

# Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

## *Agency Interactions and CWMAs*

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# Purpose- RCW 17.10 (Revised code of WA)

Created in 1975 to limit economic loss and adverse effects to Washington's agricultural, natural, and human resources due to the presence and spread of noxious weeds on all terrestrial and aquatic areas in the state. [R.C.W. 17.10.007](#)



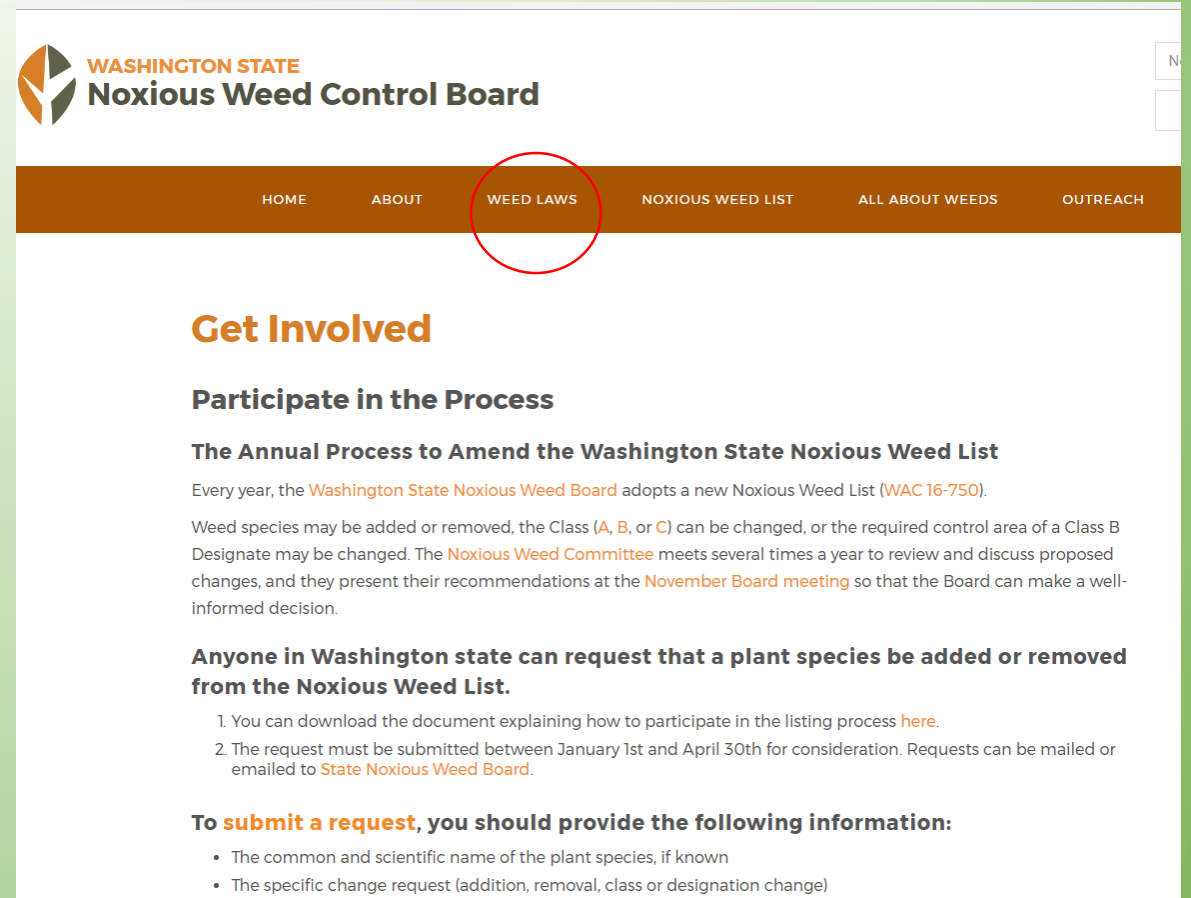
# Agency to Landowner



# Noxious Weed Listing Process

## R.C.W. 17.10.180

- **Jan-April:** submission of proposals
- **May:** Noxious Weed Committee (NWC) begins to review requested changes
- **September:** NWC makes recommendations to State Weed Board
- **November:** Public hearing, State Weed Board votes on changes
- **January:** New changes take effect in new Noxious Weed List



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Noxious Weed Control Board

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### Get Involved

#### Participate in the Process

##### The Annual Process to Amend the Washington State Noxious Weed List

Every year, the [Washington State Noxious Weed Board](#) adopts a new Noxious Weed List ([WAC 16-750](#)).

