

**Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board November Meeting  
9:00 a.m. November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Online/Teleconferenced via WebEx Only due to Covid-19 Restrictions**

Handouts provided for meeting:

- Agenda for meeting.
- Draft minutes of September special and regular meetings.
- Office report.
- Financial report.

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Bill Agosta

## Roll Call

Board members present via WebEx:

Allen Evenson	Dirk Veleke	Jerry Hendrickson
Bill Agosta	Ian Burke	Ken Bajema
Brad White	Janet Spingath	Steven Seefeldt

Others present via WebEx:

- Mary Fee, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
- Anne Schuster, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
- Beth Tanner, Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Greg Haubrich, Washington Department of Agriculture
- Joseph Shea, Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Kela Hall-Wieckert, Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Megan Stewart, Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Pat Grover, Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Tom Erler, King County Noxious Weed Control Board

## Board Member Comments

- Janet joined the board meeting from the Washington Vegetation Management Association Weed Conference. She reported that it is very well attended, in person and virtually.

## Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes for the September special and regular meetings, and approved as submitted, without objection.

## Office Reports

Mary and Anne highlighted tasks and events from the mid-Sept., Oct., and early Nov. office reports. Some highlights include:

- Mary and Anne attended many meetings, including Pollinator Task Force Subcommittees meetings, Douglas County Noxious Weed Survey Committee meeting, and planning and implementation meetings for Tree of Heaven Census month with WISC and other partners.
- Anne and Mary gave many presentations, including to the Washington Vegetation Management Association Weed Conference, WSU's Full Farm Planning Course, and WISC's Spotted Lanternfly and Tree of Heaven webinar.
- Mary prepared for filing, the updates to the Noxious Weed List 2022. Mary and Anne prepared for and held the Noxious Weed List update hearing and Noxious Weed Control Board meeting to approve final decisions.
- Mary worked on many administrative projects, including a report for WSDOT Assessment Billing group, application and contract for pollinator seed distribution, answered noxious weed enforcement procedure questions, conducted research and communication regarding Douglas, Lewis, and Jefferson counties, and managed regular billings and financial demands for the updated financial report.
- Anne performed many education and outreach activities including filling publication requests, website updates, social media posts, answering questions on plant ID, weed control, and other correspondence, continued to organize the storage unit, updated the written findings for 2022 Noxious Weed List update, and updated many power point presentations.

## State Agency Updates

WSDA – Brad White

- There were no weed-related updates from WSDA.
- The vaccine mandate went into effect, and has caused some losses and slowdown, though not much.
- There was no new information on if board members need to be vaccinated or provide proof of vaccination.

WSDA – Greg Haubrich

- His team only lost one out of 40 people with the mandate.
- Wendy DesCamp is on half-time, and there is no replacement for Greg's old position.
- Greg filed a supplementary budget request, to hopefully get back the funding to fill Greg's prior position in Yakima.
- Knotweed and Spartina projects are fully funded.

## Financial Update

- Mary summarized that the financial update is status quo.
- Publications will be the bulk of future spending before the end of the fiscal year. Mostly for a reprint of the Western Field Guides, but also for a few brochures and postcards.

- Not much money is being spent on travel, so funds budgeted for travel could potentially be used to pay for the Douglas County weed survey
- Mary is insuring to track down all bill copies.
- Class A grants and Jennifer Andreas’ biocontrol projects have been approved and allotted, though not spent yet.

## Weed proposals and changes

Mary went over the following proposed updates and changes to the Noxious Weed List

- Hanging sedge - *Carex pendula*, *Carex pendula subsp. pendula* and *Carex pendula subsp. agastachys*
  - Class B. Designated in region 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and region 2 except for King County.
- Rough chervil - *Chaerophyllum temulum*
  - Class B. Designated in region 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and region 2 except for King County.
  - Snohomish County withdrew their request made at the hearing, to not designate rough chervil there, they now want it designated in their county.
- Wild basil - *Clinopodium vulgare*
  - Class B. Designated in region 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and region 3 except for Skamania County.
- Common tansy - *Tanacetum vulgare*
  - Reclassification and designation change from a class C to a class B. Designated in Clallam County of region 1, Kitsap and San Juan counties of region 2, Cowlitz and Lewis counties of region 3, and Adams and Lincoln counties of region 5.
- Green alkanet – *Pentaglottis sempervirens*
  - Class C.
- Wild Carrot/Queen Anne’s Lace - *Daucus carota*
  - Still class C. Clarifying definition by adding the wording, to exclude *Daucus carota subsp. sativus* (garden carrot) grown commercially or for food.

<b>VOTE</b>	Janet Spingath	Moved to approve all proposed updates and changes
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion.
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

## Discussion Topics

Steven Seefeldt

- Steven Seefeldt retired the day after this meeting. His position, as a scientific advisor will need to be filled, and if anyone has any ideas, they should let Mary know.
- This is now the 2<sup>nd</sup> advisor position we have open, the other is for an aquatic scientific advisor position. Todd Palzer, with DNR, may have someone in mind.
- Appointments will be made by the director of WSDA, who will take recommendations from Mary, which he will likely approve.

Vaccine Mandate

- Mary has a 2 month extension on her vaccine exemption, until mid-December.

- Bill is not appointing a hiring committee to replace Mary at this point.
- Brad White, with WSDA, does not want to know the vaccination status of the board members, as there is no currently known requirement for them to be vaccinated.
- It may be the case, that as long as board meetings are virtual, the board is not mandated to get vaccinated or prove vaccination status.

### Standing Committee Appointments

- The standing committee appointments will be made in January. Mary will send out the committee information, and board members can decide if they want to join, leave, or change which committees they are on.

### Douglas County Survey

- The Douglas County Weed Survey planning committee met.
- Dirk Veleke is the lead.
- They defined species, locations, timing, costs, and other administrative issues regarding the project.

### 2022 Board Meeting Dates

- The registrar needs the board meeting dates for 2022 by January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The board decided they would be at 9am on the following days:
  - January 20<sup>th</sup>
  - March 16<sup>th</sup> (will coincide with the Coordinator's Forum)
  - May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - July 14<sup>th</sup>
  - September 8<sup>th</sup> (a little earlier than the other dates, because of filing deadlines on decisions for what species will go forward to the hearing.
  - November 1<sup>st</sup> – hearing (usually in the afternoon, not morning, and on a Tuesday)
  - November 2<sup>nd</sup> – meeting to vote on weed list changes (on a Wednesday, to not overlap too much with the Washington Vegetation Management Association Weed Conference)

### Coordinators Forum

- Joseph Shea was also at the Washington Vegetation Management Association Weed Conference. There were 300 people there in person, and at least 200 watching virtually
- Pat Grover was thankful for the listing of hanging sedge, because more was found in Mason County. She also thanked the board for the equipment from the previous fiscal year.
- Tom Erler thanked Wendy for assistance gathering hanging sedge information.

### Public Comment

- None

The next board meeting will be on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 9 a.m., via webinar.

The board meeting adjourned at 9:48am

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Bill Agosta, Chairman  
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Janet Spingath, Secretary  
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Mary Fee, Executive Secretary WSNWCB