



VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board Member

DEPARTMENT: Department of Community Development – Environmental Programs

MISSION/PURPOSE:

Members of the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board assist with the management of an effective county weed control or eradication program of noxious weeds. They assure compliance and coordination with state, federal, and other applicable regulations. If possible, four out of five members of the board shall be engaged in agriculture practices such as farming, forestry, livestock production, nursery production, or aquaculture.

Noxious weeds are invasive non-native plants that have been introduced to Washington through human actions that can have far reaching impacts on agriculture, recreational lands, natural resources, and human health and safety.

JOB DUTIES:

- Develop policy and guidelines under which the Weed Board operates, in accordance with state and legislative direction. Includes coordination with state agencies and bordering counties for maximizing control opportunities.
- Attend quarterly board meetings to conduct business, keep up to date concerning county situations, as well as state and federal issues involving noxious weed control. Hold hearings as needed.
- Review Weed Control Program's annual report; identify strengths and weakness of the program and set goals accordingly.
- Assure response to inquiries or complaints from county residents that pertain to the weed control program.
- Facilitate the identification of plants as needed and requested by landowners.
- Develop the county noxious weed list; including all class A weeds and those class B weeds that have been designated for control by the state noxious weed control board (RCW 17.10.090). Set local weed control priorities.
- Facilitate conduction of ongoing weed surveys to detect new infestations and level of control of known infestations.
- Assure that the public has access to technical information on weed control options and education for landowners to achieve voluntary compliance with the state weed law.
- Assure that weed enforcement actions are carried out as needed to protect resources.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must be a resident of the **school district that the position represents and reside within those boundaries**. Applicants engaged in agriculture practices, such as farming, forestry, livestock production, nursery production, or aquaculture, will be given preference. Must be interested and willing to serve the community as a board member. Staff will provide training specific to the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Program.

RESPONSIBLE TO:

Kitsap County Department of Community Development Environmental Programs Supervisor and Kitsap County Board of Commissioners.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Until position is filled. Contact Kitsap County Volunteer Services for application information at (360) 337-4650, rpirtle@kitsap.gov