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Agenda

Pend Oreille County Noxious Weed Control Board

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Weed Board Office, 227-B South Garden Avenue

2:00 PM

Open 2024 Weed list hearing at 2:15 pm

Public Comment opens at 2:45 p.m.

Consent Items

Approve travel expenses for this meeting

Approve January 10, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

New Business

- Public Hearing to approve 2024 Weed List
- Review and discuss with the Board the January revenue & expense reports (attachment A 1-2). **Approve January expenses**
- Employee updates and monthly reports (attachments B 1-3)
- Coordinator reports & updates: Staffing updates, grants & agreements status updates, weed list review (attachment C)
- Boating Standards of Procedure and Float Plan for Review (attachment D 1-2)
- Pam to discuss Historical Weed Law
- Open Discussion

Old Business

- Review Updated 2024 Annual Report & Strategic Plan with changes from January meeting (attachment E)



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Minutes

Pend Oreille County Noxious Weed Control Board
Wednesday, January 10, 2024
Weed Board Office, 227-B South Garden Avenue
2:00 PM

Board members present: Wesley Bailey, Tom Pulford, David Hoisington, Pamela Thomure

Also present: WSU Extension Office Director Mike Jensen, Commissioner John Gentle, Loretta Nichols, Tommy Crossman, Paula Martin

Meeting called to order: 2:01 pm

Action Report	Motion Carried
Motion to approve travel expenses for January Meeting	Yes
Motion to approve December expenses	Yes
Motion to approve December meeting minutes	Yes

I. Public Comment

Public comment opened at 2:01 p.m.

No public comment

II. Consent Items

A. Expenses for January meeting:

Pam moved to approve the travel expenses for this meeting. Tom Seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. November Meeting Minutes

David moved to approve the December 13, 2023, regular meeting minutes.
Tom seconded. Pam abstained. **Motion carried.**

III. New Business

A. Introduction to Mike Jensen:

1. Mike Jensen introduced himself and gave his colorful background. Mike [and the Extension Office] is a good contact for grants that the Weed Board may be able to make use of. He clarified that he has a non-voting position on the Weed Board per Statute RCW 17.10.050, as advisor only. If the Board or Staff have questions they can contact him or his office, let them know what interests are coming up, and they can help with that research. He is not as informed with local aquatic noxious weeds. He can help the office with Bear Awareness, First Aid/CPR, and Stop-A-Bleed Training for handy training for field staff.
2. Pam would like to know if it is mandatory that First Aid/CPR training be required for field work. Loretta responded that it is not required at this time, however most of the current or past employees do/have had it.

B. Revenue & Expense Report:

(See attachment A 1-4)

David moved to approve expenses for December. Tom seconded. **Motion Carried unanimously.**

C. Employee Updates and Monthly Reports:

(See attachment B 1)

Loretta: See Coordinator Reports & Updates

D. Coordinator Reports & Updates:

1. Staffing Updates: Hired new Outreach & Field Assistant Position (4/5th, Spray license required), start date is January 17, 2024.
2. Flowering Rush (FLR) update: County Coordinators meeting is set for January 25th at Weed Board and Extension office building. 15+ will be attending so far.
3. Department of Ecology (ECY) grant approved (tentatively) 1/10/24. Will be following up with Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant.
4. State Weed Board is in the process of applying for a Grant through Bureau of Reclamation that would include seven States covering the Columbia Basin, and Canada. If approved, areas upstream may be able to prevent the flowering rush from spreading. Loretta is asking \$300k with 35% match from this one. Pam and John discussed whether a study has been done for this type of Proposal. Loretta stated that they have a Management Plan, which has been in the works for many years.
5. Clarification between Pam and Loretta on use of terminology in terms of PUD Agreement. Pam would like copies of all Agreements; agreed to send Loretta a list of the ones she is most interested in. The Board would like to know if anyone from the Weed Board office follows up on what Contractors/Agreements have been completed. The office maintains spreadsheets that were created by Loretta and Dyana James that track start and end dates, which are included in reports that are submitted with invoicing for each Agreement or Grant, per

requirements. Pam wants Public Records request from PUD and SCL in discussion, to include Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license information. Pam would also like to distinguish the separate plans from what Weed Board Agreement has, compared to Public Utilities District (PUD) and Seattle City Lights (SCL) individual plan. Discussion as to why SCL has Agreement with POC if they already have their own plans. Loretta explained that FLR is only one of many weeds targeted, and the Noxious Weed Control office can help PUD with all weeds, and the agreements help fulfill match necessities with Grants. Pam's "biggest issue is that FLR is way beyond our control." Argued by several members overlapping: Loretta responded that Weed Board office works in tandem with landowners to help identify where the issues are, and to help mitigate the work done to control the weed(s). Tom added that it is beyond any one persons' or entities' control, it must be a group effort along the entire river system. Further open discussion of herbicides vs Diver Assisted Suction Harvester (DASH) with no conclusions; discussion about the County Coordinators meeting helping to open communications with everyone surrounding us; Tribal involvement.

6. John asked if any money set aside for Education. Loretta responded yes, through ECY grant there is money for Education, as well as through workshops.
7. Board requests to see Agreements with SCL before anything is signed in the future.
 - a. It is agreed that Agreement will be presented to the Board before signing.
8. New indirect rate thru USFS, in place for 3 years. 19.81%.
9. Receiving applications for seasonal position.
10. Loretta is hoping to team up with Conservation district as they set up education through the public schools. This could target 4th to 6th graders.

E. 2024 Annual Report Review:

(See Attachment C)

1. Pam has approved the changes to the front cover that she had previously asked Paula via email. Tom would like a snippet of history on the Cover Page photo included further in the report. Pam requests including a legal definition of Noxious Weed. Pam requested a detailed page on Flowering Rush. Loretta added as page eleven. Pam's Letter from the Board was submitted for approval by board and will be reviewed at next meeting, general approval of rough draft at this time. Final approval should be done in February, when all changes are complete.

F. Strategic Plan 2024 Review:

1. Pam made requests and suggests #4 to be #1, reword primary mission as it is in the Statute as well. She also requests language be changed under "Outcome Measure" from PREVENT to "Continue efforts with other stakeholders to address the spread..." The Weed Board staff will look over suggested changes and adapt where necessary according to State Noxious Weed Board requirements.

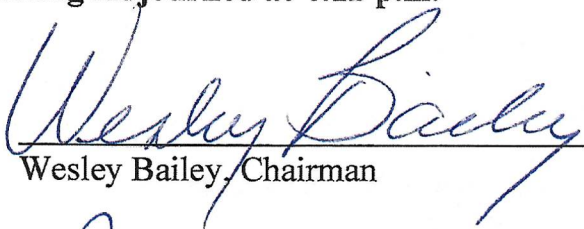
G. Discuss March Meeting date change:

- a. March 5th approved for third Weed Board meeting date in 2024.


H. Open Discussion:

1. Citations vs Enforcement: Board essentially agrees that this may not be the best method for enforcement as a lien doesn't guarantee a landowner will comply, and a Ticket that leads to the court system does not bring any revenue into the Weed Board office to help offset costs. Preferred action would be to add information to the Spring Workshop about the legal authority the Weed Office has for non-action of weed removal, with the focus to be on educating the public about WHY it is important to fulfill this duty. District 1 Commissioner John Gentle's contributions & requests: Voluntary compliance is always best. A certified letter has a lot of power in helping with compliance as landowner cannot claim ignorance. Send a letter before work is done.
2. John Recommends looking closely at the budget to see which programs cost the most and which bring in the most revenue for 2024. Be specific and meticulous.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:12 p.m.


