

Noxious Weed Committee

September 2022 Meeting Agenda

8am, Wednesday August 31st, via WebEx

Members: Marty Hudson (Chair), Bill Agosta, Ken Bajema, Jennifer Andreas, Emily Stevenson, Tom Eler, Greg Haubrich (represented by Wendy DesCamp), Todd Palzer, Cathy Lucero, and Ian Burke.

Will also be present: Mary Fee, Anne Schuster

1. Review of what has been voted to recommend to the board already
 - a. Crack willow, *Salix fragilis*
 - i. Proposed by: Luke Stillwater, Yakima County Flood Control Zone District
 1. Proposed for: Class C
 2. Other notes: in the 2021 considerations for the 2022 listing, the committee decided to hold off on crack willow until they got more information from the Yakima County Flood Control Zone District. Luke responded to the request with further information on how a listing would ease permitting and acquiring funding for control of crack willow. The committee now wants to hear from Yakima County Noxious Weed Control Board as to why they are opposed to crack willow being listed as a Class C weed.
 - ii. **Decision: Committee voted to not recommend crack willow be listed by the board.**
 - b. English ivy, *Hedera helix 'Baltica', 'Pittsburgh', and 'Star'; Hedera hibernica 'Hibernica'*
 - i. Proposed by: Ryan R., private citizen
 1. Proposed for: up-listing from Class C to Class B
 2. Other notes: The range and spread of English ivy is more like other Class C species, in that is widespread throughout the state, so it is not a good candidate for a B listing.
 - ii. **Decision: Not recommended to the board for up-listing of English ivy.**
 - c. Shiny geranium, *Geranium lucidum*
 - i. Requested for: un-designation in King County
 1. Other notes: It has spread in some areas of King County that it can't be controlled to follow the law. Control will continue.
 - ii. **Decision: Recommended to the board for shiny geranium to be un-designated in King County**
 - d. Common tansy, *Tanacetum vulgare*
 - i. Requested for: un-designation in Lewis County
 1. Other notes: The Lewis County Coordinator was new to his position when he agreed to have common tansy designated (when common tansy was up listed from C to B in 2022,) and did not know the county or

all the specifics of the law in detail. There are too many common tansy populations in some areas of the county to control it to follow the law.

ii. Decision: Recommended to the board for common tansy to be un-designated in Lewis County

e. Wild tulip, *Tulipa sylvestris*

- i. Proposed by: Emily Stevenson, Skamania County Noxious Weed Control Board
1. Other notes: Emily will be the sponsor.

ii. Decision: Wild tulip was added to the monitor list.

f. Mahaleb cherry, *Prunus mahaleb*

- i. Proposed by: Ethan Coggins, private citizen
1. Other notes: Ethan may work for a conservation organization or natural resources agency and would be a good fit for being a sponsor for this species.

ii. Decision: Mahaleb cherry was added to the monitor list.

2. Douglas County list designation updates

a. Results from Douglas County Survey

- i. Review of what is designated in Douglas County
ii. Purple loosestrife and Scotch thistle are both present, but not designated, in Douglas County, while being designated in the surrounding counties.
1. Purple loosestrife survey hasn't fully happened yet, as the funding came from a different source.
iii. Dalmatia toadflax, Russian knapweed, and spotted knapweed are present and not designated in Douglas County but are not designated in most of the surrounding counties.
1. Spotted knapweed was very limited in Douglas County.

b. Committee discussion

c. Public Comment

d. Decisions on species to be designated or undesignated in Douglas County:

- i. Emily motioned for Scotch thistle (*Onopordum acanthium*) and spotted knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*) to be recommended to be designated by the board, and to wait until next year to decide on purple loosestrife.
ii. Tom seconded the motion
iii. No discussion
iv. Vote: all in favor, no opposed.

1. Decision: Scotch thistle and spotted knapweed are being recommended to the board for designation to the board.

3. English Holly, *Ilex aquifolium*

a. Presentations

- i. Tristan Carette-Meyers (Plant Services, Field Inspector and Online Enforcement) – answering regulation questions
ii. Anne Schuster - English holly information
iii. Tom Erler (King County Noxious Weed Control Board) - presentation

b. Committee discussion

c. Public comment

- d. Decision by committee on whether to recommend or not recommend English Holly be listed to the board:
 - i. Cathy motioned for feral holly to be recommended for listing as a Class C to the board, with exemptions for holly farms, growers, and commercial holly operations. This would be word-smithed by Mary and the Attorney General
 - ii. Ian Burke seconds this motion
 - iii. Vote:
 - 1. Most – aye.
 - 2. One - abstain (WSDA, Wendy DesCamp).
 - 3. One – no, Ken, pending final wording.
 - iv. **Decision: Feral holly, with emphasis on exemptions for commercial holly operations, will be recommended to be listed as a class C to the board.**