

Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board
September 26th, 2007
7:00 – 9:00 PM, Coho Room
Silverdale Community Center

Board Members attending: Joyce Komac, Wendy McClure, Joanne Weber

Staff Members attending: Dana Coggon and Toni Probert

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

- I. **Introductions & Public Comment:** None
- II. **Approval of July 2007 minutes:** The July 2007 minutes were approved.
- III. **Announcements & Board Comments:** Joanne asked if WSDOT mows Highway 3 and Highway 16. Joyce stated WSDOT doesn't mow. Some biocontrol was done along Highway 3 this year. Dana stated Jennifer Andreas (Western Washington Integrated Weed Control Program Coordinator) has biocontrol agents for counties to use for free. Dana suggested a letter be written to the state department of transportation office to support weed control efforts in the budget. The board recommended Dana draft a letter of support and have the board edit, before mailing. Joyce would be exempt from editing due to her professional duties.
Action Item: Dana will draft a letter to the WSDOT concerning budget issues for the control of invasive weeds.
- IV. **Budget:** Dana reported no changes to the budget. Dana recommended the Board support a request for an increase to \$5.00 for the Noxious Weed Assessment for the 2008-2009 budget years.
 - a. Chico Creek: Kitsap County Community Development and Department of Natural Resources will be meeting to redo the creek. Weed removal will be done. The Kitsap County Parks Department will be assisting, also.
 - b. Bainbridge Island: total numbers spent to date are approximately \$50,000. Actual treatment cost was just under \$23,000, and most of the money has been spent on sending materials to landowners. Dana noted that none of her time had been billed to the grant and that we should see if we could get that changed.
- V. **Site Updates:**
 - a. Bainbridge Island: Dana reported knotweed has been treated twice on the public lands. Letters Were mailed to 40 landowners, requesting to treat knotweed. Dana showed a map of the area of knotweed treated.
 - b. Indianola: Dana stated the same 5 people have volunteered numerous times for ivy pulls. The next ivy pull will be October 20th. Dana suggested as an incentive to recruit volunteers would be to offer one hour of assistance with ivy removal on individual property in return for 4 hours volunteer time on public lands.
 - c. Long Lake: Dana reported the alum treatment has been completed. Treatment of the lily pads will be next. Dana noted that the Long Lake Citizens group still does not have a lake management association for addressing long term lake management problems.
 - d. Anderson Landing: Dana stated the knotweed on the lower area is dwindling. It looks a lot better than a year ago.

VI. Coordinators Report:

a. **Letters/Complaints from Citizens:**

b. **City of Port Orchard meeting:** The city manager stated \$10,000.00 will be budgeted for weed control under Code Enforcement. The city will train a staff member to do the treatments. Dana stated she treated 3 sites in the Port Orchard area.

c. **Events:** Logger Days-Port Gamble-9/9th, Sustainable Kitsap 10/5th & 6th, Harvest Festival-Bainbridge Island-10/7th, Scotch Broom-Clean Sweep-Bainbridge Island 10/14th

d. **Weed Awareness Week:** Dana reported low turn outs for the events. She will be making changes for next year's event. The noxious weed display in the Norm Dick's Building was well received. We will put one in the Kitsap County Administration Building next year. Instead of Weed Walks, we will have a staffed display, with information about the noxious weeds in the trail area to give to the public. Dana requested the Board list any other ideas they may have for the event.

e. **Letters:** Dana reported over 200 letters were mailed in 2007. She has revisited about 60% of the 2006 weed sites. There were 2 Letter Notices sent this year.

VII. Other Items:

Dana reported all of the Hogweed sites, we are aware of, have been treated for 2007. Some of the sites have been treated twice, Dana received funding from the State Weed Board for follow up treatments for 2008.

It was noted that we should keep data on large locations of Butterfly bush, such as Ross Point in the Port Orchard area. Dana noted that Policeman's helmet has been spotted in the Hansville area and on Bainbridge Island.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Toni Probert

Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Program

Program Assistant