Wesley Bailey, Chairman

2-14-24
Date


Paula Martin, Secretary of the Board

2.15.24
Date

Weed Board Revenue and Expense Detail Report - January, 2024

REVENUE:		
Weed Control Service Fees	\$ 541.61	
CWMA - NCS Workshop Sponsorship	\$ 300.00	
POCD - 2023-1201INV for Nov 2023; 2023-1229INV for Dec 2023	\$ 6,635.12	
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 7,476.73
EXPENSES:		
Personnel:		
Loretta Nichols, salary + longevity	\$ 6,133.10	
Tommy Crossman, salary	\$ 3,596.15	
Dyana James, salary	\$ 2,308.73	
Mary Malone, salary	\$ 7,323.70	
Paula Martin, salary	\$ 2,954.58	
Brian Lord, Seasonal	\$ 74.56	\$ 22,390.82
Benefits:		
WA Family Medical Leave	\$ 47.33	
Federal withholding (FICA)	\$ 1,701.67	
Unemployment (SUTA)	\$ 15.69	
WA State - Dept. of L&I	\$ 572.37	
HRA VEBA	\$ 460.00	
WA PERS 1 & 2 Retirement	\$ 1,716.31	
WCIF Long term Disability	\$ 28.71	
Delta Dental* \$3.75 over due to MM unexpected departure when billed	\$ 21.83	
PEBB 250 Medical 2022	\$ 1,289.87	\$ 5,853.78
Total Personnel		\$ 28,244.60
Operating Expenses:		
Fuel:	\$ 126.28	
Resale herbicides:		
Prof Services: Mary Smith WB Database work	\$ 475.00	
Communications	\$ 51.26	
Project Travel: POCD Travel Mary Malone	\$ 49.78	
Rental ER&R:	\$ 976.70	
Repairs/Mx:	\$ 1,443.54	
Misc: Membership dues - WA Weed Coord; License testing/training;	\$ 569.00	
Selkirk Sun digital newspaper; Newport Miner		
Total Operating Expenses:		\$ 3,691.56
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 31,936.16

2024 PEND OREILLE COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT

POC BAR CODE	2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2024 Budget	%	YTD/BUDGET
REVENUE: Beginning Fund Balance																	ok
332.10.69.0000 USFS - Title II (EDRR)														\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
345.16.00.0010 USFS - Agreement														\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	0.0%	\$ 50,000.00
345.16.00.0040 P&O Utility District (PUD)														\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	0.0%	\$ 25,000.00
345.16.00.0050 WA State Dept of Ag (WSDA)														\$ -	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
345.16.00.0060 POC Public Works (POC)														\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	0.0%	\$ 2,500.00
345.16.00.0070 PO Conservation District (POCD)	\$ 6,635.12													\$ 6,635.12	\$ 31,600.00	21.0%	\$ 24,964.88
345.16.00.0080 Seattle City Light (SCL)														\$ -	\$ 45,000.00	0.0%	\$ 45,000.00
345.16.00.0090 Weed Control Service Fees	\$ 541.61													\$ 541.61	\$ 5,000.00	10.8%	\$ 4,458.39
345.16.00.0100 Title II - NCSP18 (herbicides/rentals)														\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	0.0%	\$ 15,000.00
345.16.00.0120 Dept of Natural Resources (DNR)														\$ -	\$ 23,000.00	0.0%	\$ 23,000.00
345.16.00.0130 Rec & Conservation Office (RCO)														\$ -	\$ 120,000.00	0.0%	\$ 120,000.00
334.03.10.0000 DOE Grant - Pend Oreille River FLR														\$ -	\$ 65,000.00	0.0%	\$ 65,000.00
367.11.00.0000 Contributions/Donations (CWMA)	\$ 300.00													\$ 300.00	\$ 5,500.00	5.5%	\$ 5,200.00
389.07.00.0000 Refunds/Reimbursements														\$ -			\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 7,476.73	\$ 7,476.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,476.73	\$ 392,600.00	1.9%	\$ 385,123.27
EXPENSES:																	
553.60.10.0000 Personnel: Salaries & Wages	\$ 22,185.82													\$ 22,185.82	\$ 273,735.00	8.1%	\$ 251,549.18
553.60.10.8500 Longevity	\$ 205.00													\$ 205.00	\$ 2,460.00	8.3%	\$ 2,255.00
553.60.20.0000 Benefits	\$ 5,850.03													\$ 5,850.03	\$ 99,606.00	5.9%	\$ 93,755.97
553.60.31.0000 Supplies: Office & Operating														\$ -	\$ 11,000.00	0.0%	\$ 11,000.00
553.60.31.0006 Grants and Projects Supplies														\$ -	\$ 11,000.00	0.0%	\$ 11,000.00
553.60.32.0000 Fuel	\$ 126.28													\$ 126.28	\$ 4,000.00	3.2%	\$ 3,873.72
553.60.34.0006 Herbicides for Resale														\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	0.0%	\$ 30,000.00
553.60.41.0000 Professional Services: Office	\$ 475.00													\$ 475.00	\$ 6,000.00	7.9%	\$ 5,525.00
553.60.41.0006 Grants and Projects Prof Serv														\$ -	\$ 230,000.00	0.0%	\$ 230,000.00
553.60.42.0000 Communications	\$ 51.26													\$ 51.26	\$ 1,275.00	4.0%	\$ 1,223.74
553.60.43.0000 Travel: Office & Operating														\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	0.0%	\$ 8,000.00
553.60.43.0006 Grants and Projects Travel	\$ 49.78													\$ 49.78	\$ 2,500.00	2.0%	\$ 2,450.22
553.60.44.0000 Advertising: Office & Operating														\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	0.0%	\$ 1,500.00
553.60.44.0006 Grants and Projects Adv														\$ -	\$ 800.00	0.0%	\$ 800.00
553.60.45.0000 Rental: Office & Operating														\$ -	\$ 115.00	0.0%	\$ 115.00
553.60.45.0010 ER&R - Trucks	\$ 976.70													\$ 976.70	\$ 12,000.00	8.1%	\$ 11,023.30
553.60.48.0000 Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 1,443.54													\$ 1,443.54	\$ 2,500.00	57.7%	\$ 1,056.46
553.60.49.0000 Miscellaneous	\$ 569.00													\$ 569.00	\$ 3,000.00	19.0%	\$ 2,431.00
553.60.49.0006 Grants & Projects														\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0.0%	\$ 1,000.00
594.31.64.0000 Capital Outlay - Equipment														\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	0.0%	\$ 15,000.00
389.07.00.0000 Refunds/Reimbursements														\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
508.20.00.0000 Ending Fund Balance														\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 31,932.41	\$ 31,932.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,932.41	\$ 715,491.00	4.5%	\$ 683,558.14

Monthly Employee Work Report

Employee:	Loretta Nichols	Month:	January	Year:	2024	Hours	Hourly WW:	\$54.70	
Projects						Admin Program	%	Cost	
W1	General Landowner Assistance/Office Work					63	8	44.94%	\$3,883.70
	Details: aquatic permit reporting WSDA, payroll, agenda, weed brd mtg, field inspector interviews, headshts, review applications, emails, dept head mtg, 2024 timeshts, tasklist, staff mtgs, work with HR for seasonal & Outreach positions, 2024 weed list& legal ad, file & organize work space, review weed list, search dox, update time codes & matrix, training materials, strategic plan, indirect rate, staff mtg, Columbia Basin CWMA grant mtg, MER, NW vouchers & reports, 23 annual report, revw agenda & minutes, payroll, weed brd mtg, brd ferc info, supplies, revw applications & interviews, web page								
RCO	Flowering Rush DASH					5.5	3.48%	\$300.85	
	Details: final report & billing, email								
NCS (W4)	Neighborhood Cooperative Cost-Share					25.5	16.14%	\$1,394.85	
	Details: workshop prep; update & order postcards, mailing list, print labels, label postcard, sponsors, conference rm, presentors, registration pg, display brds,								
W5 DNR & Ecology	Flowering Rush - Box Canyon Reservoir					10.5	6.65%	\$574.35	
	Details: NPDES report request info, grant emails, FLR coordinator mtg & prep,								
W7	Mandatory Control Weeds Cost-Share					26.5	16.77%	\$1,449.55	
	Details: comparator database, print none matching report, training, S wilson invoice,								
SCL	Boundary Reservoir					4.5	2.85%	\$246.15	
	Details: TRWG mtg, work on updating SCL agreement, emails,								
PUD	Box Canyon Reservoir					0.5	0.32%	\$27.35	
	Details: Aquatic NCS report & invoice								
FS	Forest Service Projects					13.5	8.54%	\$738.45	
	Details: modication for both grant & agreement, par's, payment request, financial reports, performance repts,								
POCD	VSP & General Conservation District					0.5	0.32%	\$27.35	
	Details: invoice								
All Leave & Comp Hours						Hour Totals	63	95	158
Vacation						Percentage	40%	60%	100%
Sick						Leave Hours	27		14.59%
COVID						Total Hours	185		
						Total Paid Hours	176		