Weed species may be added or removed, the Class (A, B, or C) can be changed, or the required control area of a Class B Designate may be changed. The [Noxious Weed Committee](#) meets several times a year to review and discuss proposed changes, and they present their recommendations at the [November Board meeting](#) so that the Board can make a well-informed decision.

**Anyone in Washington state can request that a plant species be added or removed from the Noxious Weed List.**

1. You can download the document explaining how to participate in the listing process [here](#).
2. The request must be submitted between January 1st and April 30th for consideration. Requests can be mailed or emailed to [State Noxious Weed Board](#).

**To submit a request, you should provide the following information:**

- The common and scientific name of the plant species, if known
- The specific change request (addition, removal, class or designation change)

# Noxious Weed List

- Class A Noxious Weeds- noxious weeds not native to the state that are of limited distribution or are unrecorded in the state and that pose a serious threat to the state
- Class B Noxious Weeds- those noxious weeds not native to the state that are of limited distribution or are unrecorded in a region of the state and that pose a serious threat to that region
- Class C Noxious Weeds-consists of any other noxious weeds
- County Selected Noxious Weeds- Non-designated class B and C noxious weeds selected by the county for control

# Shiny geranium, *Geranium lucidum*



- Class B noxious weed
- Annual or biennial
- Stems typically bright red and are hairless
- Leaves lobed and shiny
  - Divided into 5-7 sections, each of which is separated into three lobes
  - Top surface sparingly covered with long, stiff hairs

# Agreements

## Owners' agreements with county- R.C.W. 17.10.154

- County weed boards at their discretion may make an agreement with the landowner including prevention, control, eradication and at least a 1000 foot buffer to adjacent agricultural land.



# Enforcement and Infractions

Notice for failure of owner to control R.C.W. 17.10.170

Certified written notice of violation (NOV) of chapter

- County weed board shall include species, order prompt action of at least 10 days from notice, and make an affidavit of mailing

- If the owner fails to take action after NOV:

  - \* the county weed board may control or cause the control of the infestation at the expense of the owner which if not paid can constitute a lien against the property.

  - \* Issue a notice of civil infraction

- Pursuant to R.C.W. 17.10.180 any owner is entitled to a hearing before the county weed board for any alleged costs



# Cooperative Weed Management Areas

## Lake Roosevelt Flowering Rush

- Funded by multiple grants including Ecology and Army Corps of Engineers and by local funding and in-kind partnerships including WSWF and DNR
- Partners include state and county weed boards, Spokane and Colville Tribes, local PUDs, WISC, and others



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## **Weeds Cross Borders (International CWMA)**

- Funded locally from county noxious weed boards and similar partners in British Columbia and in-kind coordination.
- Partners include WSNWCB, Ferry and Okanogan county weed boards, Counter Agencies in British Columbia, Tribal coordination, local PUDs, WISC, and others.
- Create awareness through tours and outreach.
- Support high priority noxious weed control across county and national borders.



Roof Top Shiny Geranium  
2016  
Class B Noxious Weed





2004



2006

**Longfellow  
Creek  
Garlic  
Mustard**



2016

2004



2016



2014



2016



Hwy 99 & 373<sup>rd</sup>  
Goatsrue Infestation

# Invasive Knotweed



# Questions?

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Blue 1 - Tordon - 10 PPB  
10 days - Really Curled  
Blue 2 - Tordon - 5 PPB  
10 days - Curled  
Blue 3 - Tordon - 2.5 PPB  
10 days - Curled Very Little  
Red 1 - 2,4D - 10 PPB  
10 days - Really Curled  
Red 2 - 2,4D - 5 PPB  
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