

Regular Meeting of the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
9:00 a.m. September 17, 2015
Online/teleconferenced meeting via WebEx and hosted at the Natural Resources Building

Handouts provided for meeting:

- Agenda for meeting
- Draft meeting minutes for July 2015 board meeting
- Office reports for July and August

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Tony Stadelman

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present

Tony Stadelman	Bob Roth (WebEx)	
Dirk Veleke	Jerry Hendrickson (WebEx)	
Brad White (WebEx)	Tim Miller	
Bill Agosta (WebEx)	Jenifer Parsons (WebEx)	

Others present:

Alison Halpern, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board
 Greg Haubrich, WSDA
 Wendy DesCamp
 Cindy Riskin (WebEx)
 Nancy Ness (WebEx)
 Cathy Lucero, Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes for July.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to accept the minutes for the July 2015 Board meeting
	Dirk Veleke	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:

- Jerry Hendrickson noted that there had been wildfires in the southern part of the state in August. The Asotin County weed board was working on its budget for next year and Nelle was working on grants.
- Bill Agosta said that San Juan County was continuing to work to amend an ordinance that prohibited roadside spraying. He hopes there would be a public hearing in November and that someone from Olympia could attend. Alison said she would come to the hearing if she was available.
- Dirk Veleke mentioned that the Chelan County weed board conducted an herbicide trial on Eurasian milfoil in the Columbia River by Entiat. The results looked pretty good so far, and they hoped they would get control for a few years.
- Tim Miller had just been in Greenbank on Whidbey Island with a consultant who was developing a management plan for hairy willow-herb for the Land Trust. Work would be progressing this fall and treatments would start either this fall or next spring.
- Jenifer Parsons has been working with variable-leaf milfoil.. Divers were contracted to hand pull it from Florence Lake on Anderson Island from an area where herbicides have been ineffective. Regarding flowering rush, WSDA would be paying for a diver to hand-pull it from an isolated spot in Entiat, which is far from known infestations.
- Tony Stadelman noted that the fruits, such as apples and grapes, were about a month early.

OFFICE REPORTS

The Board reviewed the office reports for July and August. Alison mentioned that:

- She had attended the Washington Commission on Pesticide Registration tour in late July. They learned about pesticide needs for crops such as potatoes, seed cabbage, cider apples and recreational cannabis.
- The response from the nursery industry to the small business economic impact survey had been very positive, and she had already received 42 mailed responses and 130 online responses.
- The Washington Invasive Species Council (WISC), WSDA, and the State Weed Board were teaming up to produce an economic impact report on some high priority noxious weeds and invasive animals. They already had agreement from several natural resource agencies to each chip in \$3K. The report would not be as in-depth as ODA's 2014 analysis, rather it would be a meta-analysis of existing information that would be specific to Washington.
- Alison had presented at the Snoqualmie Valley Beekeepers' Association on August 4th. There was some concern about knotweed control, and the King County NWCB had offered to contact the Association.
- WSDA held a meeting in Olympia for stakeholders to discuss the state Managed Pollinator Protection Plan (MP3) that Alison had attended.
- She had also attended a WSDOT meeting about their plans to create sustainable, native, pollinator-friendly landscaping along some of their ROWs.
- Cindy and Alison had been working on outreach strategies. She had visited Asotin County in August.
 - Cindy pointed out that Asotin County seemed to be keeping up with the influx of noxious weed infestations by cooperating with several other agencies.
- Alison highlighted some of her upcoming goals:
 - The 6-panel, 2-sided Noxious Weeds in Washington: Everyone's Problem Everyone's Solution brochure was being converted into a booklet format, which would be more legible. Cindy would continue writing it and giving it a makeover so that the Board would have something that was easier to read through for commissioners and policymakers.
 - She wanted to have a draft of the biennial report ready for the Board members to read in early November.

The Board discussed:

Jerry Hendrickson asked if Alison would be putting together a brochure about noxious weeds and wildfires. Alison said that it was probably a great publication for the State Weed Board to produce, given the intensity of wildfires the past few years.

Jerry asked about WDFW's plans to reseed following the fires. Alison replied that she would be helping WSDA to coordinate communication between state and federal agencies with regard to post-burn reseeding and noxious weed control efforts, primarily in the Okanogan fire sites and would know more later.

WSDA UPDATE

Greg Haubrich gave the report:

- He was working on getting noxious weed grants sent out and they were waiting on funding numbers for the current biennium.
- WSDA had monitored application of imazamox on two projects. Both projects ended well with no detectable levels of herbicide in any of the water samples submitted to the lab.
- WSDA typically receives SPF grant funding from USFS every year however they would not be getting funding this year because all the money was allocated towards the wildfires. Greg's hope was that some of that money would be repaid to SPF from other USFS accounts, but there was concern that they would otherwise not have money this year.

