



Kitsap County

Noxious Weed Control Program

Q1 Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2026 WEED LIST
4. PUBLIC HEARING ON BYLAW REVISIONS
5. PROGRAM UPDATES
 - a. RFP Update
 - b. Landowner Assistance Program
 - c. Disposal Program
 - d. WCC Applications
 - e. Interlocal Agreements
6. GENERAL BUSINESS
 - a. Approve Q4 2025 minutes
 - b. Revise Bylaws
 - c. Elect Officers
 - d. Adopt 2026 Weed List
7. ADJOURNMENT

Call to Order

- *Quorum*
- *Agenda Review*
- *Conflicts of Interest*



Public Comment

General Comments for the Board



Please keep comments under two minutes.

Public Hearing – 2026 Weed List

Comments on the adoption of 2026 Noxious Weed List



Please keep comments under two minutes.

Updates from State List and Proposed Revisions

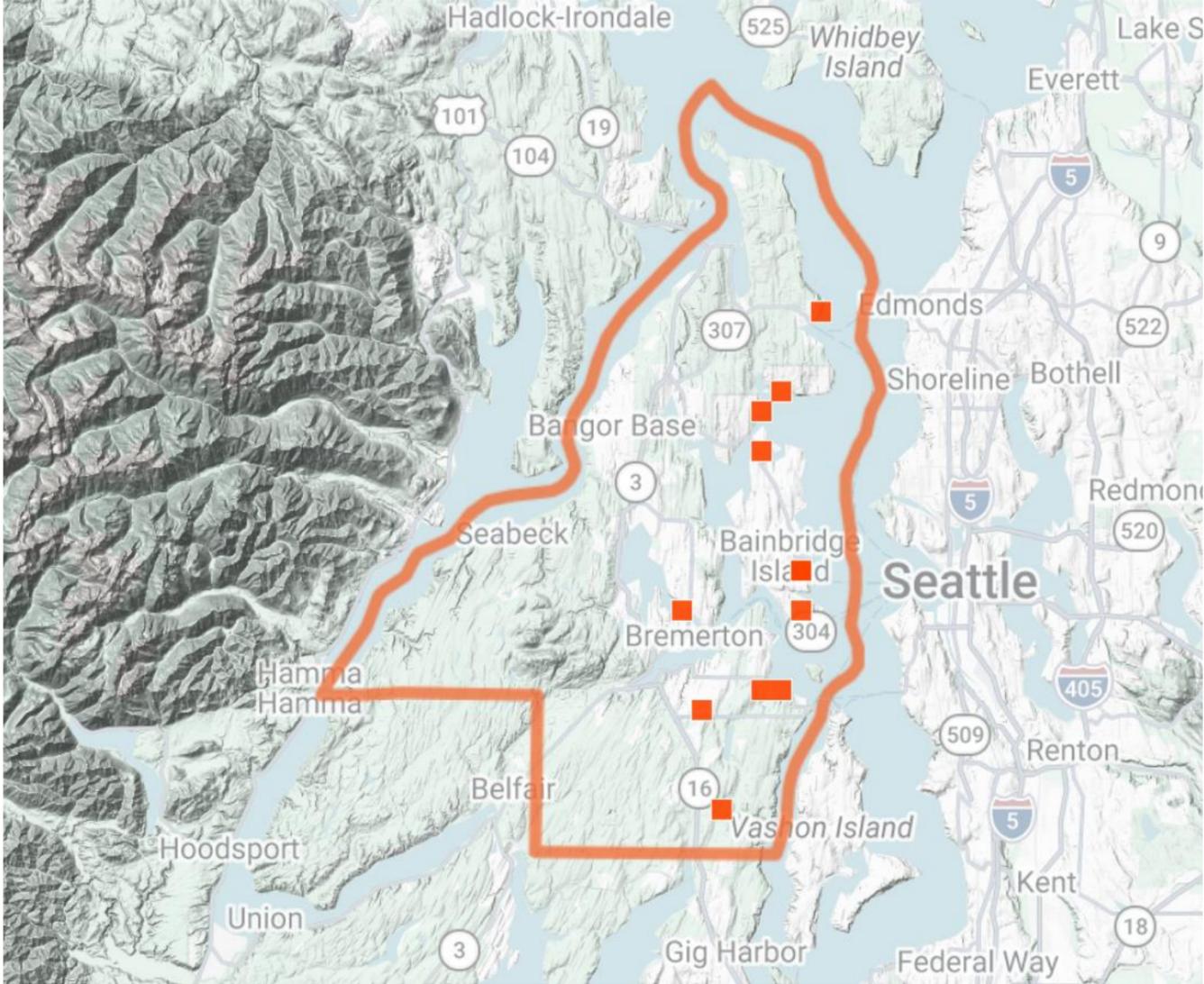
Updates from the 2026 Washington State Noxious Weed List (REQUIRED):

