

Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board MONTH Meeting  
9:00 a.m. September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Online/Teleconferenced via WebEx Only due to Covid-19 Restrictions

Handouts provided for meeting:

- Agenda for meeting.
- Draft minutes of July meeting.
- Office report.
- Allotment sheet rather than financial report.
- Written findings for crack willow and holly
- Noxious weed proposals

Meeting called to order at 9:19 a.m. by Bill Agosta

## Roll Call

Board members present via WebEx:

Allan Evenson	Greg Haubrich	Jerry Hendrickson
Bill Agosta	Jennifer Andreas	Ken Bajema
Carey Caruso	Ian Burke	Todd Palzer

Others present via WebEx:

- Mary Fee, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
- Anne Schuster, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
- Andrea Watts
- Beth Tanner, Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Brad Kriekhaus, Gifford Pinchot National Forest
- Cathy Lucero
- Christina St. John, Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Danika Davis, Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Dave Stokes, University of Washington
- Effie Shin, Yakima County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Elliott Church, University of Washington
- Emily Stevenson, Skamania County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Jason Ontjes, San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Jeff Knutson, Yakima County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Jennifer Mendoza, Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Jim Rimmel, Holly Hill Orchards
- Marty Hudson, Klickitat County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Scott Watson, Whitman County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Skye Pelliccia, King County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Steve Burke, King County Noxious Weed Control Board

- Susan Bird, Yakima County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Tom Erler, King County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Wendy DesCamp, Washington Department of Transportation

## Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes for the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - Approved as corrected

## Board Member Comments

- Jerry Hendrickson – he will not be running again during the next weed board election.
- District elections are coming up.
  - Nominations will be open, followed by the ballots being sent out.
  - We expect it to be wrapped up in mid-November.
  - Dirk and Jerry's seats will be up for election.
    - Board members in their regions, NE and SE, will elect those positions
- Eric Bell replaced Kevin Hupp for the Coordinator Association's seat on the board.
  - The Association is currently electing their new member. This will be a non-voting member, as required by the recently updated weed law.
- The election for officers of the state weed board will be in January 2023.
  - Currently, Bill is the chair, Ken is the vice chair, and Janet is the secretary.

## Office Reports

- Anne and Mary attended and/or organized many meetings, including the noxious weed committee meetings and holly field trips.
- Anne led several outreach and education classes and presentations.
- Anne finished the written findings for English holly and crack willow
- Mary and Anne continued activities like general administrative support, responding to inquiries, and sending outreach materials.
- Mary continued to coordinate the WSDOT assessment creation process.
- Mary is preparing for the upcoming board elections
- Mary worked on the paperwork to get funding to counties for their Class A and B Designate projects

## Financial Report

- Since the July meeting, the only spending that happened was on salary
  - Because of this, Mary sent out the allotment sheet, rather than a financial report
  - The allotment sheet shows what is budgeted to different areas for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- Because travel and equipment is unlikely to be fully spent by the end of June 2023, funding can be moved to other projects or supplies.
  - One idea is getting a plotter for printing out large posters for outreach

## State Agency Updates

### Washington Department of Agriculture – Greg Haubrich

- It has been very busy in the pest program
  - Over 80 seasonal in state cars all over the state.
    - It was difficult to hire these positions, as they were originally getting paid less than minimum wage at step A. They had to be raised to Step H to compete with commercial fast food places
  - They are generally short on staff, with a lot of turn over.
    - They are down 2 admin staff, 2 GIS staff, and quite a few others.
  - Wendy has been busy, especially with flowering rush in Colville and then the Tri-Cities
    - Also with aminopyralid monitoring in King County
- They are getting Tree-of-Heaven and spotted lanternfly supplies for monitoring projects to counties.
- They received a large grant from the Department of Ecology for a big biocontrol project
- Soon they will be sending out requests for proposals.
  - There will be around \$100,000 available, with around \$10,000 available per project
  - These funds have been gathered together from various agencies, like the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and others, with around \$20,000 from each source.
  - The WSU biocontrol project will get a majority of their funds from this pool, but many other projects can be funded with it.
  - All of the funding is going to go to noxious weed projects.
  - Counties can apply.

### Washington State Department of Transportation – Mary on behalf of Ray Willard

- WSDOT put together a sheet of counties and their road miles
  - Counties will now check if this number matches their records
  - WSDOT would like each mile to equal a parcel, with 2 easement widths.
- Counties can assess and bill WSDOT since the 2021 session's law update
  - WSDOT needs this to be billed electronically, so there was a group put together to figure out how to do that.
- WSDOT has had issues with staffing, but they have funding for weed control.
  - They are asking counties to treat class As and B designates, and bill WSDOT for that control work.

## Committee Updates

Bill appointed Eric Bell to noxious weed committee

### Education Committee

- The committee is working on:
  - Organizing and preparing for a free pesticide webinar in early December.
    - This webinar may be offered in Spanish as well as English

- The target audience for this webinar is to give pesticide credits to low-income citizens.
- A Tree-of-Heaven postcard, similar to our Early Detection Rapid Response postcards
  - A version of it will also be printed at a poster size, so counties and others can each have an outreach poster on tree of heaven
- A waterproof ID page and booklet for aquatic weeds
  - We will get photos for this booklet from a photo contest that a Lakes Management Association Conference in spring 2023.
- Seed packets will be used as legislator and staff outreach
  - By MLK Day, Anne will have created and filled seed envelopes with a nice image on one side and noxious weed information on the other side

### Douglas County Survey Committee

- The terrestrial weed survey in Douglas County has been completed
  - The aquatic survey funding came from another source, and hasn't been completed yet
- The surveyors provided a list of the primary weeds found, along with shapefiles for their populations
  - Rush skeletonweed is pretty much where it was before, in about the same amounts
  - Scotch thistle, yellow star thistle, Russian knapweed, and dalmatian toadflax were also found
  - There is spotted knapweed in controllable amounts
  - Tree-of-heaven was noted, though not a priority of the survey
- Plant population sizes and locations are not that different from past surveys, with no real increase or decrease.
- During the noxious weed committee recommendations, Mary will go over details for some of what was found of certain species, and their designation recommendations.

