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State Noxious Weed Control Board sets public hearing to consider changes to the 2024 noxious weed list and WAC 16.750

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board (WSNWCB) will hold a public hearing on October 31st WebEx Webinar to take comments on proposed rule-making changes to the 2024 state noxious weed list and WAC 16.750. The changes proposed consist of a conflict of interest section being added, clarification and administrative edits, two class A additions, two Class B designation changes, and one class C addition.

When: 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31st, 2023

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

In-person Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel 201 North Wenatchee Ave Wenatchee WA, 98801

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 30, 2023. 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 1, 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 virtually. Physical location is Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel 201 North Wenatchee Ave Wenatchee WA, 98801.

New Section WAC 16-750-137 RULES ON CONFLICTS

WAC 16-750-005 Class A Noxious Weed Changes and Additions

The addition of Palmer amaranth, *Amaranthus palmeri*

The addition of variable-leaf milfoil hybrids, *Myriophyllum heterophyllum* x *Myriophyllum hippuroides*

WAC 16-750-011 Class B Noxious Weed Changes and Additions

Undesignating Brazilian elodea, *Egeria densa* in Green Lake in King County.

Undesignating shiny geranium, *Geranium lucidum*, in Snohomish County.

WAC 16-750-015 Class C Noxious Weed Changes and Additions

Adding European, American, and hybrid beach grasses, *Ammophila arenaria*, *A. breviligulata*, and *A. arenaria* x *breviligulata*.

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