Monthly Employee Work Report

Employee:	Tommy Crossman	Month:	January 1 - 31	Year:	2024	Hours		Hourly WW:	\$33.87																																																																																
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	Details: FLR Coordinator'e meeting here.																																																																																								
NCS (W4)	Neighborhood Cooperative Cost-Share (W6)																																																																																								
	Details: Formatted more than 9000 address' for the NCS Post Card. Labeled NCS Post Cards.																																																																																								
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W7	Mandatory Control Weeds Cost-Share (W7)																																																																																								
	Details: Weekly Staff Meetings. Board Meeting. Worked on: Annual Report, Pend Oreille River water level project. Weed Base address project - had to change more than 2,500 adress' that didn't match POC Acessor's Database. Attended 4 Wilbur Ellis Webinar's to get pesticide credits. Interviewed 4 candidates for the Seasonal Field Inspector position. Worked on the SOP training book. Worked on the Boating Policy. Went to Ace Hardware and Albeni Falls Building Supply to ask for donations for the NCS workshop. Researched product labels.																																																																																								
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	Reviewed pesticide application records for SCL and broke them down to Forest Service Land and BLM Land, scanned them and emailed them to Forest Service and BLM and SCL.																																																																																								
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Monthly Employee Work Report

Employee:	Paula Martin	Month:	January 1 - 31	Year:	2024	Hours		Hourly WW:	\$36.66
Projects						Admin	Program	Percentage	Cost
W1	General Landowner Assistance/Office Work (W1)								
	Emails, revenue and expense reports, monthly detail expense reports, update budget book with current expenses, product research (fair), prepare deposits, adjustments and balance YTD revenue and expense accounts, create 2024 files, Public Records Training, Public Meetings Training, Applicant Discussions/interviews.								
RCO	Flowering Rush DASH (W5)								
	Details: RCO - tracking, invoice submittal, PRISM issues								
NCS (W4)	Neighborhood Cooperative Cost-Share (W6)								
	Details: Workshop discussions, postcards, Website updates								
W5 DNR & Ecology	Flowering Rush (W5)								
	Details: Close-out DOE 0042, Prep for 0093, DOE research for Auditor's office Billing Updates Timesheets/In-Kind/Volunteer Form F 4th Qtr 2023/1st Qtr 2024								
W7	Mandatory Control Weeds Cost-Share (W7)								
	Details: Update addresses/Contacts, 2023 Billings/Receipt Pmts, Study for Exams, Wilbur-Ellis Webinars NCS Workshop: Postcard labeling, website updating, toxic plants update/brochure creation								
POCD	VSP/Conservation District (POCD)								
	Details: Postcard Billing								
Hour Totals						101.5	51.7	153.20	\$5,616.31



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2024 PROPOSED PEND OREILLE COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED LIST

I. Noxious weeds designated for mandatory control currently found growing in Pend Oreille County:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Toxicity</u>
BIGHEAD KNAPWEED	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>	A	N
CLARY SAGE	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>	A	N
FLOWERING RUSH	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	A	N
VOCHIN KNAPWEED	<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>	A	N
ANNUAL BUGLOSS	<i>Lycopsis arvensis</i>	B-designate	N
BLACK KNAPWEED	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	B-designate	N
BUTTERFLY BUSH	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	B-designate	N
COMMON BUGLOSS	<i>Anchusa officianalis</i>	B-designate	N
COMMON REED	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	B-designate	N
EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	B-designate in lakes	N
HERB ROBERT	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	B-designate	N
KNOTWEEDS: giant, Japanese & Bohemian	<i>Fallopia sachalinense</i> , <i>F. cuspidatum</i> & <i>F. x bohemica</i>	B-designate	N
KOCHIA	<i>Bassia scoparia</i>	B-designate	Y - Nitrate concentrator
LEAFY SPURGE	<i>Euphorbia virgata</i>	B-designate	Y - dermal
LOOSESTRIFE, garden	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>	B-designate	N
LOOSESTRIFE, purple & wand	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i> , <i>L. virgatum</i>	B-designate	N
MEADOW KNAPWEED	<i>Centaurea x gerstlaueri</i>	B-designate	N
MUSK THISTLE	<i>Carduus nutans</i>	B-designate	N
MYRTLE SPURGE	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	B-designate	Y - dermal
PERENNIAL PEPPERWEED	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	B-designate	N
PLUMELESS THISTLE	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>	B-designate	N
POLICEMAN'S HELMET	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	B-designate	N
RUSH SKELETONWEED	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	B-designate	N
SALTCEDAR	<i>Tamarix ramossissima</i>	B-designate	N
SCOTCH BROOM	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	B-designate	N
SCOTCH THISTLE	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	B-designate	N
SPURGE LAUREL	<i>Daphne laureola</i>	B-designate	N
TANSY RAGWORT	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	B-designate	Y - destroys liver
VIPER'S BUGLOSS	<i>Echium vulgare</i>	B-designate	N
YELLOW STAR THISTLE	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	B-designate	Y - to horses
BABYSBREATH	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	C	N
BUFFALOBUR	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>	C	Y - cattle, sheep & horses
COMMON CATSEAR	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	C	Y - to horses
ENGLISH IVY (4 cultivars)	<i>Hedera helix</i> , <i>H. hibernica</i>	C	N
WILD CARROT (Queen Anne's lace)	<i>Daucus carota</i>	C	N
YELLOW FLAG IRIS	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	C in Davis & Diamond Lakes	Y - dermal & glycosides

II. Non-mandatory control noxious weeds currently found growing in Pend Oreille County:

DALMATIAN TOADFLAX	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i> ssp. <i>dalmatica</i>	B	N
EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	B - in PO River	N
HAWKWEEDS: meadow, orange, yellow-devil & smooth	<i>Hieracium caespitosum</i> , <i>H. aurantiacum</i> , <i>H. glomeratum</i> , <i>H. laevigatum</i>	B	Y - dermal
HOARY ALYSSUM	<i>Berteroa incana</i>	B	Y - to horses
HOUNDSTONGUE	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	B	Y - liver toxin
KNAPWEEDS: diffuse & spotted	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i> , <i>C. stoebe</i>	B	N
SULFUR CINQUEFOIL	<i>Potentilla recta</i>	B	N
BLACK HENBANE (Shoofly)	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	C	Y - neural
CANADA THISTLE	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	C	N
CATTAIL: nonnative and hybrids	<i>Typha</i> spp.	C	N

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<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Toxicity</u>
COMMON TANSY	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	C	Y - dermal allergen
COMMON TEASEL	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	C	N
CURLY-LEAF PONDWEED	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	C	N
FRAGRANT WATER LILY	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	C	N
JUBATA & PAMPAS GRASSES	<i>Cortaderia jubata, C. selloana</i>	C	N
OXEYE DAISY	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	C	N
REED CANARYGRASS	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	C	N
RUSSIAN OLIVE	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	C	N
ST. JOHNSWORT	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	C	Y - causes photosensitivity
TREE-OF-HEAVEN	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	C	N
VENTENATA	<i>Ventenata dubia</i>	C	N
YELLOW FLAG IRIS	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	C	Y - dermal & glycosides

Category I: Weeds in this category occur at a few sites within the County, are considered an economic threat, and the landowner will cause them to be controlled annually to prevent seed production until eradication is secured.

