

**Regular Meeting of the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board  
9:00 a.m. September 18, 2014**

**Online/Teleconferenced meeting via WebEx and hosted at the Natural Resource Building,  
Room 269, located at 1111 Washington St., Olympia, WA 98504**

Handouts provided for meeting:

- Agenda for meeting
- Draft meeting minutes for July 2014 board meeting
- Office reports for end of July, August and first half September
- Budget summary spreadsheet
- List of proposed changes to the 2015 noxious weed list

**Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Tony Stadelman**

**ROLL CALL:**

*Board Members Present*

Tony Stadelman	Jenifer Parsons (WebEx)	
Sarah Cooke (WebEx)	Jerry Hendrickson	
Dirk Veleke	Tim Miller	
Bob Roth (WebEx)	Butch Klaveano (WebEx)	

*Others present:*

Alison Halpern, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board  
Wendy DesCamp, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board  
Greg Haubrich, Washington State Department of Agriculture  
Steve Burke, King County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Cathy Lucero, Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes for July

<b>VOTE</b>	Sarah Cooke	Moved to accept the minutes for the July 2014 Board meeting
	Dirk Veleke	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:**

- Jerry Hendrickson mentioned that there had been a lot of rain in the area and the noxious weeds had started to green up.
- Sarah Cooke had been trying out a new GPS unit, which cost about \$100-150, was very accurate, and works in conjunction with smart phones. She suggested maybe the State Weed Board should get some for coordinators who need extra mapping assistance. She would talk to Greg about it further.

- Tim Miller had attended and moderated a session at the UW invasive plants conference held at the CUH. The conference was well attended with about 160 registered attendees and good sessions with speakers from several states and B.C.
- Jenifer Parsons was continuing to find more flowering rush. It was now downstream in the Columbia River and had just been discovered in a lake in Pierce County. The State Weed Board might have to reconsider its Class A listing for 2016. It was in the Umatilla area and Tim Butler of ODA wanted to hold a meeting in October to coordinate with ACE to slow spread down.

The Board discussed:

Alison asked if a letter from the State Weed Board would help. Jenifer said it couldn't hurt but wasn't sure at the time who the letter should go to. Greg noted that the ACE was worried about flowering rush.

## **OFFICE REPORTS:**

Alison:

- She attended a good airboat tour with Sen. Hatfield and Rep. Blake, to look at Spartina eradication success and the challenges of monitoring. They also looked at Japanese eelgrass.
- She attended the WSDA-hosted meeting on post-wildfire resources in the Carlton Complex area. She was interested in discussion about reseeding of DNR fire lines and address decontamination issues.
- She was continuing with year 2 of the WSNWCB request to add species to the WSDA quarantine list. For 2015, the State Weed Board had requested the additions of butterfly bush (except for interspecific hybrids), lesser celandine, nonnative hawkweeds, and yellow archangel. She had combined economic impact surveys for the proposed 2015 noxious weeds and 2015 quarantine additions and had already received 130 responses from nurseries so far. She planned to apply for a WSDA nursery advisory grant to do more horticultural industry outreach with GardenWise.
- Alison had met with Anna Lyon and Mike Mackey to brainstorm about helping county weed boards. She felt that the State Weed Board can focus on helping the most financially challenged counties to establish a minimum level of consistency so that all programs would have a work plan and can demonstrate accountability.
- She was still working on the coordinators handbook and wanted to try again to get a quarterly newsletter out.

Wendy:

- She had completed and distributed Written Findings for the 4 proposed additions to the 2015 noxious weed list.
- There had been an increase of general questions about noxious weeds from the public to which she had been responding.
- She had attended and been on the organizational steering committee for the PNW-IPC Invasive Plant Conference and had worked with Greg to gather information for some of the talks.
- Wendy was working on instructions for the website and other tasks for when she was in China.

## **WSDA REPORT:**

Given by Greg Haubrich

- The iForm mapping application was now out and being used by 8-9 counties. There have been over 1400 data points collected that summer, capturing data WSDA had never had before. WDFW also is interested in using iForm and is working on having their own website.
- It was too early for an update on the season's Spartina.
- The spreadsheets would be going out soon to county weed boards to update the general distribution maps of noxious weeds.
- Greg was working on a CWMA map for Washington.
- WSDA had a new cartographer on staff to help Landon with mapping.

The Board discussed:

- Tim asked where new Spartina sites have been found. Greg replied that the new sites had been discovered by the Island County noxious weed coordinator, and PNW-IPC volunteers found a couple of additional sites.
- Sarah: Greg and Landon had been at the PNW-IPC conference (Greg gave a presentation) and attendees seemed envious of WSDA's maps of weed infestations. She congratulated Greg and Landon for bringing iForm to fruition.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Alison provided the update. The Board ended the fiscal year with about \$3K remaining. It was easier to manage the budget with just one fund code instead of three. FY15 budget showed \$1.6K expenditure that should have posted under FY14 and will be corrected by fiscal. This second year of the biennium had less money for printing, travel, and special projects. She also gave an update on the pollinator-friendly seed packet outreach campaign that was first brought up in March. So far, WSDA and WISC had expressed interest in the project and had offered to chip in some money towards it. Drake Cooper was working on a seed packet cover graphic. Alison would like to keep moving forward and hopefully have the seed packets ready to distribute in November.

