

Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board

January 7, 2020 6-8 pm

[Kitsap Mall meeting room](#)

Previously Payless Shoes

Agenda

Weed list Hearing:6 pm

Link to printable county List: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UcWs-3csrdyUJqkP-P8Bli0Q6CpNblzW/view?usp=sharing>

Changes to the Washington State Noxious Weed List for 2020

The Washington State noxious weed list is updated every year, and all Washington residents can submit proposals to add or remove species, change the class of a listed noxious weed, or to change the designated area in which control is required for a Class B noxious weed. Anyone, including citizens, tribes, organizations, government agencies, and county noxious weed control boards may participate in the listing process by submitting a proposal or by submitting testimony about proposed changes to the noxious weed list. In fact, Washington's open, inclusive listing process is lauded by other states for its encouragement of public participation. [Learn more about the listing process here.](#)

The State Noxious Weed Board voted to adopt the following proposed changes for the 2020 noxious weed list at their regular board on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 in Wenatchee. The votes took place after the Board considered testimony received prior to and during a public hearing held the day before. The purpose of the public hearing was to solicit citizen comments and opinions about these proposed rule changes. Hard copies of the 2020 state noxious weed list will be available soon. Check back for further updates and information.

New! Class A Noxious Weed for 2020: South American spongeplant, *Limnobium laevigatum*:

Found in only one location in Pacific County, South American spongeplant is an aquatic perennial that can form dense mats on the water surface. Plants can spread vegetatively by producing daughter plants and also by seed, which can be viable for at least 3 to 4 years. In California where it is already listed as a noxious weed, mats of South American spongeplant have accumulated on infrastructure, blocking pumps, dams, and gates, as well as recreational water access.

[Click here to find out more about South American spongeplant.](#)



New! Class B designation changes for 2020:

- **Designate Eurasian watermilfoil, *Myriophyllum spicatum*, in Kitsap,** Kittitas, and Whitman counties
- Designate **Bohemian knotweed, *Polygonum x bohemicum*,** in San Juan, Stevens, Whitman, and Yakima counties
- Designate **Japanese knotweed, *Polygonum cuspidatum*,** in Stevens County
- Designate **Himalayan knotweed, *Persicaria wallichii*,** in Clark and Stevens counties
- Designate **lesser celandine, *Ficaria verna*,** in all counties except for King and Whatcom counties
- Designate **leafy spurge, *Euphorbia virgata*,** in Whitman and Garfield counties

- Designate purple loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria*, in Pierce and Benton counties
- Designate wand loosestrife, *Lythrum virgatum*, in Mason, Pierce, and Benton counties
- Designate poison hemlock, *Conium maculatum*, in Douglas County
- Designate policeman's helmet, *Impatiens glandulifera*, in Pacific and Pierce counties
- Designate Ravenna grass, *Saccharum ravennae*, in Grant County
- **Designate rush skeletonweed, *Chondrilla juncea*, in Kitsap County**
- Designate European coltsfoot, *Tussilago farfara*, in Grant County

The Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board also adopted the following changes to wording in WAC 16-750 for 2020:

- WAC 16-750-140 Adding a standing legislative committee.
- WAC 16-750-142 Create a new section for the State noxious weed control board—Executive secretary and education specialist—Hiring and dismissal. [See page 8 of the edited OTS language section 16-750-142](#)
- WAC 16-750-145 Editing the State noxious weed control board—Executive secretary—Definition.
- WAC 16-750-146 Adding new section for the State noxious weed control board—Education specialist—Definition. [See page 10 of the edited OTS language section 16-750-146.](#)

View our [CR-101](#) (WSR 19-16-037), [CR-102](#) (19-20-120), [OTS edited language](#), [SBEIS analysis](#), [Press Release](#), [CR-103](#) (WSR 19-24-052)

Public Hearing to adjust the noxious weed fee

The Noxious Weed Control Program is supported by an assessment. Per RCW 17.10.240 the County noxious weed board may hold a public hearing to set the annual noxious weed fee.

History:

For the last 13 years the Noxious Weed Control Program has worked with landowners throughout the county to address issues of the detrimental impacts of noxious weeds to our lands. Over the last 8 years, the Noxious Weed Control Program has found that actively managing noxious weeds has provided successful control of our designated noxious weeds. Our staff over the years has worked with 3642 private landowners controlling all known Class A and B designate noxious weeds. Funds have proven insufficient for staff to revisit sites frequently enough to fully manage the noxious weed sites. Though we have seen marked reduction in sites there has been a clear request for more assistance and support for community members continued efforts to fully eradicate noxious weeds from their property.

