

## Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board | Q1 Meeting

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Community Room - Kitsap Regional Library, Poulsbo  
700 NE Lincoln Rd, Poulsbo, WA 98370

### Members/Staff present:

- Dylan Mendenhall (Bremerton, Chair)
- Deb Rudnick (Bainbridge Island, Secretary)
- Jody Fulford (North Kitsap)
- Amy Lawrence (Central Kitsap)
- Jessica Hartsell (South Kitsap), online via Zoom
- Jess Sappington (WSU Extension, ex-officio)
- Jade Jarvis (Program Coordinator, Staff)
- Daria Etchings (Outreach Technician, Staff)

### Absent:

### Guests:

Charlotte Holden, online via Zoom

Kim Greenwood, Robin Fulford, In-person

## 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 the agenda to propose the removal of Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*), black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) in addition to holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) (agenda item 6eiv.) and add the proposal of listing cape-pondweed (*Aponogeton distachyos*) to the Weeds of Concern list (agenda item 6e.). Jody seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- c. Conflict of interest disclosure
  - i. Dylan discloses conflict of interest in agenda item 5a. as one of the contractors that bid on the RFP is a competitor to personal company. Dylan will recuse himself from the discussion.

## 2. Public Comment

- Kim Greenwood states that she and others are raising money for the Port Gamble Heritage Park to purchase timber rights. She is here to see if there is a potential for a funding partnership with the weed program. She also states that

- her group has broached this topic with Commissioner Rolfes who thought it was a good idea.
- Charlotte Holden inquires to see if you must be a Kitsap resident to get involved as a volunteer in helping with invasive removal. Her son is especially interested in getting involved.
    - Jade will follow up with her on more information.

### 3. Public Hearing – Adoption of the 2026 Noxious Weed List

- a. Review proposed 2026 noxious weed list
    - i. Three Class A Noxious Weed Additions: waterhemp (*Amaranthus tuberculatus*), delta arrowhead (*Sagittaria platyphylla*) and sunflower broomrape (*Orobanche cumana*).
    - ii. Three Class C Noxious Weed Additions: black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*), Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*), and English/common holly (*Ilex aquifolium*).
  - b. Review proposal to designate Italian arum (*Arum italicum*) for control
    - i. Dylan provides an overview of Italian arum to the board.
    - ii. Q: Deb asks since controlling the plant is hard, what resources could we provide for landowners? Dylan answers providing herbicide guidance. Jade answers with greater soil containment advice when removing the plant.
    - iii. Q: Jody asks how the species is dispersed? Dylan answers it spread to his property via birds.
  - c. Public comment
    - i. None.
- ### 4. Public Hearing – Revisions to Bylaws
- a. Review proposed changes
    - i. Dylan provides an overview of the proposed revisions of the bylaws, as they have not been updated in the last two years. Four main parts in review: quorums, meetings, officers, and removal of an officer.
  - b. Public comment
    - i. None.

### 5. Program Updates (Jade)

- a. Update on weed survey RFP
  - i. Jade and Deb provide overview of both contractors. Deb notes that Hanson Tree Service's proposal was too expensive and she is alarmed that Mosaic's proposal removed travel/lodging and per diem costs that were submitted in the previous RFP round to meet the board's proposed

budget. Deb is worried that corners may be cut but thinks it's worth having an open conversation with Mosaic.

- ii. Jade notes that the scoring was adjusted to add more weight to Work Plan and Cost Proposal and that we should pick a contractor by end of February.
  - iii. Jade states that the lack of response from the RFP could be indicative that we are mispricing this type of work.
  - iv. Jody is worried about quality of work as well, and county staff oversight.
    - a. Jade says we could add stipulation of periodic check-ins to the Scope of Work.
  - v. Q: Jody asks about references and resumes of the two.
    - a. Jade replies Mosaic is a younger crew, and that Hansen seemed a little more familiar with the species here. Both had great resumes and references.
  - vi. Dylan states that we can ask transparently about lodging/travel to address that concern. For oversight, Dylan also describes that the survey methods could address search effort as well as GPS mapping could also be monitored.
    - a. Jody specifies that oversight could just be mere inspection, does not have to impede the work at all.
  - vii. Q: Deb asks, how did we designate 11,000 acres and what are we doing with the data?
    - a. Jade says this idea was born from surplus funds, and that before acting on weeds, we need to survey. We first wanted to survey all public lands.
  - viii. Q: Amy asks if we have any baseline information and or data or are they starting from zero?
    - a. Jade answers yes, we can provide them historical data, and iNaturalist data.
  - ix. Q: Deb asks if we feel like we are going to get a lot of data enough to make a plan for weed control in a timely manner?
    - a. Jade answers that it could be very useful for identifying Class As and Class B designate distributions, downstream corridors, and Parks.
  - x. Q: Jess Hartsell asks if density will be documented.
    - a. Dylan states that it may include percent coverage of a polygon.
  - xi. Jade will move on with intent to award process with Mosaic.
- b. Landowner assistance Program