Category II: Weeds in this category are mostly common in the county and will be controlled on right-of-ways and public spaces as necessary. Landowners will be assisted with cost-share funds, as available, to manage weeds on their properties with the overall goal of containment and reducing the negative impact to an acceptable level.

Category III: Noxious weeds **NOT** currently found growing in Pend Oreille County, but will be monitored and controlled if discovered:

Class A:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
common crupina	<i>Crupina vulgare</i>	palmer amaranth	<i>Amaranthus palmeri</i>
cordgrass, common	<i>Spartina anglica</i>	purple starthistle	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>
cordgrass, dense flower	<i>Spartina densiflora</i>	reed sweetgrass	<i>Glyceria maxima</i>
cordgrass, salt meadow	<i>Spartina patens</i>	ricefield bullrush	<i>Schoenoplectus mucronatus</i>
cordgrass, smooth	<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>	sage, Mediterranean	<i>Salvia aethiopsis</i>
dyer's woad	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	silverleaf nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>
eggleaf spurge	<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>	small-flowered jewelweed	<i>Impatiens parviflora</i>
false brome	<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	Spanish broom	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
floating primrose-willow	<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>	Syrian bean caper	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>
French broom	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>	Texas blueweed	<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>
garlic mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolate</i>	thistle, Italian	<i>Carduus pynoccephalus</i>
giant hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	thistle, milk	<i>Silybum marianum</i>
goatsrue	<i>Galega officinalis</i>	thistle, slenderflower	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>
hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	thistle, Turkish	<i>Carduus cinereus</i>
Johnsongrass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	variable-leaf milfoil	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>
kudzu	<i>Pueraria montana, lobata</i>	variable-leaf milfoil hybrids	<i>Myriophyllum hippuroides</i>
meadow clary	<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	wild four o'clock	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>
oriental clematis	<i>Clematis orientalis</i>		

Class B-DESIGNATE:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Brazilian elodea	<i>Egeria densa</i>	knotweed, Himalayan	<i>Polygonum polystachyum</i>
camelthorn	<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>	lesser celandine	<i>Ficaria verna</i>
common fennel, except bulb forming	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> , except <i>F. vulgare</i> , var <i>azoricum</i>	Malta starthistle	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>
European coltsfoot	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	parrotfeather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>
fanwort	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	poison hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	puncturevine	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>
grass-leaved arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>	Ravenna grass	<i>Tripidium ravennae</i>
hairy willowherb	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	shiny geranium	<i>Geranium lucidum</i>
hanging sedge	<i>Carex pendula</i> , <i>C. pendula</i> ssp. <i>pendula</i> & <i>C. pendula</i> ssp. <i>Agastachys</i>	spurge flax	<i>Thymelaea passerina</i>
hawkweed, oxtongue	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>	velvetleaf	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>
hawkweed: nonnative & hybrids in the subgenera wall & meadow	<i>Hieracium</i> subgenera <i>Hieracium</i> & <i>Pilosella</i>	water primrose	<i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>
indigobush	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	white brony	<i>Bryonia alba</i>
knapweed, black	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	wild basil	<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>
knapweed, brown	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>	wild chervil	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>
knapweed, Russian	<i>Acroptilon repens</i>	yellow archangel	<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>
		yellow floatingheart	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>
		yellow nutsedge	<i>Cyperus esculentes</i>

the noxious weed regions. [WAC 16-750-004](#):. I know there are quite a few new coordinators out there. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Updates to the Noxious Weed List

WAC 16-750-005 Class A Noxious Weed Changes and Additions

The addition of Palmer amaranth, *Amaranthus palmeri*

The addition of variable-leaf milfoil hybrids, *Myriophyllum heterophyllum* x *Myriophyllum hippuroides*

WAC 16-750-011 Class B Noxious Weed Changes and Additions

Undesignating Brazilian elodea, *Egeria densa* in Green Lake in King County.

Undesignating shiny geranium, *Geranium lucidum*, in Snohomish County.

WAC 16-750-015 Class C Noxious Weed Changes and Additions

Adding European, American, and hybrid beach grasses, *Ammophila arenaria*, *A. breviligulata*, and *A. arenaria* x *breviligulata*.

Happy Holidays,

Mary Fee

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Boating SOP

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure is to reduce the risk of accidents when POCWB Staff is boating on water bodies in Pend Oreille County. This SOP addresses all watercraft including: inflatable rafts, kayaks, canoes, rowboats or motorboats.

Implementation:

The Coordinator or the Safety Lead Person of the POCWB is responsible for implementing this SOP. When a boating activity is proposed, it must be in writing via a Float Plan. The POCWB Coordinator or Safety Lead Person will oversee the Float Plan.

Basic Safety Rules:

- Identify a Boat Safety Lead Person with appropriate skills and experience
- The Boating Safety Lead shall file a boating Float Plan with The Coordinator
- Check the condition of all safety gear before leaving the facility
- Check the condition of the vessel before leaving the facility
- Check weather conditions, forecast and water level and water temperature prior to leaving the facility
- Dress appropriately for the conditions.
- Conduct a pre-trip safety briefing that reviews: known hazards (water level, wind, ETC)
- Discuss any medical conditions for trip members
- Conduct on-shore safety briefings prior to launch. Review the agenda, communication protocols, local hazards and boat handling procedures.

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Standard Operating Procedures:

- Boaters must have a WA State Boater Education Card for watercraft of 15 HP or more.
- Buddy System: Work in a watercraft must always be conducted by at least 2 people. In all cases, people should be in visual contact, whether one person is in a boat and one person on shore, two people in individual boats or two people in one boat
- Staff must document that they are a competent swimmer
- Staff must be current in First Aid and CPR

Safety Equipment:

- USCG approved Life Vest
- Whistles on Life Vest
- 2 way radios
- Dry bag
- Water bailing device or pump
- Emergency patch kit
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight

Float Plan:

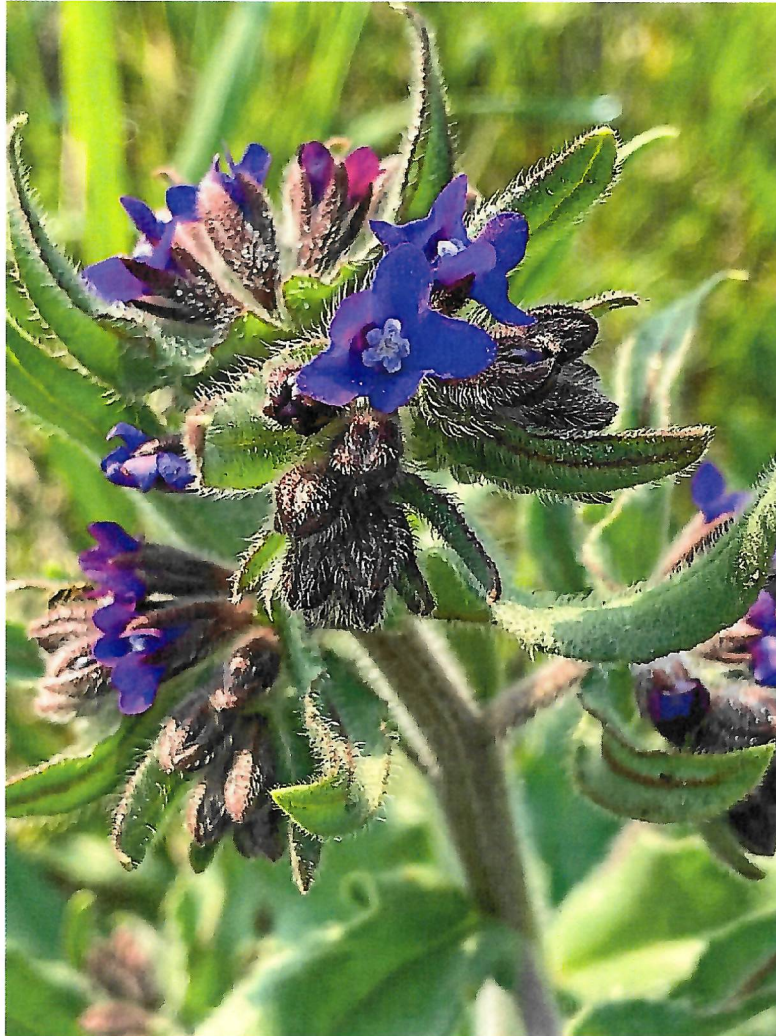
The Boat Lead Person will submit a Float Plan in writing at least 1 day prior to the proposed boating trip to the Coordinator for approval.