The Board and audience discussed:

Tony asked if there would still be funding for Jennifer Andreas' IWM program. Greg explained that WSDA generally budgeted the program a year in advance on these 5-year grants. It shouldn't be a problem unless they didn't get the funding next year. Many of the county weed boards and often the State Weed Board also helped fund her program.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Alison provided the financial update. Because they had not yet received their budget allotments, there was no usual budget report.

- Alison had been told that the State Weed Board's budget would likely be similar to the last biennium, and she hoped they would have their allotments before the November meeting.
- She suggested that the Board consider contributing \$3-\$5K towards the WSU IWM program. Jennifer might be able to attend the November meeting to answer questions about her program.
- There had been a lot of enthusiasm from the coordinators about purchasing more Bee-U-Tify seed packets for 2016. They were down to just about 3K seed packets.
- The State Weed Board would want to contribute \$3K towards the inter-agency economic impact report.
- Alison indicated that they would want to allocate more money for attorney general services since they were trying to open up RCW 17.10.

The Board discussed:

Tony asked if our attorney would be able to attend the Coordinators' Conference to answer questions. He noted that it might help for her to explain what services the AG's office provides to the State Weed Board and what she can't do when there are county-level disputes. Alison noted that it would be costly for her to come to Chelan but she could look into having Kristen Mitchell attend the Board's January meeting in Olympia.

2016 NOXIOUS WEED LIST

Tim Miller provided a PowerPoint presentation about the proposed changes to the 2016 noxious weed list.

REVIEW PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 2015 NOXIOUS WEED LIST

Tim Miller gave a presentation on the proposed changes to the 2016 noxious weed list.

Change designation of common bugloss in Chelan County

VOTE	Dirk Veleke	Moved to forward the proposal to undesignated common bugloss in the Entiat River Valley in Chelan County to the November public hearing.
	Bill Agosta	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Foxglove, *Digitalis purpurea*

VOTE	No motion was made to move foxglove forward to the November public hearing.	

Ventenata, *Ventenata dubia*

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to forward the proposal to list ventenata as a Class C noxious weed to the November public hearing
	Bill Agosta	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Medusahead, *Taeniatherum caput-medusae*

VO TE	Bill Agosta	Moved to forward the proposal to list ventenata as a Class C noxious weed to the November public hearing.
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	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion.
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

English hawthorn, *Crataegus monogyna*

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to forward the proposal to list English hawthorn 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.

Running bamboo, four genera (*Phyllostachys*, *Arundianaria*, *Pleioblastus* and *Pseudosasa*)

VOTE	No motion was made to move running bamboo forward to the November public hearing.	

Lepyrodiclis, *Lepyrodiclis holosteoides*

VOTE	Dirk Veleke	Moved to forward the in-house proposal to remove lepyrodiclis from the noxious weed list
	Bill Agosta	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Spikeweed,

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to forward the proposed in-house recommendation to change the scientific name of spikeweed, <i>Hemizonia pungens</i> , to <i>Centromadia pungens</i> to the November public hearing.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

COORDINATOR'S FORUM

Cathy Lucero gave an update

- Clallam County had been delayed on a plan to find a way to use herbicides sparingly and only on targeted noxious weeds. One idea was road contracting; another was through environmental services.
- She asked Alison if she was attending Jefferson County Noxious Weed Board's land classification hearing tonight. Alison replied that she was going to wait for the Jefferson County BOCC hearing on the noxious weed assessment.
- Tim had heard that there had been a fire along the Hoh River where he had an ongoing herbicide trial with low-level herbicides to monitor efficacy and native plant response. He had planned to apply the last herbicide applications in October. Cathy noted that the site wasn't so remote that USFS couldn't get to it, but if there wasn't a risk of invasive plant colonization then it probably wasn't a priority.
- Cathy shared a success story. A border between the national park and the Quillayute tribe had a lot of knotweed and nobody wanted to work in the area. Cathy used some WSU funds this year to put a small crew together. Despite being a small crew with little supervision and resources, they pulled together and worked on a cooperative project for a few weeks in mid-August. The crew knew what they were doing, had all the permits, and communicated well with private landowners. Not only was it a great project but they had done it correctly in a very public location.
- Greg mentioned that there was native Phragmites in Clallam County. Cathy noted that reed canarygrass was threatening the endangered salmon run in the Lake Ozette area. If that Phragmites was native, perhaps it could be used for restoration there. Cathy asked Greg about having it tested.

Alison indicated that, based on the survey responses about the proposed additions to the 2016 noxious weed list, she and Tim thought it would be a good idea to do a weed ID training this spring with an emphasis on the invasive grasses.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS AND MEETING EVALUATION

The public hearing and Board meeting were on November 3 and 4 in Wenatchee. Alison would be sending out lodging information soon.

VOTE	Dirk Veleke	Motioned to adjourn the meeting.
	Bill Agosta	Seconded the motion.
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.



Tony Stadelman, Chairman
WSNWCB



Dirk Veleke, Secretary
WSNWCB



Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary
WSNWCB