1. WAC 16-750-005 Class A Noxious Weed Additions
 - a. Waterhemp (*Amaranthus tuberculatus*)
 - b. Delta arrowhead (*Sagittaria platyphylla*)
 - c. Sunflower broomrape (*Orobanche cumana*)
2. WAC 16-750-015 Class C Noxious Weed Additions
 - a. Black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)
 - b. Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*)
 - c. English/common holly (*Ilex aquifolium*)

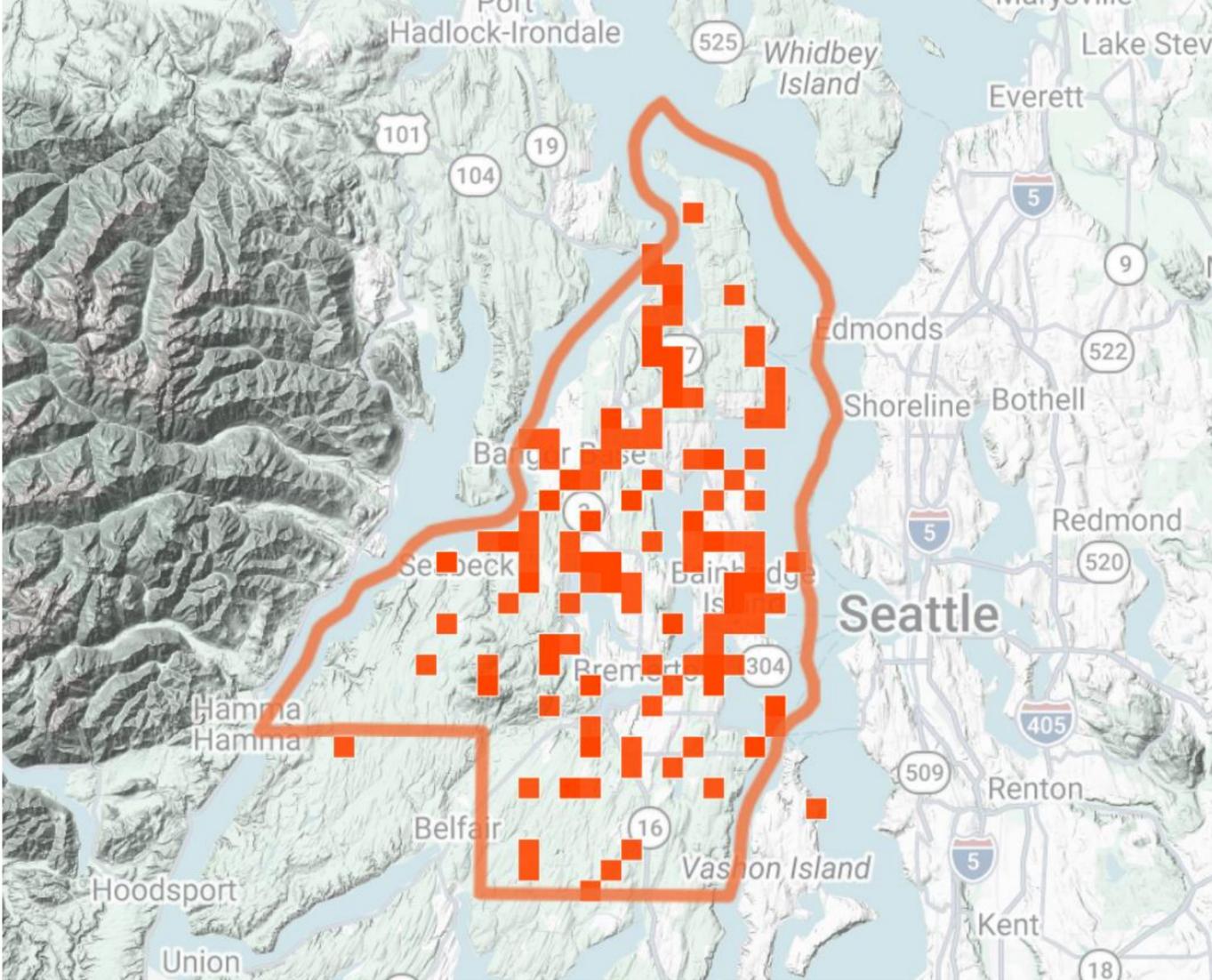
Additional revisions proposed:

1. Designate Class B or C weeds for local control
 - a. Italian arum (*Arum italicum*)
 - b. Japanese and Bohemian knotweeds (*Polygonum cuspidatum* and *Polygonum x bohemicum*)
 - c. Tansy ragwort (*Jacobaea vulgaris*)
2. Additions to Weeds of Concern List
 - a. chocolate vine (*Akebia quinata*)
 - b. ice plant (*Carpobrotus edulis*)
 - c. sweet woodruff (*Galium odoratum*)
 - d. crack willow (*Salix x fragilis*)
 - e. periwinkle (*Vinca major*)

Arum italicum



Jacobaea vulgaris



Public Hearing – Bylaw Revisions

Comments on proposed bylaw revisions



Please keep comments under two minutes.

Proposed Revisions

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Quorum

3.9 QUORUM AND VOTING MAJORITY. The quorum and voting majority requirements are specified in RCW 17.10.050(3). ~~Three~~ A majority of the voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and shall be necessary for any action taken by the noxious_weed board.

Meetings

3.10.3 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the weed board may be held at any place and time whenever called by ~~any four~~ a majority of the voting members. Notice of the time and place of any special meeting shall be given by the member(s) calling the meeting by mail, e-mail or by personal communication at least ~~ten~~ seven days prior to the date of the meeting. The business to be transacted and the purpose of any special meeting shall be specified in the form of an agenda in the notice.

3.10.4 Organizational Meetings. Each ~~November~~ year, the weed board shall conduct a meeting to:

~~3.10.4.1 Establish regular meeting dates for the next calendar year.~~

~~3.10.4.2 Establish a location for its regular meetings.~~

~~3.10.4.3 Elect~~ elect officers who shall serve for one calendar year. Officers shall include a ~~chair~~ Chair who shall preside according to the guidelines of the code of parliamentary procedure, and a ~~vice-chair~~ Vice Chair who shall act for the ~~chair~~ Chair in ~~his/her~~ their absence, ~~and a Secretary.~~

Officers

3.13 OFFICERS. The officers of the noxious weed board shall be a ~~chair~~Chairperson, and
~~a vice-chair~~Vice Chairperson and Secretary. All must be voting members of the
noxious weed board. The Chair shall preside at meetings and any committees
exercising any authority of the noxious weed board. It is the duty and
responsibility of the Chair to enforce all rules of procedure and to control and
direct all noxious weed board discussions and comments.—

Removal of an Officer

3.13.1 ~~REMOVAL OF AN OFFICER.~~ The noxious weed board, by ~~two-thirds~~ majority vote at a regularly scheduled board meeting, may remove any noxious weed board officer. A board member must first call for a vote and the board shall discuss the proposed removal at a public meeting or in an executive session prior to voting. Note, the board shall comply with RCW 42.30.110(1)(f) when holding an executive session. The board shall keep documentation on why the board member is being removed and the steps taken for the removal.

