

**Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Call to order:** Bill Bezanson called the meeting to order at 9:14 AM. Program Coordinator Heidi Steinbach and Seasonal Noxious Weed Specialist Cheryl Vincent were present in-person. Weed Board Members Tamara Cowles and Brandon Furrer were present via zoom.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Heidi Steinbach made an amendment to meeting agenda to remove Washington State Department of Transportation – Noxious Weed Support Letter from the agenda.

**Open Forum for Public Comment:** No members of the public were present.

**Approval of the June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Meeting Minutes:** A motion to approve the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was made by Brandon Furrer. Tamara Cowles seconded motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Seasonal Noxious Weed Specialist Position:** Heidi Steinbach let the board know that the position was filled and introduced Cheryl Vincent as new Noxious Weed Specialist. Cheryl Vincent gave a brief background about her experience with GIS and geospatial sciences.

**Seasonal Noxious Weed Inspector Position:** Heidi Steinbach let the board know we would be posting the seasonal Noxious Weed Inspector position soon.

**Coordinator's Update:** Heidi Steinbach provided update on work completed since April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting.

- Washington State Parks Interagency Agreement: Started meadow knapweed and tansy ragwort treatments at Lake Isabella State Park, continued manual removal of perennial pepperweed at Belfair State Park. We are using Washington Conservation Corps at Belfair State Park June 17<sup>th</sup> to finish manual control of perennial pepperweed.
- Interagency Agreement with Forest Service: Finalized agreement May 23<sup>rd</sup> and starting work June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Giant Hogweed: Completed control at sites in Hoodspport, Tahuya and Union. Started control on sites in Shelton. Working to renew expired permissions and obtain permissions for newly documented sites.
- Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board Class A and B Designate Grant – Finishing work June 18<sup>th</sup> and report due June 30<sup>th</sup>. Requests for funding proposals for 2025 fiscal year due July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Mason County property survey and control work focused on tansy ragwort, rough chervil, poison hemlock, giant hogweed, perennial pepperweed, meadow and spotted knapweed.

- Met with City of Shelton and Mason County Public Works staff to discuss noxious weed priorities and treatment recommendations.
- Noxious Weed Specialist started position June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Events & Outreach: Attended Master Gardener Plant Sale (May 4<sup>th</sup>) and scheduled for Allyn Days (July 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>), Oysterfest (October 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>) and Shelton Farmers Market (Date TBD).

**Newsletter and Noxious Weed of the Month:** Heidi Steinbach discussed Noxious Weeds and Master Gardener Program newsletter. The “Weed of the Month” article in May covered poison hemlock. Heidi Steinbach let them know rough chervil is being found around the county and may be the “noxious weed of the month” species for June. Bill Bezanson expressed concern that rough chervil may be on his property.

**Other Business:** No other business to discuss.

**Adjourn:** Brandon Furrer called for meeting to adjourn, Bill Bezanson seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am

Recorded by Heidi Steinbach on 6/14/2024.

Approved by MCNWCB on 10/11/2024