### Noxious Weed Committee

- Early in the process of talking about the recommendations from the noxious weed list, a quorum was lost.
- The board took a 10 minute break to attempt to get a quorum back, but was unable to.
- There will be a special meeting of the board to vote on the noxious weed committee's recommendations.
  - After a few emails and calls, Mary scheduled it for 4pm on Monday September 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - The minutes for the special meeting are below these regular meeting minutes.

The next board meeting will be on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 9 a.m., via webinar.

The board meeting adjourned at 10:38

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Bill Agosta, Chairman

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Janet Spingath, Secretary

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Mary Fee, Executive Secretary WSNWCB

**Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board Special September Meeting  
4:00 p.m. September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Online/Teleconferenced via WebEx Only due to Covid-19 Restrictions**

Handouts provided for meeting:

- Agenda for meeting.
- Written findings for crack willow and holly
- Noxious weed proposals

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by

**Roll Call**

Board members present via WebEx:

Allen Evenson	Jennifer Andreas	Randy Johnson
Bill Agosta	Jerry Hendrickson	Todd Palzer
Ian Burke	Ken Bajema	Wend DesCamp

Others present via WebEx:

- Mary Fee, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
- Anne Schuster, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
- Andrea Watts
- Avery Bowron, Bainbridge Island Land Trust
- Brad Kriekhaus, Gifford Pinchot National Forest
- Cathy Lucero
- Christina St. John, 10,000 Years Institute
- Dave Stokes, University of Washington
- Elliott Church, University of Washington
- Emily Stevenson, Skamania County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Jason Ontjes, San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Jim Rimmel, Holly Hill Orchards
- Justin Bush, Washington Invasive Species Council
- Laurel Baldwin, Whatcom County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Marty Hudson, Klickitat County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Skye Pelliccia, King County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Steve Burke, King County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Tom Erler, King County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Tristan Carette-Meyers, Washington Department of Agriculture

## Noxious Weed Committee

### New species additions

- Crack willow
  - Has invasive qualities. Reproduces and clones readily, and causes blockages to waterways around Eastern Washington. Difficult to control
    - Is very difficult to identify to species, due to it being a hybrid and willows generally being hard to identify.
    - Was planted extensively in the past
    - The person pushing for it to be listed has stopped responding to inquiries and pushing for it to be listed.
  - Not recommended to the board for listing.
  - No motions were made, and crack willow does not move to the November hearing.
- English holly
  - Feral holly grows across Western Washington and shows invasive qualities.
    - It has multiple negative environmental impacts, and is expensive and difficult to control.
  - There are a few commercial English holly growers in Washington, and English holly does provide to the state’s economy and the grower’s livelihoods.
  - The committee recommended feral holly be listed as a Class C, with emphasis on the feral part of that listing, and that commercial growers and ornamental English holly will be excluded from the listing.
    - Mary has and will continue to work with the state’s attorney general on the final wording of the listing if the board votes to move it to hearing.

<b>VOTE</b>	Randy Johnson	Moved to have the listing of feral English holly, with exemptions for commercial and ornamental English holly, go to hearing.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion.
	<i>The Board</i>	Most in favor.  Ken Bajema votes no, pending the final wording that would be on the listing.  Motion carried.

### Listing changes

- English ivy
  - Its range and populations around Washington are more like Class Cs than Class Bs, so the committee did not recommend it to the board for up listing.
  - No motions were made, and English ivy up listing does not move to the November hearing.

Designation changes

- Shiny geranium
  - King county will select it for control in certain areas of the county
  - Recommended to undesignated shiny geranium in King County

<b>VOTE</b>	Randy Johnson	Moved to have the un-designating of shiny geranium in King County to hearing.
	Allen Evenson	Seconded the motion.
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Common tansy
  - Lewis County did not realize the amount of common tansy present in the county when it was up-listed in 2022, as it was very shortly after Charles Edmonson moved to the area and took over the coordinator position.
  - Recommended to undesignate common tansy in Lewis County

<b>VOTE</b>	Randy Johnson	Moved to have the un-designating of common tansy in Lewis County to hearing.
	Allen Evenson	Seconded the motion.
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Douglas County designation changes
  - Based on the results of the Douglas County survey, and what is designated in their neighboring counties, Scotch thistle and spotted knapweed were recommended to be designated in Douglas County

<b>VOTE</b>	Randy Johnson	Moved to have the designation of Scotch thistle and spotted knapweed in Douglas County to hearing.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion.
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

New monitor list species

- Wild tulip and Mahaleb cherry were added to the monitor list by the committee in May. This requires no vote and is not on any sort of legal listing.

The hearing on the noxious weed list update will be on November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1 p.m., via webinar.



The special board meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

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