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State Noxious Weed Control Board sets public hearing to consider changes to the 2023 noxious weed list and WAC 16.750

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board (WSNWCB) will hold a public hearing on November 1st via WebEx Webinar to take comments on proposed rule-making changes to the 2023 state noxious weed list and WAC 16.750. The changes proposed consist of a definition for feral being added, four Class B designation changes, and one class C addition.

When: 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022

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, October 31, 2022. At the hearing, verbal testimony will be limited to three minutes per person.

The WSNWCB will vote on the proposed rule changes during its regular board meeting the next day via WebEx, Wednesday November 2, beginning at 9:00 a.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

WAC 16-750-003 addition of the definition of feral

- Feral means where a plant species has escaped a managed landscape or is growing without human management or design. “Feral” does not include any plants grown for agricultural or commercial purposes.

WAC 16-750-011 Proposed Class B designation changes

- Common tansy, *Tanacetum vulgare*; un-designate in Lewis County.
- Spotted knapweed, *Centaurea stoebe*: designate in Douglas County.
- Shiny geranium, *Geranium lucidum*: un-designate in King County.
- Scotch Thistle, *Onopordum acanthium*, designate in Douglas County.

WAC 16-750-015 Proposed Class C addition

- Feral holly, *Ilex aquifolium*: Addition as a class C noxious weed species not including holly found in managed landscapes or where commercially or agriculturally grown.

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