

Special Meeting of the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
9:00 a.m. Thursday, April 26, 2017
Online/Teleconferenced meeting via WebEx
And hosted at the Washington Cattleman's Association
Located at 1301 N Dolarway Rd, Ellensburg, WA 98926

Handouts provided for meeting:

- March 8 Draft 17.10 Revisions

Meeting called to order at 9:03pm by Chairman Tony Stadelman.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present

Tony Stadelman	Dirk Veleke	Tim Miller
Bill Agosta	Jerry Hendrickson	Brad White (Arrived Late)
Commissioner Wes McCart	Bob Roth	

Others present:

- Alison Halpern, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board
- Kittanya Locken, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)
- Greg Haubrich, Washington State Department of Agriculture
- Vic Reeve, Benton County NWCB
- Mike Mackey, Chelan County NWCB
- Angelica Velazquez, Cowlitz County NWCB
- Trish Durand, Grant County NWCB
- Craig Hintz, Grant County NWCB
- Marc Eylar, Kittitas County NWCB
- Todd Davis, Kittitas County NWCB
- Bill Wamsley, Lewis County NWCB
- Kevin Hupp, Lincoln County NWCB
- Anna Lyon, Okanogan County NWCB
- Dick Jacobson, Yakima County NWCB
- Casey Gozart, Clark County NWCB (WebEx)
- Cathy Lucero, Clallam County NWCB (WebEx)
- Rachel Hutchens, Columbia County NWCB (WebEx)
- Beth Lampman, Cowlitz County NWCB (WebEx)
- Rochelle Osbourne, Ferry County NWCB (WebEx)
- Eileen Sande, Ferry County NWCB (WebEx)
- Nancy Ness, Grays Harbor County NWCB (WebEx)
- Steve Burke, King County NWCB (WebEx)
- Marty Hudson, Klickitat County NWCB (WebEx)
- Pat Grover, Mason County NWCB (WebEx)
- Sharon Sorby, Pend Oreille County NWCB (WebEx)
- Beki Shoemaker, Pierce County NWCB (WebEx)
- Jason Ontjes, San Juan County NWCB (WebEx)
- Emily Stevenson, Skamania County NWCB (WebEx)
- David Mundt, Spokane County NWCB (WebEx)

Sue Winterowd, Stevens County NWCB (WebEx)
Joseph Shea, Skagit County NWCB (WebEx)
Denielle Cowley, Clark County NWCB (WebEx)
“AwayTraveling” (WebEx)

REVIEW DRAFT OF 17.10

Alison explained that the purpose of the meeting was to continue the review and discussion of the March 8 draft of RCW 17.10 revisions. She noted that the Legislative Committee, chaired by Commissioner Wes McCart, had worked last summer to review and identify areas of concern throughout the chapter. After lengthy discussion, the notes from these meetings were reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General, who produced a draft that Alison and Wes further refined, based on her comments. The intent was to then allow the Board to review the draft in preparation for a second draft. The Board would then invite coordinators and county weed boards to review the second draft in full.

Alison felt that there had been a miscommunication with some of the Legislative Committee members regarding who would be reviewing the document first. She reiterated that this first draft, including the sections that were causing concern, had primarily been suggested by the Assistant Attorney General. She further reminded that several additional drafts would be produced and would each be reviewed by the Board, the coordinators and county weed boards, and other stakeholders. She discussed her unique position as the Executive Secretary in hearing the concerns and problems with the current law by both county weed boards and county commissioners and employees, and she emphasized that the current law is not working for everyone and many were seeking better clarification. Alison apologized for the miscommunication and asked that everyone join together to move forward with the process.

The Board discussed the membership, attendance, and structure of the Legislative Committee. Several members of the committee shared their involvement and experience at the meetings. Some coordinators and Board members, including Bill Agosta, noted their preliminary concerns with the first draft and shared their ideas for revisions. Contentious sections included the relationship of the County NWCB to the County and the source of funding for County NWCBs.

Alison and Wes led the board through a review of the draft changes to 17.10, beginning where the Board left off at the March 23rd meeting at section 17.10.134, which related to the regional boards.

- Discussion surrounded the relationship of 17.10 to other laws, including inter-local agreements and other laws. Alison and Tony reiterated that this draft was the first of many and additional changes would be made to reflect comments from Board members, coordinators, and stakeholders.
- Cathy Lucero noted her concerns with the process of the draft and committee, as well as the Assistant Attorney General review. Additional comments surrounded the intent of the law and discussion followed regarding the implementation of the intent of the law in revisions. Alison apologized for the miscommunications and the Board explained that many opportunities would be offered for comments following the presentation of this first draft.
- Anna Lyon noted that comments are made every year at the Coordinator’s Conference about the vague nature of RWC 17.10 and asserted that an update to the chapter was necessary, even if the process had been contentious.
- Tony Stadelman recommended that the Legislative Committee review the draft again with comments and explanations from the attorney general. Bob Roth recommended that the Board and coordinators continue to review the draft and take the opportunity to make suggestions and revisions.

The Board resumed discussing each section of the draft, noting background information and sharing suggestions.

- Section 17.10.140 was noted as needing additional work due to the potential issues with the concept of the strip of mandatory control.
- Additional noted sections included those which concern the timber industry, the relationship of county legislative authority to county NWCBs, the relationship of county NWCB staff to the county, warrants/liens, public hearings and notification procedures, budget development and hearings, weed districts, and voting members.

The Legislative Committee will review the draft changes and make edits with clarification from the Assistant Attorney General, probably in June. They will then bring it back to the Board and then the county coordinators and stakeholders.

COORDINATORS FORUM

No comments.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENTS

No public question or comment.

MEETING EVALUATION

The Board adjourned at 1:52 pm with a motion by Jerry Hendrickson, seconded by Dirk Veleke. All in favor.



Tony Stadelman, Chairman
WSNWCB



Dirk Veleke, Secretary
WSNWCB



Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary
WSNWCB