

Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board | Q2 Meeting

Date/Time: April 8th, 2026, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: WSU Kitsap Extension Classroom
345 6th Street, 4th Floor, Bremerton, WA 98337

Members/Staff present:

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

Absent:

Guests:

Unnamed observer, online via Zoom

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. with quorum.
- b. Review and adopt agenda
 - i. M: Dylan moves to amend the agenda to add the item 4d. Weed of Concern list. Amy seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- c. Conflict of interest disclosure
 - i. None.

2. Public Comment

- a. None.

3. Program Updates

- a. Stewardship Assistance Program
 - i. Jade summarizes the SAP program updates. Current knotweed projects, legal approval of the stewardship agreement and upcoming outreach.
 - ii. Stewardship agreement
 - a. Two-year term with follow up visits/treatments as needed
 - b. Herbicides - no Glyphosate, spot treatments only; 3 day's notice for treatment, exception for urgent situations.

- c. Landowner agreement to follow management plan, with update at 50% and 100% of term; May suspend or end support if landowner does not follow management.
 - d. Working on property lines will require signature from adjacent landowner(s)
 - e. Standard liability and legal language
- iii. Q: Deb asks if we have a set contractor who we've talked to about herbicides acceptable?
- iv. Q: Jody asks if we are not using glyphosate, are we using triclopyr? Jade answers that there is also imazapyr.
- v. Q: Jody states that imazapyr is expensive, and asks what happens if the plant becomes resistance to imazapyr, are we paying for a return treatment? Jade answers that our program would go in for a second treatment the second year with the cap to reset each year per landowner.
- vi. Q: Dylan asks the board if there is something that needs to be clarified or changed about the program?
- vii. Q: Amy asks if there is any idea about how much land is covered by the program? Jade answers applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and this is a pilot process so far, so we will see what in the future how much land the program covers.
- viii. Q: Jody asks that many sites may need multiple treatments, are we willing to dedicate money to these same sites? Dylan answers that it would be good to re-evaluate this when the program runs for a couple years to see how it plays out.
- ix. Deb highlights that the language "two-year term; follow up visits/treatments as needed" in the Stewardship Agreements describes longer term relationship with the landowner
- x. Jody has concerns about the term of the agreement only lasting two years and then the herbicide usage.
 - a. Jody would like to add to the herbicide information something about changing the herbicide on a multi-year project with agreement by the landowner and board.
 - b. Jade states that would be an appropriate add to the agreement language.
 - c. Q: Jade poses that we could add glyphosate with landowner permission. Jody states that we could this year be no glyphosate but next year we could revisit it in future years.

- d. Dylan states that these terms are not written in stone and that the agreement is written on his recommendations.
 - e. Dylan states that banning glyphosate could build trust with the public, which for a lot of people is their main concern. This also provides clear communication with the contractor, not allowing exceptions. Dylan also states that since there are two alternatives, glyphosate almost seems obsolete.
- b. Public lands mapping project
 - i. Scope of Work agreed with Mosaic.
 - ii. Contract is slated for Board of County Commissioners' approval on 4/13 regular board meeting.
 - iii. Surveying will start in April.
 - iv. Dylan states that it may be useful to get review of the survey deliverables early on the project (5%/10%), is there a way to create a committee to review this?
 - a. Jade states we have regular check ins scheduled so we can plan to review this.
 - v. Q: Jessica H asks if analysis will be made or if we are just getting raw data from them? Dylan states raw data.
 - vi. Q: Jessica H asks who will analyze this? Jade answers we have GIS analyst who can work on this. Dylan offers technical support as well.
 - vii. Q: Jody asks what platform this will be on? Jade answers ArcGIS.
 - viii. Dylan clarifies that our initial goal was to survey all public lands but this current project will most likely be County Park lands. Dylan poses future thinking about next steps about what is to be surveyed.
- c. City of Bainbridge Island ILA
 - i. Jade and Deb met with BI public works director.
 - ii. BI has an annual \$25k budget for weed control and spent none in 2025, so there is \$50k available in 2026.
 - iii. BI indicated not having a need for a match and suggested utilizing the funds for other jurisdictions as they have a larger pot.
 - iv. Deb states that there are concerns about the budgeting, and they may not know how much it costs for this work being done now.
 - v. BI also stated they maybe do not have the expertise to make a long-term management plan, and maybe some of our funds could be used for long-term planning.
 - vi. Q: Dylan asks if they do not need funding, why are they going through the county? Jade answers they will be using our contractor with their funds.