Legal Requirements & fund use:

The State noxious weed laws RCW 17.10 landowners are required to control their Class A and B Designate noxious weeds. The current Noxious weed fee has been used to provide direct service to county residents saving each of the residents \$250-\$10,000. Funds have also been used to manage noxious weeds along County Right-of-Ways and in various public spaces including parks, wetlands, and shorelines.

Presentation with detailed information for the public

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1P3EZdzDG1ZalvX_J-v5nhpKug6b_ZRGewcmq6cBcsPw/edit?usp=sharing

Public meeting

- I. Introductions
- II. Approval of meeting minutes

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pCSb1YRJn5z4TYIPuGeLdKajMJyMnSbAwgQfU7E5AWo/edit?usp=sharing>

III. Board Announcements/ Comments

- A. Discussion of adding Holly to the county “education and outreach” plan for 2020
- B. “Training”

- 1. This is a quick reminder that per RCW 42.30 Open Public Meetings Act, all board members must complete training on the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act within ninety days of appointment and at no more than four year intervals as long as the individual is a board member. You can access the training module from either the WSDA or Attorney General’s office. Both links are provided below. The certificate of training is attached and will need to be filled out and printed for your records. You may need to enable it for editing or save as from this email. I hope this is helpful. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Attorney General’s Office: The presentation is about half way down the page under lesson 3: Open Public Meetings-RCFW 12.30

http://www.atg.wa.gov/opengovernmenttraining.aspx#.U9ADz_IdV8F.

- IV. Officer elections
- V. Set meeting Dates for 2020
- VI. 2020 summary

- A. Review and update of control [matrix](#)

Link to the budget

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Qwborm5RKui5TwHE4jHLJS8ofob9gC4C5Lyo00tW9Ps/edit?usp=sharing>

Setting up a Foundation to take donations:

1. *What would you like to name the foundation? “Kitsap Noxious Weed Control Board Foundation”? “Kitsap Noxious Weed Foundation”? Something else. It’s entirely up to you.*
2. *Who will make decisions about when we give money to the Board?
We will be signing a contract with the Board. That contract will specify who can tell us what to do with the money in your foundation. It could be very simple, such as I just need a communication from you and then we issue the check (or pay the bill; we can pay bills directly for you). Or it could be very complicated. For example, the Parks Foundation has a three-tier system. For distributions under \$10,000, we just need the authorization of the Parks Dept. Director. For distributions of \$10K to \$50K, we need the authorization of the Parks Director and Deputy Director. And for distributions of \$50K or more, we need authorization from the County Commissioners. I might not have those numbers exactly correct; but you get the gist of it.
We don’t care how you set this up. We will simply do whatever you put into the contract.*
3. *Will you be signing this contract with us or will some higher authority be signing this?*
4. *Please give me your full contact information.*

1. *Administrative fees to you. \$50/year minimum fee. We won’t start charging that fee until you receive your first donation(s) into your foundation.*

2. *If you accrue more than \$10K in your foundation, we can invest your foundation's assets in the market, if you'd like us to do so.*

3. *I want to make sure you know that we don't do any direct fundraising for you. It's on the Board and the Board's supporters to raise the money donated to the fund. We just administer the fund for you.*

4. *We can accept any type of donation into your foundation: grants from other foundations; cash; checks; stocks; bonds; retirement account assets; art; vehicles; real estate; etc. Keep in mind the first item I listed: grants from other foundations. You can have your foundation apply to other private foundations for grants. Some private foundations don't give to government entities directly, but would give to your foundation with us.*

I look forward to hearing from you!

*Take care,
Kol*

VII. 2020 goals

- A. Carry out the mandates of the State Weed control law, Chapter 17.10 RCW
 - 1. Class A management
 - a) Revisit to all known class A sites
 - 2. Continue Management of Class B designate and county select noxious weeds
- B. Parks management plans
 - 1. Work with the new parks volunteer coordinator(s) on 3 parks plans one per commissioner district
 - 2. Collaboration with City of Bremerton on Lake Management District for Kitsap Lake
- C. Declare August "Noxious Weed Awareness Month"
- D. Continue work with Bainbridge Island
- E. Continue work with County Road Department
- F. Continue work with Public works
- G. Continue work with the Conservation district
- H. Work with other Code Enforcement entities
- I. Meet 2 times with County Code enforcement
- J. Provide training to County and City Environmental planners

VIII. Budget 2019 final

- A. **Bainbridge Funding**
- B. **Bremerton funding**
- C. **Navy funding**

IX. Budget 2020 projections

X. Education and Outreach meetings 2020

XI. Coordinators report

- A. **End of year report**
- B. **Staffing 2020**
- C. **Data & mapping**

XII. Public comment

XIII. Other Items