

Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

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**Preliminary Agenda
November Regular Meeting
9:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 1st, 2023
Virtually via WebEx and
In Person at the Wenatchee Coast Hotel and Convention Center
201 N. Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee WA 98801**

9:00 a.m. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions

Bill Agosta	Chip Magnuson	Randy Johnson	Eric Bell
Ken Bajema	Allen Evenson	Ian Burke	Mary Fee
	Carey Caruso	Todd Palzer	Anne Schuster
Greg Haulbrich	Janet Spingath	Jennifer Andreas	Members of audience

9:05 a.m. Minutes of September regular meeting

9:10 a.m. Updates from Board Members

Election Update Districts 2 and 3

9:20 a.m. Office Reports

9:25 a.m. WSDA Update

**9:30 a.m. Financial Update
Budget report**

9:35 a.m. Committee Updates

9:40 a.m. 2024 noxious weed list and WAC 16.750 Changes - Board votes on proposed changes

Updates to the Noxious Weed List

1. 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*
2. 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.
3. 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*.

4. New Section WAC 16-750-137

DRAFT RULES ON CONFLICTS:

(1) When a member of the SNWCB is beneficially interested, directly or indirectly, in a contract, sale, lease, purchase or grant that may be made by, through, or is under the supervision of the SNWCB, in whole or in part, or when the member accepts, directly or indirectly, any compensation, gratuity, or reward from any other person beneficially interested in such contract, sale, lease, purchase or grant, the member shall:

(a) Recuse themselves from the SNWCB discussion regarding the specific contract, sale, lease, purchase or grant;

(b) Recuse themselves from the SNWCB vote on the specific contract, sale, lease, purchase or grant; and

(c) Refrain from attempting to influence the remaining SNWCB members in their discussion and vote regarding the specific contract, sale, lease, purchase or grant.

(2) When a board member has an interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or has engaged in a business or transaction or professional activity, or has incurred an obligation of any nature, that is in conflict with the proper discharge of that board member's official duties, including the adoption of the state noxious weed list, the member shall:

(a) Recuse themselves from the SNWCB discussion regarding the decision implicated by the board member's conflict of interest;

(b) Recuse themselves from the SNWCB vote on the decision implicated by the board member's conflict of interest; and

(c) Refrain from attempting to influence the remaining SNWCB members in their discussion and vote regarding the decision implicated by the board member's conflict of interest.

(3) Under subsection (2), a board member has an interest that is conflict with the proper discharge of their duties when the interest substantially impairs their ability to perform their duties as a board member in an objective and non-biased manner. For example, a board member has such a conflict of interest where that board member is engaged in, or has a beneficial interest in an entity that is engaged in, the commercial production of a species that is being considered for addition on the State noxious weed list.

(4) The prohibition against discussion set forth in sections (1)(a), (1)(c), (2)(a), and (2)(c) shall not prohibit the member of the SNWCB from using their general expertise to educate and provide general information on the subject area to the other members.

(6) If recusal occurs pursuant to subsection (1) or (2), the member of the SNWCB shall disclose to the public the reasons for his or her recusal from any board action whenever recusal occurs. The SNWCB staff shall record each recusal and the basis for the recusal.

(7) Under subsection (1), "any other person" has a beneficial interest in a contract, sale, lease, purchase or grant when the other person bids or otherwise seeks to be awarded the contract, sale, lease, purchase or grant.

5. Other administrative updates to ensure the Chapter 16-750 WAC reflects and matches RCW 17.10, and other grammatical corrections

10:10 a.m. Discussion Topics

January Topics: Vice Chair and Committees

10:20 a.m. Coordinators' Forum & Public Comment

10:30 a.m. Meeting evaluation and scheduling of 2024 meetings. Meetings will be hybrid meetings including a virtual WebEx component and in person options.

Tentative dates: January 18, March Wednesday 13th in coordination with coordinators conference 13-15th, (WISC on March 21st), May 23 (WISC on May 16th), July 18th, September 19th (WISC on September 12th), November 5th and 6th (In coordination with the November Weed Conference Nov. 6-8??)

Time: Does the board want to move the time of all or some of the meetings to evening meetings? Currently meetings are generally held at 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Adjourn

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