**PACIFIC COUNTY**

**NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD**

Regular Meeting

5:00 P.M. June 12, 2018

410 Quincy Street, South Bend, WA 98586

**MINUTES**

**Members in attendance**: Bob Rose (chair), Paul Waldref, David Bale, Doug Camenzind, Jeff Nesbitt (coordinator)

**Open Public Hearing: 5:10 PM.**

1. **Updates**
   1. Pacific County Public Works
      1. South Main ditch
         1. Dry weather allowed us to start spraying earlier this year. South main has been treated from just north of the Humane society through to the end of the ditch (at the ocean). We used an ATV that was borrowed from City of South Bend and sprayed approximately 500 gallons of glyphosate in 2 days. A small section of the ditch was inaccessible and will have to be revisited at a later date.
      2. Roadside ROW
         1. Making good progress on roads. The majority of the peninsula has been sprayed (not surfside or Oysterville). Next will be the North county roads. All roads will be finished in approximately one month.
         2. We are seeing some resistance in horsetail plants. The herbicide mix has not been changed since 2014 and we may need to look into changing the recipe next year. We will add Telar to the mix for the remainder of the roads for 2018.
      3. County Easement in Ocean Park.
         1. We have been treating gorse on the county easement that sits between S PL and V ST. Approximately 2 acres.
   2. WA State Parks and Recreation.
      1. McGowan pond will be retreated this year for Yellowflag Iris. Preliminary inspection revealed a high number of seedlings that are replacing the plants treated last year. These will be easily treatable and should not take more than two days to apply the herbicide. The remaining funds will be spent on Yellowflag treatments near Beard’s Hollow. The funding will be used up by the end of July.
   3. WSDA
      1. Purple Loosestrife
         1. Just finalized a one-year contract for Baker’s Bay. The grant is for $5,000 and will be used for wages and benefits. The remaining costs will be covered by the County.
      2. Knotweed
         1. The temporary employees will start working this week. Most of the attention will be on the Naselle river, where we have seen a fair amount of regrowth. We are in the process of getting permission from three landowners who have not yet agreed to cooperate. Letters were mailed last week and we are waiting for replies.
      3. Spartina
         1. Crews will begin work in the bay in July. Number of plants are very low and we are looking for those last few plants. The large majority of field work will take place in the late summer, when native grasses have browned and the Spartina is highly visible. August 1, 2019 is the day we are able to take action against Moby Dick.
   4. Community Involvement
      1. MRC Science Conference
         1. May 19, 2018. Conference was a big success. Ed presented a small bit of information about the Spartina program.
      2. Sand Island Trash Clean up
         1. Donated airboat time to transport people and trash to and from the island.
      3. Body retrieval
         1. Used the airboat to help the Sheriff’s department staff retrieve the body of Kevin Soule, a fisherman whom had drowned aboard his vessel when it sank in the bay.
   5. Scotch Broom
      1. We have noticed Scotch broom becoming an increasingly large issue in surrounding counties. Bob Rose is interested in discussing the possibility of adding it to our list as a mandatory control. Jeff Nesbitt is concerned that enforcement might be impossible because the plant is already so widespread. Nesbitt says that a better option might be to hold educational workshops where the public can learn about the problem and how to combat the weed on their own.
   6. Noxious Weed Assessment
      1. No new updates on this. Lisa Olsen is working with the assessor’s office to get things ready to be approved in the next year.
2. **Next Meeting Date**
   1. **Regular Quarterly meeting of the NWCB on September 11, 2018** at 5:00 P.M. (NWCB office/shop. 410 Quincy ST., South Bend, WA.)
3. **Adjournment**—Motion by Paul Waldref to adjourn meeting, seconded by David Bale. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

***Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 P.M. on September 12, 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 11th day of September, 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