- vii. Deb agrees this will be helpful for the city and emphasizes that the city may not know the comprehensive scope of the problem, going so many years without management.
- viii. Jade has reached out to other jurisdictions to start discussion
 - a. Has a meeting with City of Bremerton next week.
 - b. Q: Dylan asks if it is Public Works or Parks, Jade answers it will include both.
- d. City of Port Orchard code update
 - i. Jade and Jessica H met with city planners about upcoming code update. The language included the County Noxious Weed List but the city wanted to include native plant resources, and general management guides.
 - ii. Q: Jessica H asks if the board wants to endorse anything for cities to reference? Jade states that management is so species specific and there are lots of native plant resources, so there may not be a need to endorse.
 - a. Deb includes: [Landscape-Materials-Matrix](#)
 - b. Jessica H adds that it may be good to provide materials and there are lots of good resources out there for native plants including the Native Plant Society.
 - c. Jade states that having a template management plan may be good for cities to approach the county board to make their application more comprehensive.
 - a. Amy states that it may be hard to make an overarching management resource.
 - iii. Jess S emphasizes that they are looking for endorsement as there are many resources already out there.
 - iv. Dylan states that it may be good to have an outreach committee to discuss these things and it would be nice to have general guidance about suggested street trees etc.
- e. Outreach & Education
 - i. Update on upcoming events
 - ii. Q: Amy asks about including iNaturalist reporting information to be included.
 - iii. Deb highlights that the CWMA is also doing video series to highlight invasives of priority to BI.

4. General Business

- a. Approve Minutes: March 4, 2026
 - i. Dylan wants to amend item 4bi. Dylan does not want to clarify that he probably did not say losing money but losing value.

- ii. M: Dylan moves to amend the minutes to change “money” to “value”. Amy seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- iii. M: Jody moves to approve the minutes. Dylan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

b. Disposal Program

- i. Jade discusses that Solid Waste does not have capacity to be attending to yard waste. Jade reached out to green waste facilities to get pricing and if they accept blackberry and ivy, specifically. There are 12 different facilities which is why Solid Waste has not prioritized yard waste.
- ii. Jade suggests changing messaging, identifying alternative disposal options, and beginning outreach on upcoming change either later this year or next year.
- iii. Jade gives a summary of yard waste facilities.
- iv. Q: Amy asks if there is a possibility that any of these facilities take it to the dump? Jade answers that he believes that it is more likely that they are transporting them to other facilities, but it is not impossible.
 - a. Deb notes that Tilz, by personal experience, has in the past received weed seeds in products but recently has received much better products.
- v. Q: Jessica H asks if we can hand out materials about changing the program for next year during the program this year? Jade answers yes.
- vi. M: Jody motions to continue to allow blackberry and ivy in solid waste because we have not found a better alternative. Dylan Nay. Motion passes.
 - a. Dylan states that he is not in favor of this program and would consider cancelling it.
- vii. Q: Jessica H asks if we are intending to build relationships with these green waste facilities to continue to offer free disposal of these weeds? Jade answers yes, that is the idea but initial outreach with management of these facilities needs to be conducted.

c. Vehicle Options and Costs

- i. Jade discusses two models, costs and recurring costs.
- ii. Q: Dylan asks if the recurring cost is flat? Kirvie answers yes, it is flat.
- iii. Q: Deb asks if the county is making the moves toward electric. Kirvie answers yes, public works has some, DCD does not because we have not purchased vehicles recently.

iv. Q: Jess S asks about cross-departmental vehicle usage as we may not be using a vehicle as much with concern about the output vs the amount of money it will cost.

a. Dylan shares these concerns about the recurring costs being steep.

d. Weed of Concerns list

i. Jade discusses that an English ivy lookalike is being sold at Town & Country on Bainbridge Island. With research, the plant may frost and naturalize in mild climates. T&C agreed to have it taken on their shelves. The species is known to CA invasive species council, they have it on their radar and observed it behaving similarly to English ivy.

ii. M: Jody moves to add Algerian ivy on the Weed of Concerns list. Dylan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Adjournment

a. M: Dylan moves to adjourn meeting. Amy seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned 7:44 p.m.