

Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Minutes (special meeting to formalize 2020 weed list)

February 26, 2020

Noxious Weed Control Board Office, Cathcart Way Operations Center

Board Members Present

Lea Anne Burke

Don Tillman

George Ohlsen

Others Present

Geraldine Saw – Coordinator

2020 and 2021 Weed List

Gerry gave a brief introduction of the South American spongeplant, which was recently added into the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board's Class A weed list. In Washington, it was first detected near Long Beach. No other locations are known from Washington State. George made a motion to add South American spongeplant into the Class A Snohomish County noxious weed list. Josh seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Gerry would like to remove the hawkweed of the wall and meadow subgenus from the 2021 Class B list. For the past 15 years, much effort has been dedicated to control the subgenus along the Mountain Loop Highway. Gerry plans to focus control at the hiking trailheads, parking areas and work with the Forest Service to contain the hawkweeds from spreading into the wilderness. Josh supports the proposal. He is familiar with hawkweeds and felt that it is unrealistic to manage the hawkweed at the current population level. Josh made the motion to reclassify the hawkweed of the wall and meadow subgenus from a Class B to a Class C weed. George seconded the motion and the motion was passed. A letter to the State Weed Board will be written to start the reclassifying process.

June and September meeting

Gerry asked if it would be ok to reschedule the June and September meeting dates. All is in agreement to change the June's meeting to June 3 and the September's field trip to September 10.

Don made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Lea Anne seconded the motion.