Complete this form before going out on your boat, and leave it with a reliable person who will notify the Coast Guard and local authorities if you do not return as scheduled. If you are delayed and it is not an emergency, inform the person with your float plan to avoid an unnecessary search.

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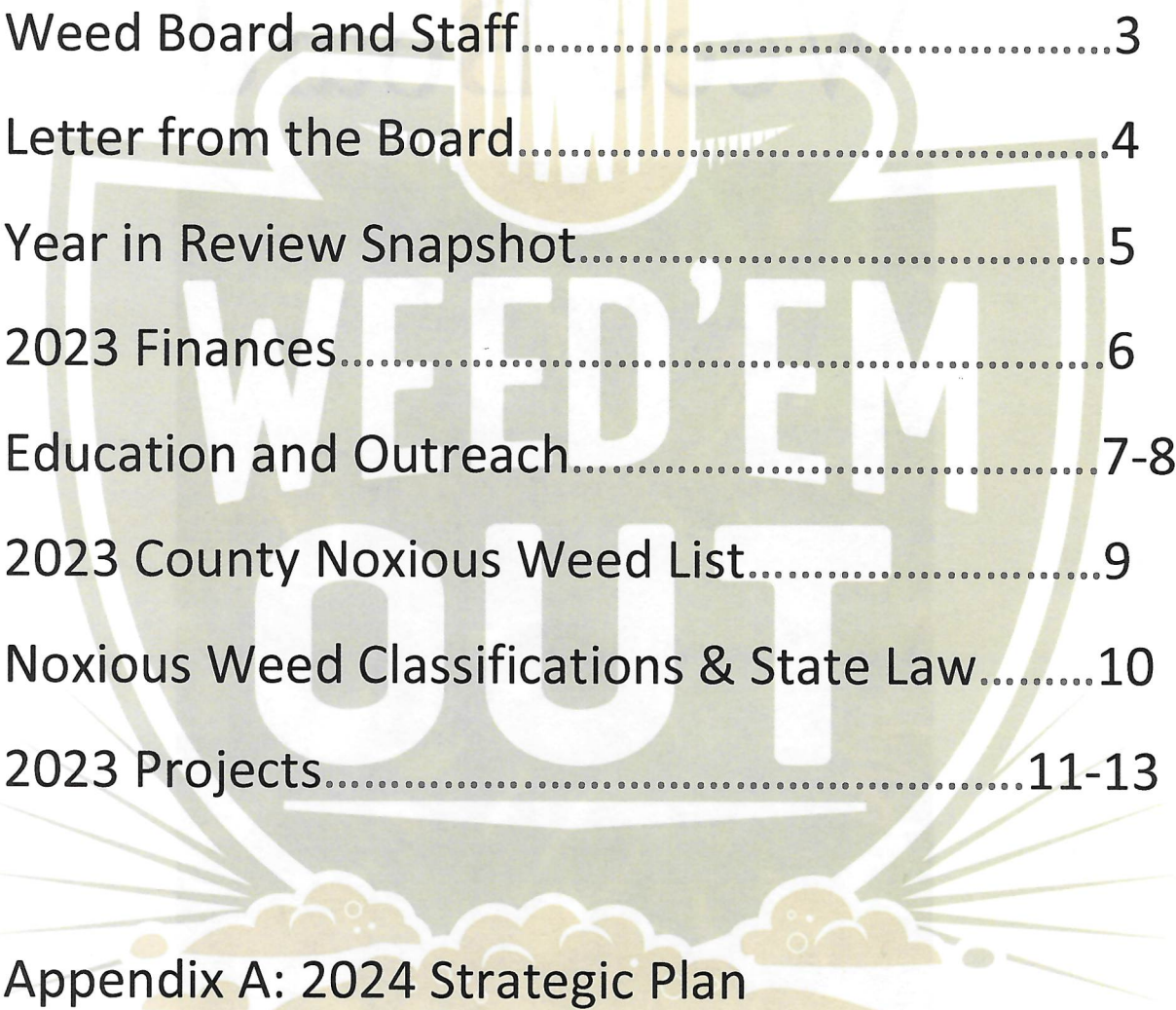
Pend Oreille County Weed Board



Common Bugloss, *Anchusa officinalis*, Class B Designate Weed. Photo by MARY MALONE, Pend Oreille Conservation District. This perennial weed has a deep fleshy tap root making it difficult to control and the seed has a soil life of 50 years.

2023 Annual Report

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**NOXIOUS WEEDS DAMAGE
OUR RESOURCES**

Weed Board and Staff

2023 Updates: The Weed Board added a full-time lead field inspector in 2023 and had one seasonal field inspector. The goal to have licensed, seasonal staff continues to be a struggle, so the goal for 2024 is to combine the education/outreach position with a field assistant for another year-round employee. Dyana James, our long-time data & finance specialist retired at the end of 2023, so we added Paula Martin to the team as our new finance & office assistant in December. We also added one new board member, Tom Pulford, for District 1.

Weed Board Members:

- Tom Pulford, District 1
- Wes Bailey, Chair, District 2
- David Hoisington, Vice-chair, District 3
- Pamela Thomure, District 4
- VACANT, Dist. 5, Board Member



Pictured from left: Wes Bailey, David Hoisington, Pam Thomure & Tom Pulford

Weed Board Staff:

- Loretta Nichols, Coordinator
- Mary Malone, Manager of Program Operations, shifted to Pend Oreille Conservation District January 3rd, 2024
- Tommy Crossman, Lead Field Inspector
- Dyana James, Data & Finance Specialist, Retired December 29th, 2023
- Paula Martin, Finance & Office Assistant



Pictured from left: Dyana James, Loretta Nichols & Mary Malone



Pictured from left: Tommy Crossman & Paula Martin

Greetings.

Noxious weeds pose a serious threat to Washington's agricultural, natural, and human resources. In 1969, our state legislature enacted RCW 17.10 establishing a set of laws to address the problem and establishing State and County Noxious Weed Control Boards. The weed laws spell out the responsibility of all property owners, private and public, to control and eradicate noxious weeds. They also create the government infrastructure (Noxious Weed Control Boards) needed to educate citizens and ensure the laws are respected. The purpose of the Pend Oreille County Noxious Weed Board is to administer the county's noxious weed program, which includes determining the presence of noxious weeds, offering technical assistance and education, and developing a program to achieve compliance with the weed laws.

