



Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board

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Minutes

Published Meeting
April 15th 2021, 5:30pm
Skagit County Noxious Weed Board
Online Via Microsoft Teams

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Chair: Jason Kleinhuizen

Board members:

- Jim Sullivan
- Sonny Gohrman

Extension representative:

- Don McMoran (WSU)
Agriculture & Natural
Resources Extension
Faculty County
Extension Director

Coordinator:

- Joseph Shea

Technician:

- Christie Turner

Guests:

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. AGENDA
 - a. Approval of April 15th 2021 meeting agenda
Sonny moves to approve
Jim seconds
- IV. MINUTES
 - a. Approval of January 21st 2021 meeting Minutes
Sonny moves to approve
Jim seconds
- V. GUEST COMMENTS
- VI. CONTINUED BUSINESS
 - a. Noxious Weed Coordinator Report
See Attached Report
 - b. Treasurers Report
See Attached Report
 - c. Brassica Ordinance
See Attached Report

- d. Inter-local with Sedro Woolley Japanese Knotweed
- e. Inter-local with Anacortes Heart Lake Purple Loosestrife
- f. Exploration of Noxious Weed Assessment
Sonny motions to approve the background research for a potential noxious weed assessment.
Jim seconds.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Sonny makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM

Jim seconds

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Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board

Coordinators report

April 15, 2021

General

1. Skagit County Cooperative Weed Management Area (Skagit CWMA)

- MOU Signing

I have Re-Printed the Skagit MOU but I am waiting till I can physically meet with all our partners since our last document was lost in transport to Whatcom County.

2. Equipment loan

- Weed Wrench Anacortes for Spurge Laurel
- Weed Wrench Highway 9 Scotch Broome

3. Enforcements

- Garlic Mustard South Skagit Highway

4. Education and Outreach

- Country living Expo January 29th ,30th and 31st
- Washington State Vegetation Management Association Meeting March 5th and May 7th
- Mailings for Knotweed Samish River, Grandy Creek, and Shoreline partners. (Continuous)
- 2020 Noxious Weed Board Annual Presentation to Commissioners February 16th
- Seed Packets for Skagit Land Trust March 17th
- Skagit Ag Summit January 29th
- Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting March 11th
- Updated Webpage (Continuous)

5. Training

- EOC Training February 9th
- EOC Training February 11th
- NISAW Aquatic Invasive Species February 24th
- NRD Strategic Plan February 24th
- EDRRMaps Summit day 1 Invasive Species Council March 31st
- ICS 400 April 5th – 8th

6. Community interaction

- a. Emails
 - i. Received 1167
 - ii. Sent 405
- b. Phone
 - i. total 56 +
 - ii. incoming 48 +
 - iii. outgoing 55 +
 - iv. missed calls 11
 - v. Voicemails 14

7. Purchasing

- Propane Tanks x3 and Refill and weed burners 346.72
 - Burn Permit 84.00
 - Electric Backpack sprayers x2 309.90
 - Gloves, Eyewash Station Fluid and PPE Plastic Shelving ear muffs Spill kit 1529.03
 - Herbicide Shells Copperhead and Diamond Back 301.32
 - Loppers Machete Hand Saw 95.84
 - New Anchor and prop
 - Oar Stops 40.22
 - Life Jackets 424.26
 - ICS 400 Free
- Total = \$3131.29

8. Budget 2021

- Knotweed \$787.44 Remaining
- Spartina \$20224.28 Remaining
- General Fund \$188,734.00
- General EOY 2021 \$197,682.00

9. Cooperative projects/Treatments

Brassica Ordinance February 8th Public Hearing

We had a very successful Public hearing and were ultimately able to pass the proposed changes to SCC 9.56. All thought the Document wasn't perfect... all the involved parties were happy with the end result and think this is a great step to protect brassica crops in Skagit County.

Purple Loosestrife in heart lake proposal

I haven't been able to move forward with the Heart lake proposal but will get that moving as soon as we turn in our 2021 Knotweed Solicitation.

Garlic Mustard South Skagit Highway

We have been successful coordinating with Gary Swaner and Mike Heaney to get a contractor on site to help deal with the garlic mustard. We have scheduled a treatment with the contractor on 4/16/2021 and will assist them with treatment, identification, and data collection of the infestation. We are hopeful it will take us only 1 or two days to do the work.

