projects. Tony asked to get a job announcement out by October 10-15th and potentially plan on interviews November 4<sup>th</sup>. The board discussed a hiring committee. Greg, Jenifer Andreas, Tony, and Mary will be on the hiring committee.

- **Elections:**

Mary announced that Bill, Ken, and Tony are up for re-elections and Rod is up for re-appointment. Tony gave his official notice that he will not be running. He stated that 24 and a half years has been a good run. Rod also gave notice that he will not be re-appointed.

## **COORDINATORS FORUM**

- Kevin Hupp stated that we will miss Tony.

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

The board discussed the next meeting date to be November 10<sup>th</sup> following the Noxious Weed List Public Hearing.

The board meeting adjourned at 10:46 am by a motion by Bill Agosta and seconded by Jerry Hendrickson.

All in favor.

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Tony Stadelman, Chairman  
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Dirk Veleke, Secretary  
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Mary Fee, Executive Secretary WSNWCB