

Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board

November 16, 2006

7-9 pm Poplars Room

Silverdale Community Center

AGENDA

- I. Introductions
- II. Approval of September 06 minutes
- III. Announcements & Comments
- IV. Program Considerations
 - a. Vote for 2007 officers
 - b. 2007 Meeting Dates (Please bring your calendars!!)
 - c. 2007 Goals (see attached)
 - d. Budget
 - i. Strategize for 2007-2009
 - e. 2007 Kitsap County Weed List
- V. Program Coordinator Report
 - a. Annual Report
 - b. End of year report
 - c. Project updates:
 - i. Anderson Landing
 - ii. Long Lake
 - iii. Schold Farm
 - iv. Indianola Ivy Out
 - v. Indianola Knotweed
- VI. Other Items

Goals 2007

- **Indicates discussion on these goals at the November 2006 Meeting**
- a. Road side surveys focus on South and Central Kitsap
 - **Jane suggested utilizing existing Weed Advisors use the volunteer time to do site surveys.**
- b. Follow up on current Hogweed locations expand efforts
 - a. Put together an education and eradication plan
 - **Hogweed:Apply for funding to control from Washington State.**
- c. Continue to work on weed management plans for the county to be utilize by DCD, Parks, and SWWM
- d. An educational effort focused on the Clear Creek Trail.
 - a. Post signs during the spring, do 2 focus walks with the community and other interested parties.
 - **Dana stated Fast Signs can produce posters with a more permanent surface. She recommends the purchase for posting in County Parks.**
- e. Continue mapping Knotweed in the county.
 - a. Modify the handout for Anderson landing for more wide spread distribution.
 - **Dana hopes to be partnering with Val again for 2007 for treatment of Knotweed at Anderson Landing.**
- f. Declare _____ “Noxious Weed Week”, late spring/early summer
 - **Dana recommended a “Noxious Weed Week” for 2007. The Board agreed on the first week in August. Dana will propose this idea to the County Commissioners**
- g. Target more real estate agencies , providing educational trainings and material for new residents.
- h. Work on more “marketing” strategies for the program.
 - **Wendy recommended posting more signs in parks.**
 - **John recommended a raffle as incentive for reporting noxious weeds.**
 - **Coordinate with the County Clean-Up Day by distributing information about noxious weeds at the disposal site . Dana will contact Dave Peters, Public Works.**
- i. **Added Goals for 2007**
 - **Jane stated City of Bainbridge is sending a mailer to landowners about controlling knotweed. She requested the Extension Office to field the report calls, then forward them to the City of Bainbridge. Dana will check with office Director, for approval.**
 - **Jane recommended Dana provide a Noxious Weed Advisor course for 2007.**

Project updates:

a. Anderson Landing:

Treatments for 2006 took place the week of July 24th. Follow up applications will take place in the next two weeks and then next year. Information was sent out to all adjacent landowners about the problem and requesting permission to survey and treat knotweed on their property.

b. Long Lake

Alum & herbicide treatments took place between Aug 2 – Aug 10. Equipment complications added time to the project. Toni and Joyce represented the weed control program at Long Lake days Aug 19th.

I have observed the Galerucella working on the Purple loosestrife at the site. I have emailed the biocontrol group to see if they distributed it or if it has shown up on its own.

I would like to send out an information letter to all of the landowners along the lake about the problems of invasive weeds.

c. Schold Farm

Joanne and I provided a weed bouquet to Commissioner Endreson in August. Chris Gears sent an email to Department of Community Development (DCD) and Parks requesting that we all get together on the project. I had a meeting with DCD September 14th and requested that they start work on a management plan with me and they agreed. See below memo from DCD about work that will take place next year.

Dana,

Thank you for meeting with Dave and myself last week to discuss measures for control of noxious weeds on the Schold property. This email is a quick summary of our efforts and continued progress and intent for restoring Schold Farm.

What have we learned: Spraying for the thistle in the stream restoration area is effective but its short lived. The spraying was our second attempt to slow the spread of this species in the area of the stream restoration. The cost and long-term aggressive approach with spraying is not economical for the management of this property. Spraying will not continue.

What are we going to do: We will schedule the juvenile team to cut thistle for 2 weeks in late summer in the area of DCD stream restoration. Although this is surely not 100% effective the hand cutting will help with proliferation of the species in the immediate area.

Perimeter plantings along the northern property line will be conducted this winter. This will help minimize wind dispersal to adjacent properties. In addition we are going to apply your "ring of life" strategy to existing vegetation along the stream corridor. If we can get the existing vegetation to thrive we won't have such a big, growing problem. The plants just need some TLC to get off the ground.