3.13.1-2 ~~If called by a majority of the voting members of the board, The board Secretary Vice Chair shall arrange and chair a special meeting to petition the noxious weed board for the removal of an officer. The Chair shall serve in this function if the Vice Chair has been petitioned for removal.~~

3.13.2 ~~The board shall prepare a written proposal of removal to include the reason for removal and how the board has attempted in the past to address the identified negative behavior.~~

3.13.3 ~~The board Secretary shall make arrangements to schedule the special meeting after consulting with the board chair. This requires sending advance notice to all board members within a specified period of time prior to the meeting. The board chair shall arrange for a qualified third~~

~~party to chair the meeting, guaranteeing impartiality of the proceedings and avoiding potential conflicts of interest.~~



Program Updates

Public Lands Monitoring Project Status Update

- Updated RFP closed on 1/29/2026
- We received two responses; Mosaic, Hanson Tree Service
- Review Panel of Deborah (Board), Jade (Staff), Irene Weber (Parks)
- Scored the two responses (out of 100) based on:
 - Cost Proposal (35)
 - Work Plan (35)
 - References (15)
 - Resumes (15)
- Hope to select candidate, finalize contract by end of February if aim is to start surveys in April



Landowner Assistance Program



- Environmental Restoration & Stormwater Management (ERSM); up to \$50,000 annually
- Raised the per landowner cap from \$1,000 to \$2,500 in 2025
- **Question:** Do we want to keep this cap or adjust it?
- **Question:** Do we want to adjust qualifying species list?
- **Question:** Are we limiting to individuals only?
- **Question:** Septic projects under Hardship funding?

<u>Priority Species</u>	<u>Hardship Funded Species*</u>
All Class As	Butterfly bush
All Class B Designates	Tansy Ragwort
Knotweeds	Purple & Wand Loosestrifes
Yellow Archangel	Spurge laurel
Italian Arum	Myrtle laurel
	Spurge flax

*Meets Senior & Disabled Tax Exemption

Noxious Weed Disposal 2026



General notes:

- 2025: Open from April 1 – Mid October (Reached \$15,000 limit before end of October)
- Saw double the participation from 2024-2025 (# of trips jumped from 141 to 289)
- Blackberry, scotch broom, ivy, holly = top weeds disposed

Current concerns/challenges:

- Data is difficult/time consuming to collate – could invest in 4-5 tablets to input data? Need uniform reporting metric to measure quantity, weight, cubic yds, etc.
- Commercial use? How would we prevent/verify?
- Have heard several requests/need for disposal during offseason/winter months; should we consider year-round? Would likely need substantial increase to budget, up to 30k?

2025 Disposal Results

Participation doubled: **289 visits**, up from 141 in 2024

Number of species doubled: **24 different species disposed of**, up from 11 in 2024

Budget of 15,000 reached in early-mid October, resulting in early wrap-up (Oct. 18)

Top 5 Species Reported: 1-Blackberry, 2-Ivy, 3-Scotch broom, 4-Tansy, 5-Holly

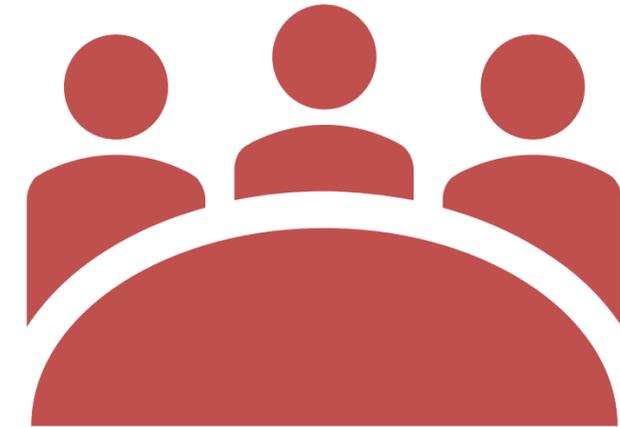
Most Active Months: **July and August** each saw over 100 visits (total)

