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## January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Annual Meeting

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Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board  
9200 122<sup>nd</sup> St E, Puyallup, WA 98373  
9:30am, Rainier Conference room

In attendance: Beki Shoemaker, Chelli Pogue, Morgan Heilesen, Tom Bertram, Janet Azevedo, Erick Balstad, and Jim Kropf, WSU Extension representative.

Chairman Tom Bertram welcomed everyone to the PCNWCB Annual meeting; Tom turned the remainder of the meeting over to Morgan Heilesen, Education Outreach Specialist.

Morgan presented changes to the 2019 State Weed List, noting that some noxious weeds were given new designations and some re-designations; Morgan also noted that 5 noxious weeds underwent a Latin name revision (including Tansy ragwort), as the new Latin names are more widely accepted among \*Taxonomists.

The State Noxious Weed Control Board voted on the following changes to the 2018 noxious weed list. All approved changes to the State noxious weed list took effect January 1, 2019.

### **NOXIOUS WEED DESIGNATIONS/UNDESIGNATIONS:**

- Designating Eurasian watermilfoil, *Myriophyllum spicatum*, Grass-leaved arrowhead, *Sagittaria graminea*, Diffuse knapweed, *Centaurea diffusa*, and Purple loosestrife, *Lythrum salicatia*, in Mason County.
- Undesignating Hoary alyssum, *Berteroa incana*, in Ferry County.
- Designating Brazilian elodea, *Egeria densa*, in Pacific and Snohomish Counties.
- Designating Camelthorn, *Alhagi maurorum*, in Walla Walla County.
- Designating Dalmatian toadflax, *Linaria dalmatica ssp. dalmatica*, in Cowlitz, Kittitas, and Franklin Counties.

- Designating European coltsfoot, *Tussilago fargara*, in Adams, Lincoln, Benton, and Franklin Counties.
- Designating Fanwort, *Cabomba caroliniana*, in Grays Harbor County.
- Designating Hairy willow-herb, *Epilobium hirsutum*, in Walla Walla County.
- Designating Houndstongue, *Cynoglossum officinale*, in Douglas and Franklin Counties.
- Undesignating Indigobush, *Amorpha fruticose*, in Skamania County.
- Designating nonnative Hawkweed species and hybrids of the Meadow subgenus (*Pilosella*) in Ferry County.
- Undesignating Meadow knapweed, *Centaurea x moncktonii*, in Skamania and Clark Counties.
- Undesignating Spotted knapweed, *Centaurea stoebe*, in Skamania County.

### **NOXIOUS WEED NAME CHANGES:**

- Kochia: *Kochia scoparia* to *Bassia scoparia*
- Leafy spurge: *Euphorbia esula* to *Euphorbia virgate*
- Himalayan knotweed: *Polygonum polystachyum* to *Persicaria wallichii*
- Russian knapweed: *Acroptilon repens* to *Rhaponticum repens*
- Tansy ragwort: *Senecio jacobaea* to *Jacobaea vulgaris*

Morgan also reported on a few main 2018 season statistics:

- Total contacts: **64,314** (includes presentations, Fair booths, landowner & phone consultations, & website visitors).
- NONW's: **2,309**
- Rights-Of-Way hand-pulls: **619**
- Total ROW hand-pulls & ROW Work Orders: **948**
- Timberland hand-pulls: **1,457**
- Total Work Orders & NONW's: **3,257**

Morgan also pointed out a few noxious weed species of interest not discovered previously or of limited distribution and discovered in new locations within Pierce County, including:

*Slenderflower thistle*, *Diffuse Knapweed*, *Flowering rush*, and *Orange hawkweed*. Board members asked for a copy of all 2018 statistics; statistics will be mailed out with the May agenda.

Janet Azevedo motioned to adopt the 2019 Noxious Weed list; Erick Balstad seconded the motion. Tom Bertram adjourned the Annual meeting at 9:45am.

Report respectfully submitted by Chelli Pogue, Secretary to the Board.

\*Definition: "*Taxonomy* is the science of defining and naming groups of biological organisms on the basis of shared characteristics..."