Sedro Woolley Inter-local Knotweed

We have not moved any further with the inter-local agreement with Sedro Woolley to do Knotweed treatments. Nathan Salseina the PW Division Manager is still interested but I will have to address this once our Knotweed Solicitation is complete.

Skagit County Knotweed Treatments on Britt Slough

Christie and I have been working with Karina Siliverstova to schedule treatments on Britt slough. We were able to girdle all the English ivy off the trees in the slough as well as have done our initial treatments on the Poison Hemlock and Italian Arum. We have one more treatment planned for Knotweed Control in June.



Skagit County Treatments on Smartweed in Concrete

Emilie Derenne our Stewardship Coordinator is still interested in controlling Smartweed in Concrete and we have yet to meet on site and devise a plan.

Skagit County Treatments on Triple creek Lane

For 4 days we were able to do site prep and prepare for SFEG to take over the site. We cleared a large portion of Blackberry around our knotweed treatment site and had multiple site visits with SFEG to

create a revegetation plan. Alex from SFEG is working on a agreement to take over the site and create a long term plan.

Boat Testing and Samish River Survey with Kerry Julzivan

Kerry from Skagit County Natural Resources Division needed to do a survey down the Samish River and we thought this would be a great opportunity to test the new boat we received from Snohomish County. We replaced broken pieces and straps and were confident in the equipment. Later they took the boat down roughly 5 miles of the Samish River.



Auriemma property Site Prep and vegetation plan

We were able to visit the Auriemma property to observe the success of our treatment and to observe early mortality signs from desired vegetation. We met with Alex from SFEG and went over the site so they could make an official revegetation plan. We are helping SFEG and Skagit County Voluntary Stewardship Program in establishing native vegetation on this site. We have a 3 year agreement and will continue to treat the knotweed on this site. This has been extremely important site as it connects many of our treatment sites on the Samish River.



Black Leg on Padilla Bay Dike

On April 5th it was brought to our attention that there was an infestation of black leg on the Padilla Bay Dike that was threatening brassica seed crops in the Padilla Bay area. Lindsey Du Toit from WSU identified the population and called a meeting with the Skagit County Commissioners, the Director of Public Works and the Noxious Weed Control Board. Since we have done treatments on the dike before and were very aware of the process and high visibility nature of this specific site we were asked to assist with this issue. Once this was brought to our attention I was tasked with developing a response and contacting the adjacent landowners and obtain a burn permit. From April 5th – April 11th I obtained a burn permit and notified all the appropriate agencies in order to get everyone on board. Lindsey will continue to monitor nearby plant populations and work with local seed growers to establish a control strategy in the area. On April 12th – April 13th I was able to work with Karen Dubose, Andy Wargo, Kevin Jackman, DD12, and Skagit County Parks staff. To get public notices on social media, the Skagit Valley Harold, and local radio. We also closed the Trail and auxiliary support from Alex from the County Road Shop as well as Skagit County Parks. The Agricultural Community, Skagit County Commissioners, and Skagit County Staff were EXTREAMLY Happy with our response and the overall success of the Burn. This should definitely be a vegetation management strategy we use in the future.



Mixmaster's Sandbar Site Visit and Planting Plan.

I was able to meet with Emily Derenne on site and we went over all of our treatment areas to develop a planting and funding plan. Emily will work on a planting plan and will look for funding to do long term rehabilitation of the site. We also met with the adjacent landowner to discuss access issues as well as get a contact for local issues on site. We also have another individual who is looking at spawning surveys in the side channel next to our treatment site. This site is in our Expanded Knotweed Control area and will be a long term focus for Skagit County.

Christie Turner Early Spp. treatments

- Channel Drive Poison Hemlock Treatment
- Padilla Bay Dike Poison Hemlock Treatment
- Franklin Road Teasel Treatment

10. Grant Writing / Reporting

- 2021 WSDA Knotweed Solicitation
- 2020 Annual Skagit County Public Works Report
- 2020 Agricultural Yearbook
- Puget Sound Partnership Grant
- WSDA Purple Loosestrife Funding
- WSDA Garlic Mustard Funding

Seasonal Hires

Currently we have 11 applicants and all seem to be very good applicants. We will review these applications starting the 1st of May and will Schedule Interviews for the following week. We expect to hire 4 Noxious Weed Aids to start on June 1st.