- i. The board discusses keeping the budgeted cap.
      - ii. Jody and Deb would like to move tansy ragwort to priority species.
      - iii. M: Dylan moves to switch tansy ragwort from hardship funding species to priority species. Jody seconds, motion passes unanimously.
      - iv. The board decides to table the topic of limiting the program to individuals.
        - a. Deb states we could have a reduced cap for septic projects due to smaller footprint.
    - c. Disposal program updates
      - i. Topic is tabled of limiting species for free noxious weed disposal in 2026.
    - d. WCC applications
    - e. Q: Jody asks about tribal needs?
      - a. Jade replies we could do outreach to see what their needs are.
      - ii. Topic is tabled.
    - f. ILAs
      - i. Q: Jade asks if herbicide use in Bainbridge is something we should sidestep the public perception.
        - a. Deb thinks that the city of BI should conduct a public engagement process before ILA for herbicide use.
        - b. We can address this messaging in a separate outreach campaign.
      - ii. Jade needs to know soon if he needs to start the conversation with Bainbridge along with a comprehensive public engagement plan.
        - a. Deb states Bainbridge Island's CWMA can be a partner with this.
    - g. Surplus budget
      - i. Topic is tabled.
- 6. General Business
  - a. Approve Minutes: Dec 17, 2025 & Nov 12, 2025
    - i. Non-present board members recuse themselves.
    - ii. M: Dylan moves to approve minutes. Deb seconds.
  - b. Revise bylaws
    - i. M: Dylan moves to approve the proposed revisions to bylaws. Jody seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
  - c. Elect officers
    - i. Chair Roles
      - a. Chair's main responsibilities are developing agenda, which determines what we discuss, and facilitating meeting (parliamentary procedure). As chair, you would also regularly check in with Jade monthly, (Jade states that he is happy to meet

- monthly with other board members as well). Chair typically attends all meeting in-person.
- ii. Vice Chair Roles
    - a. Steps in if chair is not present, or if chair needs to be removed.
  - iii. M: Dylan nominates himself to serve as chair through June of 2026. Motion passes unanimously.
  - iv. M: Jody nominates Deb as vice chair through June 2026. Dylan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- d. Adopt the 2026 noxious weed list
- i. M: Dylan moves to adopt the weed list as is required from the state weed list. Amy seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
    - a. Note that it should specify in weed list that holly is class C except when commercially grown
  - ii. Designate Italian arum for control
    - a. M: Dylan moves to designate Italian arum for required control in Kitsap. Amy seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
  - iii. Discuss knotweed
    - a. Jody would like to table the knotweed discussion to later date.
    - b. Jade notes we can designate a species for certain geographical areas. The HCCC group provides knotweed treatments for free and have expressed difficulty getting participation from a handful of landowners.
      - a. Dylan describes we can further look at management of specific assets. Dylan also describes this as not unprecedented as King County requires control along certain rivers. Jade clarifies we can enforce control but not eradication.
  - iv. Discuss tansy ragwort
    - a. As discussed earlier, we already upgraded tansy ragwort to priority weeds.
- e. Update Weeds of Concern
- i. Add chocolate vine (*Akebia quinata*)
    - a. Infestation in King County; Dylan is proposing this species to a Class A species to the state board.
  - ii. Add ice plant (*Carpobrotus edulis*)
    - a. Dylan notes this is explosive on CA coast and sold in nurseries.
  - iii. Add sweet woodruff (*Galium odoratum*)
  - iv. ~~Remove holly~~

- v. Add crack willow (*Salix x fragilis*)
- vi. Add periwinkle (*Vinca major*)
- vii. Cape pondweed (*Aponogeton distachyos*)
  - a. Bloedel reached out as a problem; Dylan discusses maybe proposing as a Class A to state board
- viii. M: Dylan moves to add chocolate vine, ice plant, sweet woodruff, crack willow, periwinkle and cape pondweed to Weeds of Concern list.
- ix. M: Dylan moves to remove Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*), black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) and English/common holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) from the Weeds of Concern list. Motion passes unanimously.

## 7. Adjournment

- a. M: Dylan moves to adjourn meeting. Jody seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:07 p.m.