Most Popular Facility: **Silverdale** with 98 total visits (34%)

Washington Conservation Corps Applications Open for 2026-2027 Season

- Application deadline is **March 31**
- WCC Season is October 2026 - September 2027
- Full crew (one or two large, high-impact projects)
- Individual Placement (IP) position to support outreach/admin
- Parks has provided a few potential projects - Coulter Creek, Newberry Hill, Wicks Lake – post thinning restoration
- Environmental Justice projects receive full funding

Interlocal Agreements



- Board has discussed supporting local jurisdictions with Interlocal Agreements (ILAs)
- City Bainbridge Island - herbicide restriction for City staff
- Potential cost-share for noxious weed control work within cities; providing immediate support for cities lacking capacity, tapering off over time
- Concerns shared at roundtable about public awareness/perception of herbicide use
- Improving public perception of proper herbicide use may require long-term education campaign
- Any other considerations before moving forward with ILAs?

General Business



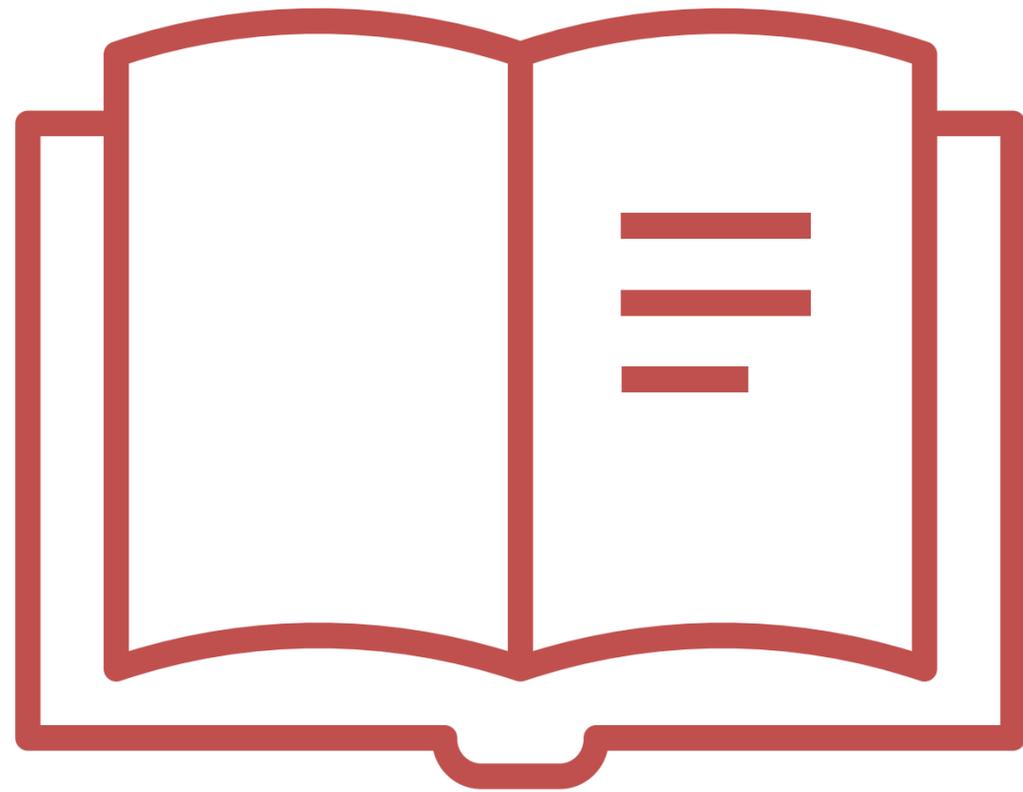
Approve previous meeting minutes:

November 12, 2025

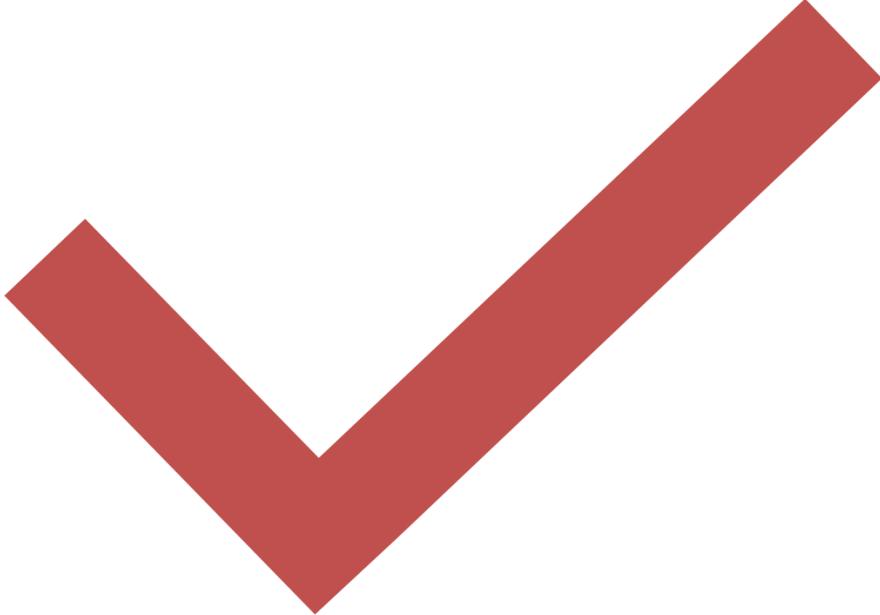
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Officer Elections

Current Officers:

2025 Chair – Dylan Mendenhall, Bremerton

2025 Vice Chair – Unfilled

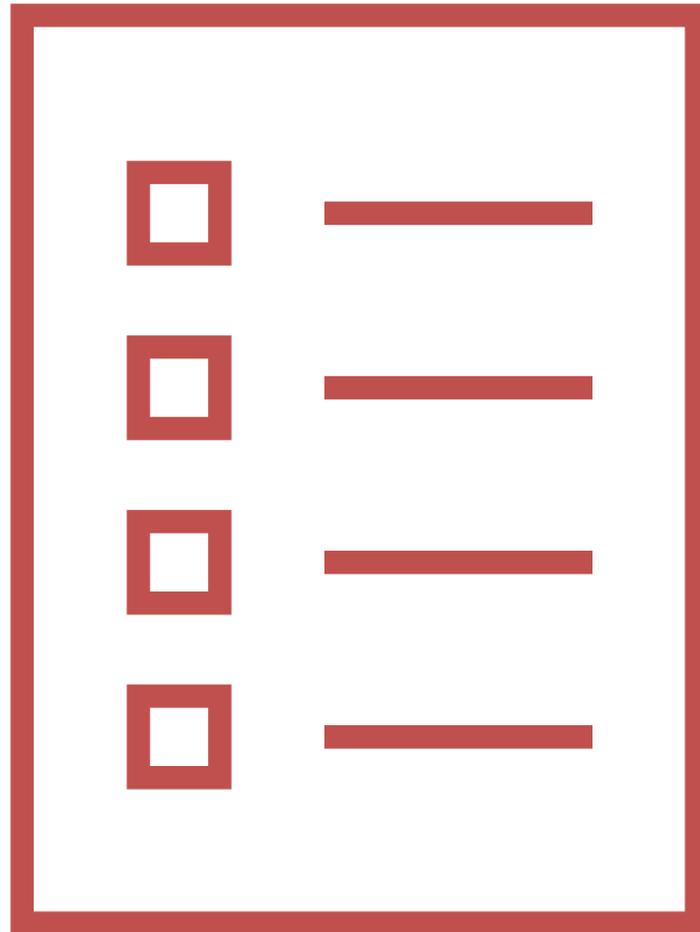
2025 Secretary – Deb Rudnick, Bainbridge Island

Positions to Elect:

2026 Chair

2026 Vice Chair

2026 Secretary (?)



2026 Weed List



Adjournment

Thank you for coming!