Over the last several years, significant time and resources have been expended by the POC Noxious Weed Board in overseeing and administering grants for the removal of Flowering Rush and **Purple Loosestrife** from the Pend Oreille River. The problem is far bigger and more complicated than the POC Noxious Weed Board or the county has the resources to adequately manage. A review of the legislative history of our weed laws confirms the focus was original on terrestrial noxious weeds. While aquatic noxious weeds pose just as serious hazard to the county's natural resources, combating these types of problems are far greater than current funding levels allow. To that end, the POC Noxious Weed Board will be working towards returning the responsibility for this work back to the agencies and owners who are better able to coordinate and manage the problem.

Attached is the Pend Oreille County Noxious Weed Control Board 2023 Annual Report. The work described in this report represents just a small portion of the work done by a small but dedicated group of individuals. There is much more that needs be done. Community involvement is a vital key to our success. To that end, we encourage you to read this report, educate yourselves on noxious weeds, and help us to better serve the needs of Pend Oreille County.

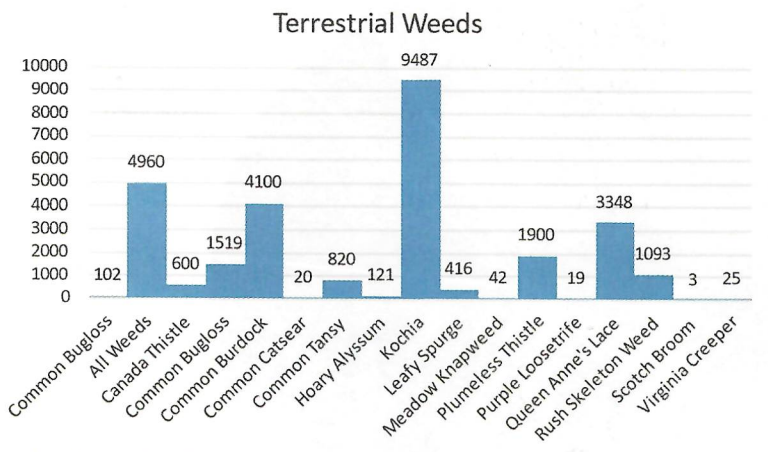
We welcome and encourage your feedback and support.

Sincerely,

Year in Review Snapshot:

TOTAL NUMBER OF WEEDS TREATED IN 2023 (Terrestrial):
28,575

Primary Weeds Treated:



Majority of weeds treated by staff using a backpack sprayer

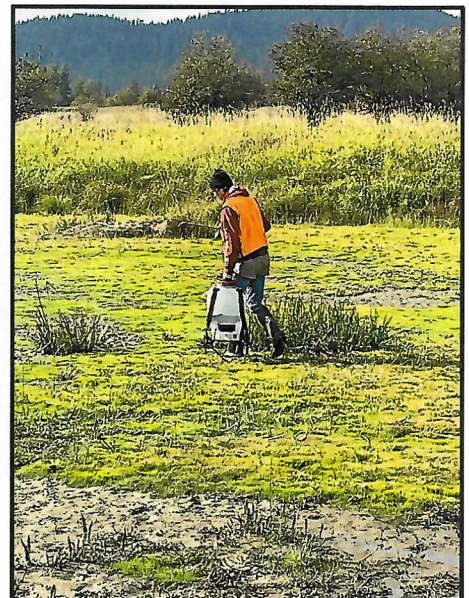
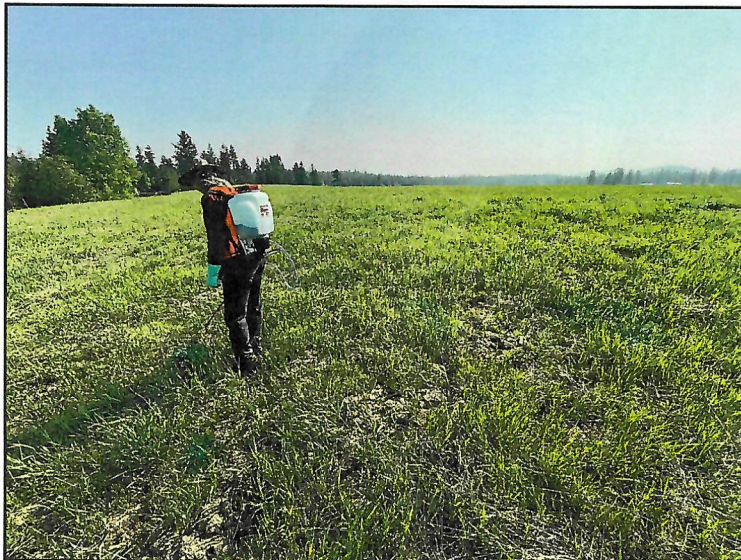
*All Weeds include infestations of various weeds treated at same time on SCL, PUD & USFS properties: Canada Thistle, St. Johns Wort, Common Tansy, Common Mullein, Common Bugloss & Sulfur cinquefoil.

**Through various contracted projects, some non-mandatory noxious weeds are sprayed by Weed Board staff.

AQUATIC WEEDS

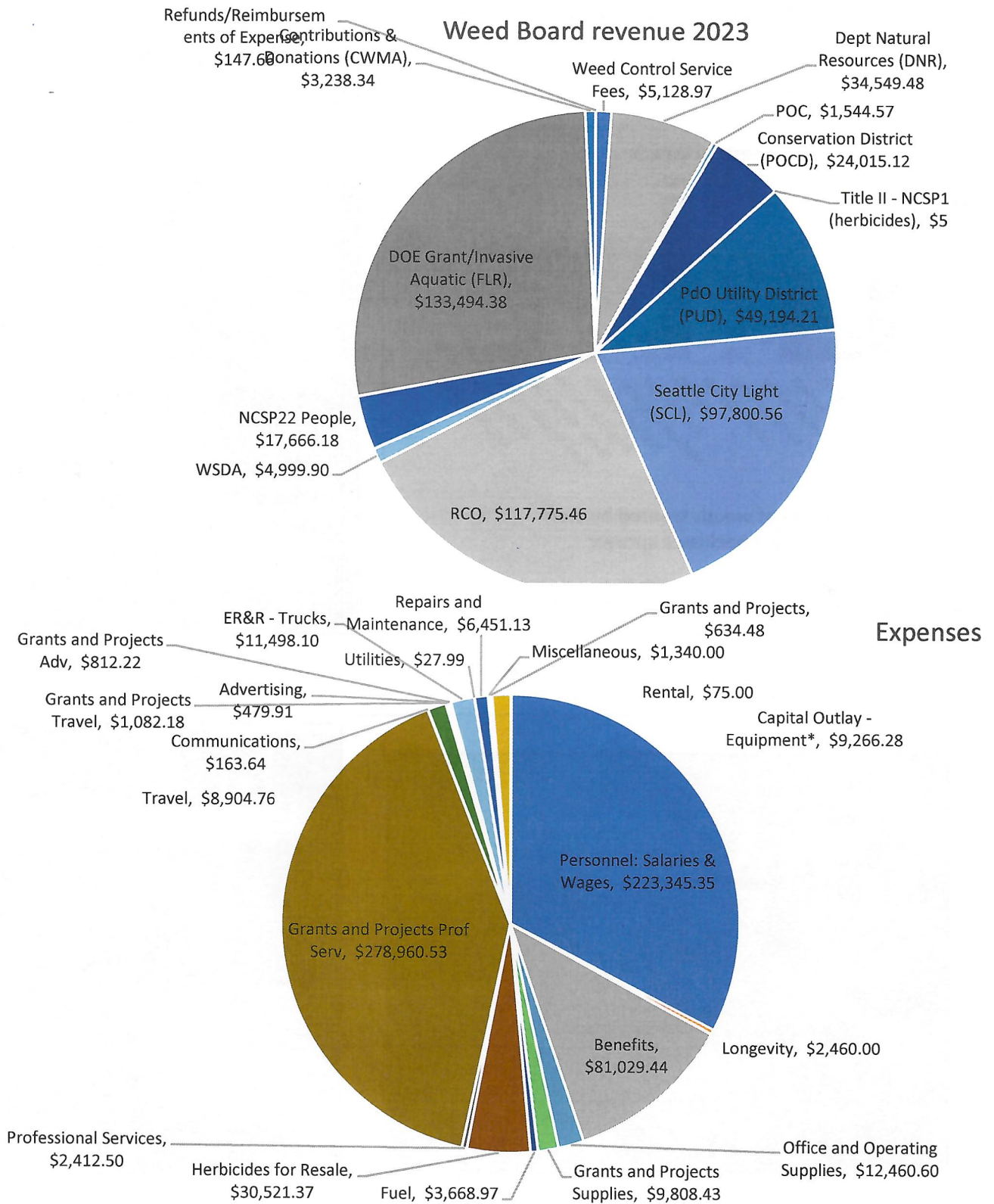
Flowering Rush in the Pend Oreille River is one of the Weed Board's biggest challenges as it is a Class A weed, deemed for eradication. Using contractors for diver assisted suction harvesting, 83,851 pounds of FLR was removed from the river in 2023, while the herbicide contractor sprayed up to 30 acres of FLR & yellow flag Iris.

