

# Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007

7:00-9:00 P.M., Coho Room  
Silverdale Community Center

**Board Members attending:** John Collins, Joanne Weber, Wendy McClure

**Staff Members attending:** Dana Coggon, Toni Probert

**The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.**

**I. Introductions & Public Comments:** None

**II. Approval of May 2007 minutes:** The May 2007 meeting minutes were approved with Jane Wentworth's emailed corrections.

**III. Announcements & Board Comments:**

Wendy noted that she will be out of town during fair so cannot take any shifts at the booth. John stated he could volunteer at fair. Joanne stated she could volunteer at fair.

Wendy shared with the board that she purchased "Star thistle Honey" in Dayton, WA. Wendy also noted that there has been at Ft. Worden Park in Port Townsend to control a new invader, Gold Moss Sedum, Golden Carpet Stonecrop, *Sedum acre*. Wendy expressed concern about the weed and wondered if it was on a watch list or under consideration for the weed list. Dana stated that, before a weed can be added to the state list, there needs to be at least 2 years worth of research data. Dana was not clear if there was sufficient information at this time.

Dana announced, Steve McGongial: State Noxious Weed Coordinator, will be resigning from the state board. His last day will be 8/16/2007.

John commended the Washington State Department of Transportation road crew for all the hard work they have done this summer, controlling weeds along the highways in Kitsap.

**IV. Budget:**

- a. State Grant: Dana reported \$396.00 of the \$400.00 was spent on treatment of approximately 20 Giant Hogweed sites. These total number of plats treated was well over 200 plants. Dana noted that there is \$600.00 available for the 2008 treatments.
- b. Projections for 2008: Dana met with Arley Bright; Kitsap County Finance Administrator, about increasing the Noxious Weed assessment. He stated, the Board should ask for \$5.00, which would leave room to negotiate. Dana suggested the Board think about cost share plans with the county and possibly hiring a staff person through Americorp for the 2008/2009 field season.
- c. Dana reviewed the current budget. She stated we are still on target for the 2007 year. 2008 will be tight and that we will have to apply for grants.

**V. Site Updates:**

a. Bainbridge Island: Dana worked with Brian Stahl (Kitsap Conservation District) to conduct Knotweed workshops on Bainbridge Island. The Conservation district put out a lot of publicity, notices and education flyers about the knotweed treatments on the Island. Treatment of the knotweed has started on the City of Bainbridge road ways. Dana and Brian Stahl of the Conservation District are overseeing the contractor hired to do the treatments. Foliar and injection methods are being used to control the knotweed.

b. Indianola: Dana will have a booth at Indianola Days, 7/28/. She will have lots of information on

English Ivy, Knotweed and Purple loosestrife at the booth. Dana stated after public education outreach about knotweed along the shoreline in Indianola, she would like to work with landowners to get the knotweed treated.

c. Long Lake: The alum and herbicide treatment has been completed for 2007. There is a celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> that Dana will put up the Noxious Weed Board booth along with information on aquatic weeds.

d. Schold Farm: Jennifer Andreas and Dana released some bio-controls for the thistle on the property. Kitsap County Community Development has put the hay mowing out for bid.

e. Anderson Landing: Dana reported the knotweed has been treated twice this season, but that more treatments will need to happen in the future.

**VI. Coordinators Report:**

Please see attached report.

Highlights:

Dana reported during the Bainbridge in Bloom event, supposedly one of the Weed Warriors told a landowner that they would be written up for having Policemen's Helmet in their yard. Dana sent out an email to the Weed Warriors about how to address these issues in the future.

Weed Awareness week will be August 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Please see attached schedule of events.

Dana suggested the Board start thinking about possible Notice of Violation letters for 2008.

Numerous 2<sup>nd</sup> informational letters concerning knotweed have been sent to landowners, with little response.

**VII. Other Items:**

Dana stated, after looking back at last the goals for 2007, we are on target for accomplishing most of the goals.

John told Dana about an event on the Key Peninsula. John suggested we put together a package of noxious weed educational materials for the realtors in Kitsap County for homeowners. Dana stated we have sent information to some of the realtors, but will continue to make contacts.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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