

## Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board | Q1 Meeting

**Date/Time:** Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:00-8:00pm.

**Location:** Central Kitsap Fire Station #41, 7600 Old Military Rd NE, Bremerton, WA 98311

### Members/Staff present:

- Dylan Mendenhall (Bremerton, Chair)
- Jess Sappington, via Zoom (WSU Extension)
- Shannon Rose (Central Kitsap)
- Courtney Brooks (South Kitsap)
- Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech (Program Supervisor, Staff)
- Daria Etchings (Outreach Technician, Staff)

**Absent:** Jade Jarvis, Program Coordinator

**Guests:** Any members of public? Virtual? In-Person?

Deb Rudnick, in person

Lynette George, in person

Janice Crockett, virtual

### 1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. with quorum.
- b. Review and adopt agenda
  - i. **M:** Dylan moves to amend agenda to remove Giant Knotweed (*Fallopia sachalinensis*) from 5ciii. Shannon seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
  - ii. **M:** Dylan moves to add Siberian elm (*Ulmus pumila*) to 5d. Shannon seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
  - iii. **M:** Dylan moves to add Review of the Applications of the vacant board meetings. Courtney seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- c. Conflict of interest disclosure – no known conflict of interests by Board members.

### 2. Public Comment

- No public comment

### 3. Public Hearing – Adoption of the 2025 noxious weed list

- a. **Q:** Courtney asked: Is there distinction of what has changed on the list from last year? Dylan: Yes, it is highlighted in the presentation.

### 4. Program Updates

- a. Open board positions in 2025 – Bainbridge Island, North Kitsap districts, Dylan

- i. Bainbridge Island – Filled, to be appointed Feb 10
  - a. Deb Rudnick gives quick introduction of her experience: Member of CWMA, Sustainable Bainbridge, ecologist by trade.
- b. Interagency collaboration, Dylan
  - i. City of Bremerton
    - a. Jade and Dylan met with City, and specifically their lead forester; they recently did a NR assessment. We are looking to know their needs, how can we support them, what they are interested in
  - ii. Pierce and Mason County noxious weed programs
    - a. Jade has been learning about what these two counties are doing, how we can support each other, share data, etc.
- c. On-call contractor for county departments, Kirvie
  - i. We have been working with our purchasing office, aiming to get contract posted, supposed to be open on Feb 5-Mar 5. Glenn McNeal is the contact person. The main purpose is to provide resources for treatment/control for people. The idea is to have multiple on-call contractors to provide flexibility, meet demand, meet specialties (bio, vs mech vs hand, etc.)
  - ii. State has master contractor.
  - iii. Q: Shannon asked: does the county have to have justification to use the state on-call contractors? Kirvie: KC has piggyback contract to work internally
  - iv. Q: Dylan asked: Could the county request work be done and be reimbursed by the state?
- d. Control of Australian water clover (*Marsilea mutica*) at Lake William-Symington, Dylan
  - i. Not a county listed noxious weed—not on the State list either.
  - ii. Opportunity to have grant with Ecology to control this
  - iii. Q: Shannon asked: What is the status of fish on the lake?
  - iv. Grant application due date: April 30
- e. Long Lake – landowner workshop, Kirvie
  - i. Grant ends in June 2025. Landowner workshop is in compliance with the grant. No date/location set yet, scheduled for Late March 2025.
- f. On-Call contractors for private landowners
  - i. We don't have the resources for developing this. County is working with legal now. Challenge is legal is determining that our funds is aligned with the law. Challenge is public vs. private land and the legality of it.

- ii. Q: Dylan asked: is this a separate RFP than the public, on-call contractors? Kirvie: It will be separate to get the process moving quicker.