To venture out beyond the area of the stream corridor we are currently working to put together an agreement with the Kitsap Conservation District for a hydrologic analysis and conceptual plan for the continued restoration of the property. The demand for this property as mitigation within the watershed is increasing and it is imperative that we get a handle on the how, what and where for the property. How is this important to invasive species eradication? Well if we know what type of mitigation activity is needed for an area and this area has a significant problem with invasives, we can selectively direct mitigation customers to an area for immediate resolution of the problem. That of course is the real world solution and will not always be the process or most effective approach for all mitigation project. But it's a goal and a strategy that we hope will help us better manage the property towards the vision of restoration. This is the most cost effective approach for property management by Kitsap County.

You requested some educational action be taken on the property as it relates to noxious weeds. Due to our current work load conditions it would be extremely helpful to us if you could orchestrate that need with Tex Lewis and one of his citizen groups. We were thinking it would be a great project for the Boy Scouts. It may be possible for us to help out a little with the cost. Confirm with me as to whether or not this may work for you in your duties. Our involvement may be minimal but we are very supportive to the idea of the project.

Thanks again Dana for your efforts in addressing these issues in Kitsap County. We sincerely appreciate your understanding our limitations and acknowledging our attempted efforts to work on the problem.

Best Regards,

Robbyn

d. Indianola Ivy Out

The individual who was leading this project has stepped down and the Grate Peninsula Conservancy is talking the lead. We are working on getting the event planed for either October 21st or some time in November depending on the availability of a dumpster.

e. Indianola Knotweed

A group of 10 landowners have been working with Laurie Larson, from Larson and Casteil, to control knotweed along the shoreline. An applicator was brought in during the September 1st to do work on most properties but a few landowners refused to have the work done. Laurie and I walked the beach and logged 25 other sites of knotweed along with some escaped patches of Polygonum aubertii. We also found a large patch of Purple Loosestrife on county owned land.

Program Coordinator Report

a. Events attended

- July 26th Port Orchard City parks & roads crew ID seminar.
- July 27th Weed Advisor training field day
- July 28th Budget meeting with Arley and Arno
- August 3 Meeting with Laura Knight to work on flash cards for the SWWM crew
- August 7-11 site surveys and knotweed work
- August 14th meeting with Hood Canal coordinating Council at Anderson landing
- August 15th Bainbridge Island meeting forestry council
- August 16-20 vacation
- August 21st preparations for fair
- August 23 Fair kick off and Meeting at BI city council for the knotweed resolution
- August 24-28 fair & clean up
- August 20th meeting with the Krigsmen's for ivy control on Illahee creek
- August 31st Meeting with Windy and meeting at Manchester park
- September 8th Indianola knotweed tour & Presentation to Port Orchard Watermen's club
- September 14th Jarstead park presentation salmon in the class room & meeting with DCD
- September 19-20 Invasive species conference in Seattle

Up coming events:

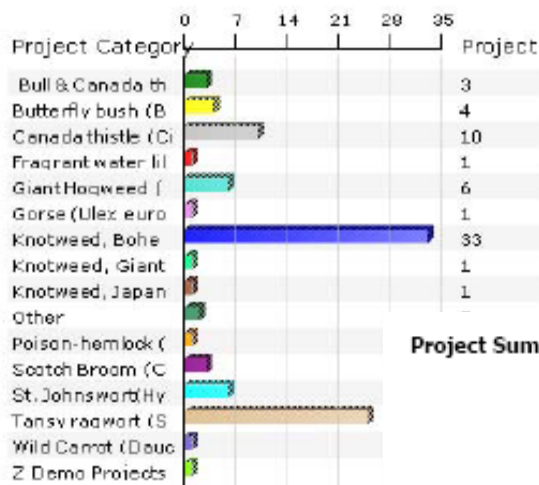
- Sept 30 BI environmental Conference
- Oct 7 Ivy pull at Illahee
- Oct 8 BI harvest festival
- Oct 14 Manchester Weed day
- Nov 1-3 WA weed Conference

b. Surveys

Over 100 were conducted this year.

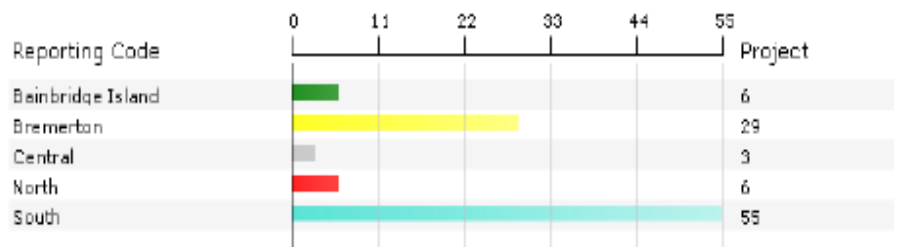
Next year there needs to be more focus in one area and a full survey rather than lots of jumping around.

Project Summary By Category



Total: 99

Project Summary By Reporting Code



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