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
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
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 sparsely 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 WSFW and DNR
- Partners include state and county weed boards, Spokane and Colville Tribes, local PUDs, WISC, and others
Cooperative Weed Management Areas

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
Hwy 99 & 373rd
Goatsrue Infestation
Invasive Knotweed
Questions?

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