

Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board Special Emergency Meeting
11:00 a.m. October 20th, 2025
Online via Zoom

Handouts provided for meeting:

- Agenda for meeting.
- Emails regarding sunflower broomrape, *Orobanche cumana* being found in Washington State

Meeting called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Allen Evenson

Roll Call

Board members present via Zoom and in person:

Alaine Sommargren	Eric Bell	Randy Johnson
Alison Halpern	Jennifer Andreas	
Allen Evenson	Ron Debow	

Others present via Zoom and in person:

- Mary Fee, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
- Anne Schuster, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
- Ashlie Arthur, King County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Christina St. John, Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Jason Ontjes, San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Jennifer Mendoza, Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board
- John Johnson, Thurston County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Katie Buckley, Washington State Department of Agriculture
- Lauren Vorona, King County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Ryan Young
- Scott Watson, Whitman County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Sue Bird, Yakima County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Tayna Russell, Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Tom Erler, King County Noxious Weed Control Board

Proposed emergency Class A listing

- Alison and Sue summarized how some sunflower broomrape plants were found in Yakima County, the first instance of *Orobanche cumana* in North America.
- Sue summarized the ecology, biology, impacts, invasiveness, identification, and eradication methods of sunflower broomrape.
- Mary summarized the difference between an emergency listing and a normal listing. An emergency listing will only last for 3 months. The board will need to hold a hearing and meeting to vote on listing sunflower broomrape, with the other listed species in the RCW.
 - Mary will fill out the forms to get a normal listing through with a hearing in January, to be just before the January board meeting.

VOTE	Alaine	Moved to list <i>Orobancha cumana</i> , sunflower broomrape, as an emergency Class A.
	Randy	Seconded the motion.
	<i>The Board</i>	Aye: Alaine, Alison, Randy, Ron, Allen Nay: none All in favor, no opposed, motion passed

Public Comment

- none

The public hearing will be on November 4th, at 1 p.m., via webinar and in person.

The next board meeting will be on November 5th, at 9 a.m., via webinar and in person.

The board meeting adjourned at 11:36

Allen Evenson, Chair
WSNWCB

Carey Caruso, Secretary
WSNWCB

Mary Fee, Executive Secretary WSNWCB