The Board discussed:

- Jerry asked about the 15% cut from governor. Alison replied that she had not heard whether that would affect the State Weed Board.
- Sarah mentioned to the Board that there would not be enough money in the FY15 budget to meet in person for the March meeting; it will have to be held via WebEx. Alison had submitted a travel request to OFM for November, though.
- Jerry asked how the seed packets would be distributed. Alison replied that they will be distributed to the county weed boards and through fairs, booths, etc.
- Tony asked if the seed mix was for both sides of the mountains and said it was a good idea. Alison replied that the mix is suitable for planted gardens throughout Washington.

## **REVIEW OF PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:**

Alison reminded the Board they have been in compliance with the Public Meetings Act and that the legislature had passed a bill to improve compliance of Boards and Commissions with the

PMA. Board members needed to review a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation. Since there was trouble hearing the audio, it was suggested that the Board watch the presentation in Wenatchee.

**REVIEW PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 2015 NOXIOUS WEED LIST**

Tim Miller gave a presentation on the proposed changes to the 2015 noxious weed list and other changes to WAC 16-750.

<b>VOTE</b>	Sarah Cooke	Moved to forward the proposal to list Ravenna grass, <i>Saccharum ravennae</i> , as a Class A noxious weed to the November public hearing
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	Further discussion	<p>Steve Burke noted that while the King County NWCB supported the listing, Ravenna grass was currently being widely sold in King County. He thought the listing should be phased in over 5 years in incorporated areas to reflect the effort of weed board to eradicate and educate.</p> <p>Alison reminded the Board that whatever they moved forward to hearing today was what board would have to vote on in November. They can move forward with special language or modify the listing or move it forward as proposed. Nurseries were getting information about the proposed listing for 2015 and that it might be quarantined the following year.</p> <p>Sarah asked if there had been a precedence with listing as an A with a phasing in of 5 years.</p> <p>Greg mentioned that saltcedar had been initially listed as a modified Class A. It could be done, but it would be more appropriate as a Class B with a modification.</p> <p>Tim noted that at the last NWC discussion, the coordinators talked about the Class A bighead knapweed, which also occurred in ornamental plantings too. The coordinators had people remove them, as it was hard to justify allowing a seed source in ornamental plantings when eradication was required everywhere else.</p> <p>Sarah agreed with Tim and noted that if they wanted to get ahead of it, they needed to act sooner than later.</p> <p>Tony noted that as a Class A with a qualifier like saltcedar, it would encourage more eradication and expedite its addition to the quarantine list.</p> <p>Alison was not as comfortable with a permanently modified Class A listing. They could note on the CES and webpage that as a Class A, eradication of ornamentals would be phased in by counties.</p> <p>Dirk felt that it would be cleaner to leave it as a Class A</p>
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Pampas grass: *Cortaderia selloana*:

<b>VOTE</b>	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to forward the proposal to list pampas grass, <i>Cortaderia selloana</i> , as a Class C noxious weed to the November public hearing
	Dirk Veleke	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Jubata grass, *Cortaderia jubata*:

<b>VOTE</b>	Sarah Cooke	Moved to forward the proposal to list jubata grass, <i>Cortaderia jubata</i> , as a Class C noxious weed to the November public hearing
	Butch Klaveano	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Italian arum, *Arum italicum*:

<b>VOTE</b>	Butch Klaveano	Moved to forward the proposal to list Italian arum, <i>Arum italicum</i> , as a Class C noxious weed to the November public hearing
	Sarah Cooke	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Shiny geranium, *Geranium lucidum*:

<b>VOTE</b>	Sarah Cooke	Moved to forward the proposal to reclassify shiny geranium, <i>Geranium lucidum</i> , from a Class A to a Class B noxious weed to be designated everywhere except Clark County to the November public hearing
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Motion for changes in designations:

<b>VOTE</b>	Sarah Cooke	Moved to forward the proposed Class B designation changes for Cowlitz, King, and Okanogan counties and the hoary alyssum designation correction to the November public hearing, except for the proposal to designate Scotch broom everywhere
	Dirk Veleke	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Updating scientific names:

<b>VOTE</b>	Sarah Cooke	Moved to forward the proposed in-house scientific name updates: <i>Cardaria draba</i> to <i>Lepidium draba</i> ; <i>Cardaria pubescens</i> to <i>Lepidium appelianum</i> ; <i>Centaurea jacea x nigra</i> to <i>C.x moncktonii</i> to the November public hearing
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Amendment to officer terms to changing to 2 year terms:

<b>VOTE</b>	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to forward the in-house proposal to increase the State Weed Board officer terms from one year to two years
	Dirk Veleke	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Tim Miller thanked Wendy for written findings.

**COORDINATOR’S FORUM**

Tony Stadelman mentioned that he had set up a tour a couple weeks ago by the Columbia River where the water was pulled back for dam repair to see the purple loosestrife in bloom. The Board discussed:

- Tim thought it was a great opportunity to see the purple loosestrife in such an interesting location. It had come from seed that year and they didn’t see biocontrol agents, so it must have been a very new population. They weren’t sure of the seed source, maybe a nearby eddy.
- They would be making repairs to the dam in October, so the loosestrife would likely be underwater but if there were delays, it could spread.

Cathy Lucero had audio trouble (muted on her end) but messaged the group that everything was good.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:**

Jerry Hendrickson mentioned the problem of bird seed contaminants like buffalobur germinating.

**MEETING EVALUATION:**

Alison will send out information about the public hearing and board meeting.

<b><i>VOTE</i></b>	Jerry Hendrickson	Motioned to adjourn the meeting.
	Butch Klaveano	Seconded the motion.
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51am

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Tony Stadelman, Chairman  
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

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Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary  
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

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Dirk Veleke, Secretary  
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