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State Noxious Weed Control Board sets public hearing to consider changes to the 2021 noxious weed list and WAC 16.750

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board (WSNWCB) will hold a public hearing on November 10th via WebEx Webinar to take comments on proposed rule-making changes to the 2021 state noxious weed list and WAC 16.750. The changes proposed consist of two Class A additions and twelve Class B noxious weed designation changes.

When: 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Where: WebEx Please contact Mary Fee at MFee@agr.wa.gov or 360-561-4428 for login information if you would like to attend.

How to comment:

- Mail written testimony to: WSNWCB; P.O. Box 42560; Olympia, WA 98504-2560.
- Send comments by email to noxiousweeds@agr.wa.gov.
- Attend the public hearing to provide written or verbal testimony in person.

Written testimony should be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, November 9, 2020. At the hearing, verbal testimony will be limited to three minutes per person, with an additional opportunity to speak if time allows.

The WSNWCB will vote on the proposed rule changes during its regular board meeting later the same day via WebEx, Tuesday November 10, beginning at 1:00 p.m. This meeting is also open to the public. Please contact Mary Fee at MFee@agr.wa.gov or 360-561-4428 for login information if you would like to attend the WSNWCB Regular Meeting

Proposed Class A additions to the 2021 state noxious weed list:

- Turkish thistle, *Carduus cinereus*, as a Class A noxious weed – Turkish thistle is a newly identified non-native thistle found close to Washington in northeastern Oregon and the adjacent area in Idaho. Listed as a noxious weed in Oregon and Idaho, Turkish thistle invades open habitats and can readily spread and crowd out native species.
- Hanging sedge, *Carex pendula*, as a Class A noxious weed – Hanging sedge is an evergreen, perennial, clumping sedge with tall arching stems having long, hanging spikes. Introduced ornamentally, this sedge grows in shaded areas with wet soils in a variety of habitats, notably along edges of streams and creeks.

Proposed Class B designation changes to the 2021 state noxious weed list:

The WSNWCB will be considering the following designation changes to these Class B noxious weeds:

- Non-native hawkweeds in the wall subgenus (*Hieracium*): undesignate in Snohomish County
- Ravenna grass (*Saccharum ravennae*): designate in Chelan County
- Myrtle spurge (*Euphorbia myrsinites*): designate in Stevens County
- Saltcedar (*Tamarix ramosissima*): designate in Benton and Franklin counties
- Spurge laurel (*Daphne laureola*): designate in Skamania County
- Tansy ragwort (*Jacobaea vulgaris*): designate in Klickitat County
- Velvetleaf (*Abutilon theophrasit*): designate in Franklin County
- Water primrose (*Ludwigia hexapetala*): designate in Cowlitz County
- White bryony (*Bryonia alba*): designate in Garfield County
- Wild chervil (*Anthriscus sylvestris*): designate in Cowlitz, Clark, Island, and Skamania counties
- Yellow archangel (*Lamiastrum galeobdolon*): designate in Cowlitz County
- Yellow floating heart (*Nymphoides peltata*): designate in Cowlitz County

Proposed scientific name updates

- *Anchusa arvensis*, annual bugloss to *Lycopsis arvensis*
- *Polygonum cuspidatum*, Japanese knotweed to *Fallopia japonica*
- *Polygonum sachalinense*, giant knotweed to *Fallopia sachalinensis*
- *Polygonum x bohemicum*, Bohemian knotweed to *Fallopia x bohémica*
- *Saccharum ravennae*, Ravenna grass to *Triplidium ravennae*
- *Matricaria perforata*, scentless mayweed to *Tripleurospermum inodorum*
- *Silene latifolia* ssp. *alba*, white cockle to *Silene latifolia*
- *Centaurea x moncktonii*, meadow knapweed to *Centaurea x gerstlaueri*
- *Zostera japonica*, Japanese eelgrass to *Nanozostera japonica*

Visit <https://www.nwcb.wa.gov/whats-new> for more information about these proposed changes and other noxious weeds.