



Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board

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Chair: Kevin Anderson (1)

Board Members:

- Sonny Gohrman (2)
- Jason Kleinhuizen (5)
- District 3 Vacant
- District 4 Vacant

Extension Agent: Don McMoran

Coordinator: Madelyn Loy

Technician: Evan Emrick

Guests:

AGENDA

Published Meeting

January 19th 2023, 5:30pm

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I. PUBLIC HEARING

- (5:32pm) Public Hearing Started. No public comments were made or submitted ahead of time.
- SG supports adopting the Washington State Weed List with the same County Weed List selections that were made in 2022. KA discussed the level of detail that had been taken to make the 2022 selections and also supports those selections again in 2022.
- SG moves to accept the State Weed List with the following selection of Class B and C weeds designated for control. JK seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
 - **Class B Non-Designates Selected for Control:** Bohemian Knotweed, Japanese Knotweed, Poison Hemlock, Scotch Broom and Tansy Ragwort.
 - **Class C Weeds Selected for Control:** Common Teasel, Italian Arum, Bull Thistle and Canada Thistle.

II. CALL TO ORDER

- 5:39pm the regularly scheduled board meeting is called to order.

III. ROLL CALL

- Kevin Anderson (Dist. 1, Chair)
- Sonny Gohrman (Dist. 2)
- Jason Kleinhuizen (Dist. 5)

- Don McMoran (Ex Officio, Extension Director)
- Madelyn Loy (Coordinator)
- Evan Emrick (Technician)
- Hannah Williams (Skagit Land Trust)

IV. AGENDA

- Approved

V. MINUTES

- Will be tabled until the next meeting.

VI. CONTINUED BUSINESS

- a. Coordinator Report
 - See attached

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2023 Updates to WA State Noxious Weed List
 - No additions for 2023 list. SG moves to accept, JK seconds. Approved.
- b. 2023 County Noxious Weed list
 - SG moves to accept above selections, JK seconds. Approved.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Adjusted 2023 weed budget
 - There was discussion about the level of detail needed for budget reports. ML will adjust this section in future agendas to reflect the feedback generated.
 - SG expressed interest in attending the Coordinator's Conference to keep up with current topics and license credits. All members support SG attending, but scheduling conflicts will prohibit other members from attending in 2023.
 - SG also expressed interest in training for members in the proper protocol for members of boards such as the NWCB. ML will follow-up with the County and compile resources to share.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- JK Moves to adjourn, SG seconds, Meeting adjourned at 6:11pm



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Coordinator's report

January 19, 2023

General

- Staff
 - The new Noxious Weed Coordinator started November 1.
 - We've made edits to the Noxious Weed Aide Job Description and hope to post the approved description soon.
- Washington State Weed Board (WSNWCB) Meeting 1/19/23. No additions to the 2023 State Noxious Weed list. Four designation amendments were made. A proposal to add "Feral Holly" to the Noxious Weed List was made, but was not adopted.
- Grants and Permits
 - WSDA reports have been submitted.
 - Application has been sent for NPDES permit.

Equipment loan

Enforcements

Landowner Consultations

- Knotweed
 - We've received three calls about Knotweed.

Education and Outreach

- Newsletters/Social Media
 - Skagit County Clean Water has started including a Noxious Weed section in their newsletter. They have also posted these spotlights to social media (Facebook and Nextdoor).
- Upcoming Events
 - We will be tabling at the Country Living Expo 1/21.
 - Madelyn will be delivering a Commissioners Report 2/7.
 - Madelyn will be speaking at the Skagit Ag Summit 2/10.
 - Evan will be Delivering our CWMA presentation from the 2022 season 2/6.

- 2023 Invasive Species Awareness Week is 2/20-2/25, we've begun working with the Invasive Plant Council to offer training to the community.

Training

- Madelyn
 - Orientation, Boaters Ed, Pesticide Renewal and Endorsement Additions.
 - Will attend the Washington State Weed Coordinators Association Conference 3/15/3/17.
- Evan
 - Taking additional endorsement exams January 31st
- Evan and Madelyn attended the Washington State Weed Conference 11/26-11/28.

Cooperative projects/ Treatments

- CWMA
 - We met with Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group (SFEG) and Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe (SSIT) about the Upper Skagit Knotweed Working Group (CWMA).
 - We will be hosting a Skagit River Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Meeting on 2/6.