**PACIFIC COUNTY**

**NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD**

Public Hearing & Special Meeting

5:00 P.M. February 5, 2018

1216 Robert Bush Drive, South Bend, WA 98586

**MINUTES**

**Members in attendance**: Bob Rose (chair), Paul Waldref, Warren Cowell, David Bale, Jeff Nesbitt, Lisa Olsen

1. **Open Public Hearing: 5:20 PM.**
	1. **2018 Pacific County Noxious Weed List**
		1. Proposed list includes all species listed on Washington State list, and the following species, as “county selects”:
			1. Gorse
			2. Tansy Ragwort
			3. Scotch Broom (only on public R.O.W.)
			4. Purple Loosestrife
			5. Policeman’s Helmet
			6. Lesser Celandine
			7. Knotweed\* (four types: Japanese, Himalayan, Bohemian, and Giant)
				1. \*Designation only applies to knotweed within 200 feet of mean high-water mark along designated waterbodies, limited to: Willapa River, North Nemah River, Naselle River, Salmon Creek, Baker’s Bay, and Willapa Bay.
		2. (Waldref) Brief discussion regarding the addition of Lupine to the list. It was decided that enforcement would be difficult, due to species confusion and high occurrence of ornamental plantings.
		3. Request for public comment
			1. No comments entered into record.
	2. **Noxious Weed Assessment**
		1. The NWCB will pursue a funding structure that relies on property assessment to fund services and enforcement. The proposed land classifications will create the following categories:
			1. Designated forest land
			2. Non-forest land < 1 acre
			3. Non-forest land > 1 acre.
		2. Estimates indicate that $75,000/year is the minimum required to operate a functional noxious weed program. This amount would cover coordinator salary, fixed overhead, operating expenditures, and basic public services.
		3. Data projections indicate that an assessment rate of $3 per parcel, plus $.10 per acre, would generate approximately $74,816 annually (includes reduced assessment rate for timber properties). The Board believes that this rate (3.00/parcel, +$.10/acre) is the most-fair option for stake-holders and will generate sufficient revenue to support a robust noxious weed program.
		4. Request for Public Comment
			1. No comments entered into record.
	3. Motion to close public hearing (Waldref)
		1. 2nd by (Cowell)
		2. 4-0 motion carried. Hearing closed 5:33 PM.
2. **Call to Order: Special Meeting** 5:34 PM (Rose)
3. **Minutes**: Reviewed minutes from January 8th meeting. Motion (Waldref) to approve minutes as written. Motion 2nd (Bale). Motion carried 4-0.
4. **2018 Noxious Weed List**
	1. Cowell makes a motion to adopt the proposed 2018 Weed List as presented during the public hearing. 2nd by Waldref. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried. 2018 list finalized and adopted.
5. **Next Meeting Date**
	1. **Regular Quarterly meeting of the NWCB on March 13, 2018** at 5:00 P.M. (NWCB office/shop. 410 Quincy ST., South Bend, WA.)
		1. The Board will discuss the Assessment proposal, after having made adjustments to reflect the wishes of the Board and the public. NWCB members will have the opportunity to make final adjustments to the proposal and will vote to determine if the proposal will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration. The quarterly departmental briefing will also be included on the agenda.
6. **Adjournment**—Motion by Waldref to adjourn meeting, seconded by Cowell. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

***Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 P.M. on March 13, 2018 at 410 Quincy Street, South Bend, WA 98586.***

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Nesbitt, Noxious Weed Control Board coordinator

Adopted by the Pacific County Weed Board at South Bend, Washington, then signed by its membership and attest by its Coordinator in authorization of such adoption this 13th day of March, 2018.

 PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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 Warren Cowell, Member

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Jeff Nesbitt, Coordinator Doug Camenzind, Member

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 David Bale, Member