In addition, Weed Board staff treated .597 acres of FLR, .003 acres of purple loosestrife, and .682 acres of yellow flag iris. We also released additional biocontrol this year to help control the purple loosestrife population at Fan Lake.



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FY23 Finances:



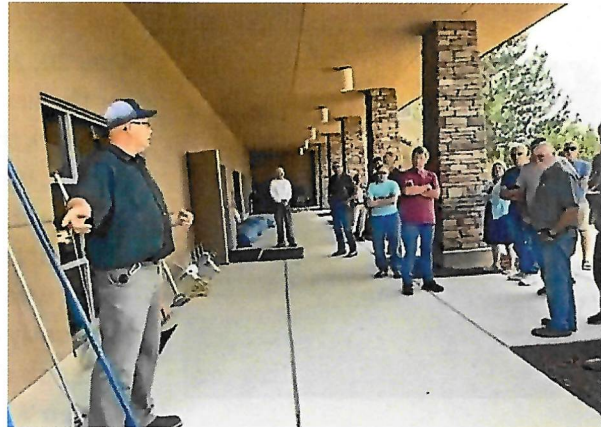
Education & Outreach

Neighborhood Cost Share: The 2023 NCS Workshop was held both virtually and in person on March 11

Attendees: 80 in person, 29 virtual
418 educational handouts were distributed at this event!

Aquatic Workshop: The 2023 Aquatic Workshop was held virtually and in person at the Camas Center on July 14

Attendees: 58 in person, 13 virtual
131 educational handouts were distributed!



Aquatic Workshop Outdoor Session with Scott Jungblom from PUD

The NCS Workshop and the Aquatic Workshop are the two largest events hosted by the POC Weed Board each year. The NCS workshop launches the cost-share program for landowners, providing up to 50% cost-share to help them manage weeds more effectively (see the 2023 projects section at the end of this report for more information). In addition, the Weed Board partners with the Pend Oreille County Public Utility District for its aquatic cost-share program. This year, the Pend Oreille Conservation District partnered with the Weed Board and PUD for the Aquatic Workshop to talk about water quality, salmonid recovery, bank stabilization and more.

The Weed Board was also able to host and attend a number of additional events this year, thanks in part to a grant from WSDA, and partnerships with the Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council and the Newport Community Garden Committee, among others.

April 21, 2023, Calibration Workshop: Weed Board staff hosted our first annual Calibration Workshop, an outdoor event in the parking lot of our shop to discuss the importance of calibrating equipment, tank mix procedure, importance of water testing, proper application, spray nozzles, spray pattern, cleaning equipment, and more, with a live demo of backpack sprayer calibration. Despite the rainy weather, we had nearly 20 people attend this event.



April 28, 2023, Garden Invasives Class:

Weed Board staff held a one-hour class at the Newport



Community Garden, located behind the library. The garden was implemented by a committee made up of partners from the Library, Friends of the Library, Conservation District and WSU Extension as an educational space for the community. While only about a dozen people attended this talk, it was a great conversation with a lot of question and answers. Thirty handouts were distributed to attendees.

Education & Outreach (Cont.)



May 20, 2023, Renaissance Fair: The Weed Board tabled for the first time at the local Renaissance Fair at Newport City Park this year. Staff interacted with approximately 50 people. While the Weed Board didn't specifically "fit in" at this event, many of the people we interacted with had not heard of the Weed Board previously and were curious about what we do. So we were getting the word out to previously unreachable people. There were 76 educational materials distributed to attendees (Toxic plant books, Garden Wise books, brochures, etc.)

June 24, 2023, Forest and Rangeland Owners Field Day: This event, hosted by the Kalispel Tribe of Indians in partnership with WSU, DNR and others, was a full day of topics related to improving forest health, decreasing risk from fire, improving habitat, decreasing noxious/ invasive weeds and more. Weed Board staff tabled for the day, interacting with approximately 70 people, most of whom are performing some sort of work related to improving their forest and/or rangeland. Staff also did two talks throughout the day on the most common weeds landowners are likely to find in their forest or rangeland (with live weeds to show them) and answered questions regarding control methods. There were 86 educational materials distributed to attendees (Toxic plant books, brochures, weed ID cards, etc.)



August 11, 2023, EDRR Training: This event, in partnership with the Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council, was a 3-hour training where participants learned how to identify invasive plants, how to record basic data and how to report findings on EDDMapS, a national early detection reporting system used by most federal, state and county agencies. Staff and partners brought several different species of aquatic and terrestrial weeds for participants to get a hands-on look at some of the problem weeds in Pend Oreille County. Approximately 20 people attended this training, with 30 educational handouts distributed.

August 17-20, 2023, County Fair: The Weed Board puts together a themed display each year, manning a booth at the County Fair. This year's display won an award! 252 handouts were distributed to fairgoers this year, a bit slower than previous years likely due to area wildfires and smoke.



2023 Pend Oreille County Noxious Weed List

Noxious weeds designated for mandatory control currently found growing in Pend Oreille County
(See next page for Class descriptions and Washington weed law information)

CLASS A NOXIOUS WEEDS



Bighead Knapweed
Centaurea Macrocephala



Clary Sage
Salvia Sclarea



Flowering Rush
Butomus Umbellatus



Vochin Knapweed
Centaurea Nigrescens

CLASS B NOXIOUS WEEDS

ANNUAL BUGLOSS
BLACK KNAPWEED
BUTTERFLY BUSH
COMMON BUGLOSS
COMMON REED
EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL
KNOTWEEDS, giant, Japanese & Bohemian
HERB ROBERT
KOCHIA
LEAFY SPURGE
LOOSESTRIFE, garden
LOOSESTRIFE, purple & wand
MEADOW KNAPWEED
MUSK THISTLE
MYRTLE SPURGE
PERENNIAL PEPPERWEED
PLUMELESS THISTLE
POLICEMAN'S HELMET
RUSH SKELETONWEED
SALT CEDAR
SCOTCH BROOM
SCOTCH THISTLE
SPURGE LAUREL
TANSY RAGWORT
VIPER'S BUGLOSS
YELLOW STAR THISTLE

Lycopsis arvensis
Centaurea nigra
Buddleja davidii
Anchusa officianalis
Phragmites australis
Myriophyllum spicatum
Fallopia sachalinense, F. cuspidatum
& F. x bohemia
Geranium robertianum
Bassia scoparia
Euphorbia virgata
Lysimachia vulgaris
Lythrum salicaria, L. virgatum
Centaurea x gerstlaueri
Carduus nutans
Euphorbia myrsinites
Lepidium latifolium
Carduus acanthoides
Impatiens glandulifera
Chondrilla juncea
Tamarix ramosissima
Cytisus scoparius
Onopordum acanthium
Daphne laureola
Senecio jacobaea
Echium vulgare
Centaurea solstitialis