## 5. General Business

- a. Review of board meeting applications:
  - i. Q: Courtney asked: Do we interview/and then county interviews? Dylan: I don't want to undermine the county process. We as a board can provide review of candidates but cannot endorse/reject.
  - ii. M: Dylan moves to recommend that the board of commissioners approves Deb's application for the vacant position. Motion passes unanimously.
  - iii. Dylan: North Kitsap application is not very serious. She does mention a pesticide license. Employer could be a conflict of interest. A person could recuse themselves, potentially.  
M: Dylan moves to ask the county to keep the application process open for the North Kitsap vacant position.
- b. Approve minutes – November 21, 2024
  - i. M: Dylan moves approve the meeting minutes. Courtney seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- c. Adopt the 2025 noxious weed list
  - i. M: Dylan moves to adopt the list including, all Class A, B, C species as listed. Courtney seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
  - ii. Dylan: I don't think we've done enough outreach to redesignate species
- d. Select Class B and Class C species for designated control in Kitsap County:
  - i. Do you support the selected species for control?  
Q: Courtney asked: it doesn't sound like a huge issue, perhaps we wait until there is more data?
  - ii. Q: Dylan asked: Should we table this until we have more data/more outreach done?
  - iii. Jess: We don't know what the status of the data is to inform the information. We don't have Jade to inform on this list.
  - iv. M: Dylan moves to table this entire agenda item, 5d, after doing more outreach to stakeholders, and looking at data to make a better-informed decision. Courtney seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- e. Add non-classified species to the Weeds of Concern List:
  - a. Dylan: The point would be to shed light on these species as an educational tool. Weeds of concerns is just a monitor list, there is

- no code enforcement. Came up with this list on own personal experience.
- b. **M:** Dylan moves to add all these species, including Siberian elm, to our weed of concern list. Shannon seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- f. Adopt revised IPM policy
- i. **M:** Courtney motions to adopt the IPM policy as amended. Motion passes unanimously.
- g. Select noxious weed species for priority control in Kitsap County:
- i. Shannon: There are dangerous weeds on this list, and putting these on this list could be vulnerable for those who are not familiar.
- ii. Courtney: Hazardous species could be a topic of outreach. Dylan: There is a lot of criteria, (disability, wealthy, topography, sensitive habitats, species identity, etc.) to consider when selecting.
- Q:** Dylan asked: Should we focus on species that are hazardous to human health (tansy, poison hemlock, etc.) or uniquely destructive (knotweeds, garlic mustard, etc.)?
- Shannon: I am wary about the species, other than harm to people, due to lack of data, lack of foundation of how we are determining criteria for priority.
- Jess: Per the IPM policy gives framework for prioritization for species and prioritization lands.
- Dylan: perhaps we prioritize species of health concern: Giant hogweed (*Heracleum mategazzianum*), poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), and tansy ragwort (*Jacobea vulgaris*)
- iii. **M:** Dylan moves to amend the proposal to include giant hogweed, poison hemlock and tansy ragwort. Motion to approve the amended proposed target species for 2025. Motion passes unanimously.
- h. Disposal program – choose start date for 2025 program.
- i. Dylan: I think it will be good for program partners to have heads up for when it starts it. April 1<sup>st</sup> is proposed start date through Oct.
- ii. **M:** Dylan moves to choose start date as April 1 through Oct. Shannon seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- i. Monitoring plan for 2025 – narrow scope of work to focus on public lands and right-of-way
- i. Dylan: Budget was approved \$130k to ecological monitoring; Dylan thinks a contractor will have a hard time surveying private property. Dylan

discusses narrowing the scope to focus on public lands to not have to navigate the private property side of things.

- ii. Q: Shannon asked: What is defined as public lands? Kirvie: Public lands include right of way land, storm way facilities, ponds/catchments; there's a lot of County property lands; around school buildings, public buildings
- iii. Dylan: Wants to see what state is doing for monitoring data;  
Shannon: It would be cool to see the SeeClickFix data in a meeting;  
Q: Shannon asked: How does the different growing season affect how often a location will be surveyed?
- iv. M: Dylan moves to direct staff to focus scope of monitoring work on public lands and right-of-ways. Motion passes unanimously.

## 6. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.