

Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 21st, 2005

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. Introductions were given, as there were guests present. Present: Jane Wentworth, Joyce Komac, John Collins, Joanne Weber, Wendy McClure, Dana Coggon, Toni Probert, Arno Bergstrom, Peg Tillery, Scott and Peg Hall (citizens), and Eric Baker; Kitsap County Department of Community Development.

II. The October and November 2005 Noxious Weed Control Board minutes were approved.

IV. Site Updates:

Schold Farm

Peggy and Scott Hall were introduced from the Legacy Farm Project. Scott is concerned with the noxious weed discrepancies, referenced in the letter from Commissioner Chris Endresen. The Hall's sent a letter (email) to Kitsap County Department of Community Development, with copies to WSU Kitsap County Extension Noxious Weed Department and Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board. Mr. Hall wanted to know where the Commissioner's office received its information about the noxious weed problems on the property and what actions have been taken to control the noxious weeds.

Eric Baker, from Kitsap County Department of Community Development was introduced. Eric was asked to respond to the Hall's questions and comments. Eric stated Robbyn (the project manager for the Schold property) has been working on the Critical Area Ordinance project for the past few months and was not able to respond to the letter sent by Dana. Robbyn will be addressing the management plan for noxious control as her next task, according to Eric. Eric stated DCD has accomplished some weed control on the Schold property this past summer. Jane asked what DCD's management plan was for the future. Eric stated they would be spraying the thistle (outside the stream boundary) spring 2006. Long-term plans, 2006-2020 will be to introduce native shrubs, trees, etc. to out-compete the noxious weed growth. Jane asked if DCD has a "written plan" for the Schold property. Eric said they are working on it. Dana thanked Eric, for the work DCD has accomplished on the property. Dana noted that she was disappointed with what was not accomplished this year, stating "The County missed the window of opportunity to spray in 2005". Dana has offered her expertise to assist DCD with their management plan, with not much response. Arno interjected, since DCD does not have a noxious weed expert, it would be advantageous for DCD to utilize the weed science knowledge Dana has. The noxious weed department is here to assist and educate any of the county agencies, with eradication or control of noxious weeds in the county. Arno stated we should all work together. Joanne asked Eric why the response to the letter sent to Robbyn, DCD, came from Chris Endresen, County Commissioner office? Eric stated Schold Farm is of interest to Commissioner Endresen. The information given to Chris came from site visits by DCD's habitat biologist, and information from the Halls. Joanne asked why was the Peterson Farm brought up in the letter. Eric stated it was hard to determine the property lines between the two farms. The Hall's would like to see the Noxious Weed Control Program, DCD, the County as a whole, and the Noxious Weed Board all work together to control and/or eradicate the Reed canary grass, Canada thistle, and Tansy ragwort on the Schold property. Jane would like to see DCD's management plan and again offered Dana's knowledge and assistance with preparation of the management plan. Joanne asked if Jane should meet with Commissioner Endresen, to clarify the noxious weed discrepancies in her letter. Joyce suggested the Board draft a letter to DCD about offering Dana's assistance again with a management plan for the control and/or eradication of noxious weeds on the Schold Property.

Jane and Joanne will try to contact Commissioner Endresen before the end of the year.

III. Announcements & Board Comments:

Arno stated the year-end Impact Reports for Washington State University are coming due. Dana can follow the WSU format for her report, even though the department is County. Copies are to be submitted to the Kitsap County Commissioners by the end of 2005.

Joyce announced the Department of Transportation will be conducting training classes in 2006. She recommended for Dana to attend. She will bring more information to the next meeting.

Peg stated a grant concerning noxious weeds from The 10,000 Years Institute was being reviewed.

VI Goals:

The tentative goals for 2006 (attached in the December Board packets) were reviewed and agreed upon. Joanne thought it would be advisably for Dana to inform other county departments of her weed science knowledge and to let them know she is a resource for them. John stated, we should inform the city municipalities of our availability to assist them with any management plans they may have. Joyce also recommended we send a form type letter to various agencies, businesses, etc. informing them, Dana is available to come and speak to groups. This would help with educating the public about noxious weeds.

VII. 2006 Noxious Weed List

The board reviewed the changes to the Washington State Noxious Weed List for 2006. Below is a list of changes made at the state level. All Class A weeds are automatically added by state law to the Kitsap County Weed List. An official hearing for the Kitsap County Weed list adoption will be held during the February Board Meeting

Class A: Add reed sweetgrass

Add floating primrose-willow

Class B: Dalmatian toadflax (Douglas Co. eliminate designation area "east of R28E")

Orchard Grass: Add the following counties: Clark, Skamania, Island and **Kitsap**

Kochia: Replace all designation area language with:

"Regions 1,2,5, & 8

Pend Oreille County of Region 4

Kittitas County of Region 6

Class C: No changes

Discussion in regards to what weeds to remove from the Kitsap County 2005 "Dirty Dozen List" (a selected set of weeds to focus on in Kitsap County), and what weeds to add to the 2006 "Dirty Dozen List". The consensus was to focus education efforts on:

Butterfly Bush(*Buddleia davidii*)

English Ivy(*Hedera helix*)

Fragrant Water Lily(*Nymphaea odorata*)

Gorse(*Ulex europaeus*)

Hogweed(*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)

Knapweed(*Centaurea diffusa*)

Knotweeds(*Polygonum species*)

Poison Hemlock(*Conium maculatum*)

Policeman Helmet(*Impatiens glandulifera*)

Purple Loosestrife(*Lythrum salicaria*)

Tansy Ragwort(*Senecio jacobaea*)

Dalmatian Toad Flax(*Linaria dalmatica ssp.*)

Wendy commented she would like to see Herb Robert added to the list in 2007.

Jane recommended we use gridlines in the brochures. It would be easier to read. Also group the knapweed, thistle, knotweeds together. Have the Kitsap County Dirty Dozen in bold type.

VIII. Budget:

The Board reviewed a copy of the November 2006, year to date. We are on track for expenditures for the year. Dana is still working on the contract with EKO Systems.

XI. Program Report:

Dana stated she would give a full report at the January meeting, due to time restraints.

X. Other Items:

Concerns about Waste Management's composting of yard waste from the public were discussed. Questions arose "does Waste Management know not to compost noxious weeds?" Peg recommended Dana to get in contact with Dave Peters with Kitsap County Solid Waste Division for information on composting yard waste. It was suggested to have Dana make some posters about what NOT to compost, and post at the various county parks and learning gardens.

Joanne stated she would not be at the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Toni Probert, Noxious Weed Program Assistant