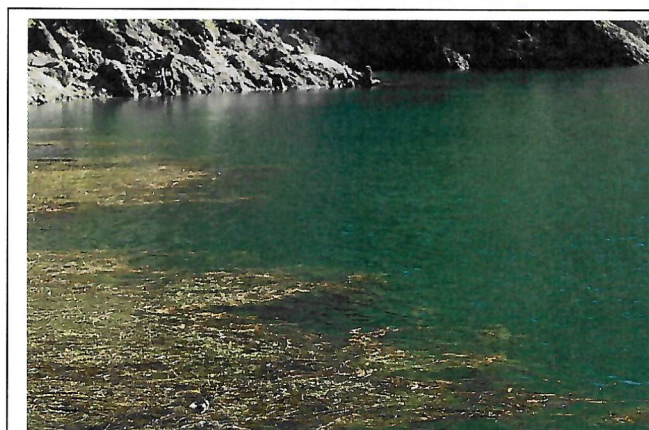


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Eurasian Milfoil is Class B Noxious Weed designated for mandatory control only in lakes in the County, not in the Pend Oreille River pictured here.

CLASS C NOXIOUS WEEDS

BABYSBREATH
BUFFALOBUR
COMMON CATSEAR
ENGLISH IVY (4 cultivars)
WILD CARROT (QUEEN ANNE'S LACE)
YELLOW FLAG IRIS

Gypsophila paniculata
Solanum rostratum
Hypochaeris radicata
Hedera helix, H. hibernica
Daucus carota
Iris pseudacorus

Washington State Weed Classifications and Law:

Class A Weeds: Non-native species whose distribution in Washington is still limited. Preventing new infestations and eradicating existing infestations are the highest priority. Eradication of all Class A plants is required by law.

Class B Weeds: Non-native species presently limited to portions of the state. Species are designated for required control in regions where they are not yet widespread. Preventing new infestations in these areas is high priority. In regions where a Class B species is already abundant, control is decided at the local level, with containment as the primary goal.

Class C Weeds: Noxious weeds that are typically widespread in WA or are of special interest to the state's agricultural industry. The Class C status allows county weed boards to provide education or technical consultation.



Photo by MARY MALONE, POC Weed Board

According to state law, it is the responsibility of landowners and managers to control weeds on their property, and the Weed Board's responsibility to ensure that weeds are controlled at least to minimum standards.

RCW [17.10.140](#)

Owner's duty to control spread of noxious weeds.

(1) Except as is provided under subsection (2) of this section, every owner must perform or cause to be performed those acts as may be necessary to:

- (a) Eradicate all class A noxious weeds;
- (b) Control and prevent the spread of all class B noxious weeds designated for control in that region within and from the owner's property; and
- (c) Control and prevent the spread of all class B and class C noxious weeds listed on the county weed list as locally mandated control priorities within and from the owner's property.

(2) Every owner of forestlands classified under RCW [17.10.240](#)(2), or meeting the definition of forestlands contained in RCW [17.10.240](#), must perform or cause to be performed those acts as may be necessary to ...

RCW [17.10.090](#)

State noxious weed list—Selection of weeds for control by county board.

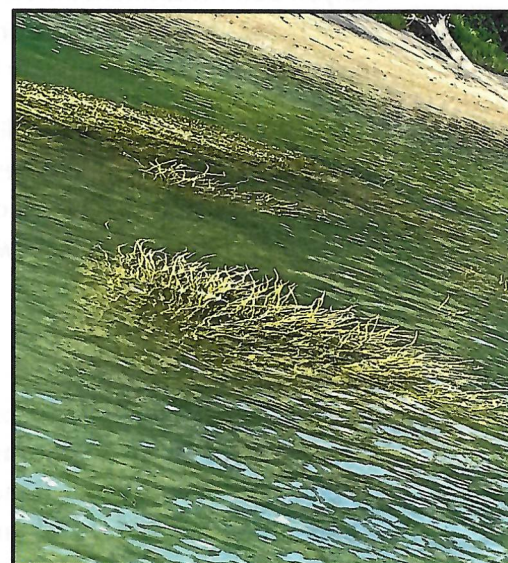
- (1) Each county noxious weed control board shall, within ninety days of the adoption of the state noxious weed list from the state noxious weed control board and following a hearing, select those weeds from the class C list and those weeds from the class B list not designated for control in the noxious weed control region in which the county lies that it finds necessary to be controlled in the county.
- (2) The weeds thus selected and all class A weeds and those class B weeds that have been designated for control in the noxious weed control region in which the county lies shall be classified within that county as noxious weeds, and those weeds comprise the county noxious weed list.
- (3) Nothing in this chapter limits a county noxious weed control board, or other branch of county or city government, from conducting education, outreach, or other assistance regarding plant species not included on the state noxious weed list if the county or city determines that the plant species causes localized risk or concern.

2023 Projects:

The total project cost for both the Box and Boundary reservoirs was \$311,540.76 with a total of 83,851 pounds of flowering rush removed.

Department of Ecology, Seattle City Light, Pend Oreille PUD and Recreation Conservation Office all provided funding to the Weed Board in 2023 used primarily in the Box Canyon area of the Pend Oreille River (from the Washington state line, north to Box Canyon Dam). The focus was primarily flowering rush, as it is a Class A noxious weed as noted earlier in this report. Other aquatic weeds targeted included yellow flag iris and purple loosestrife.

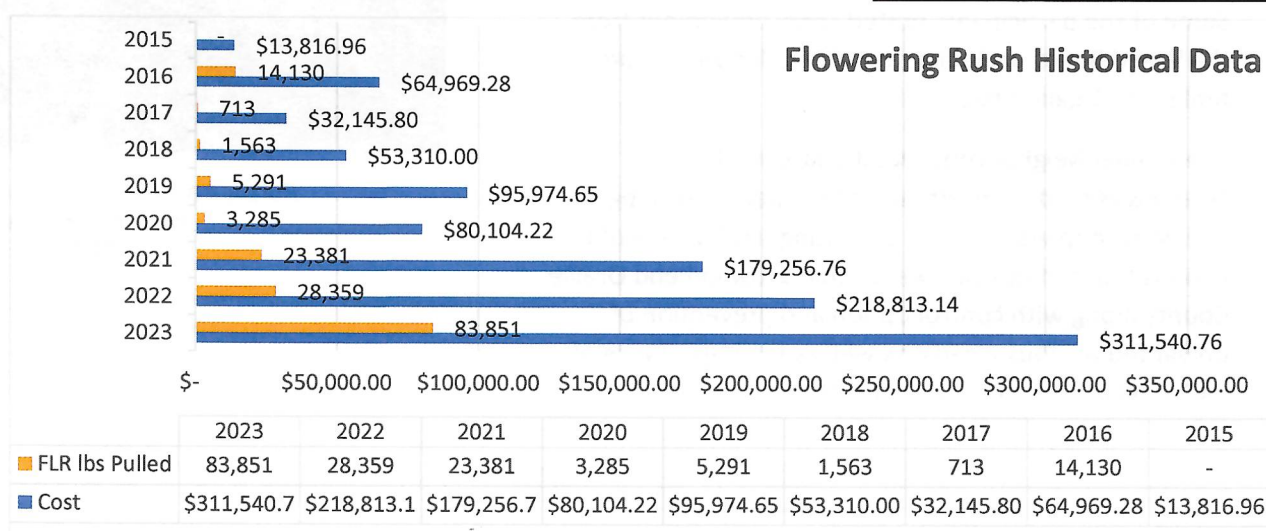
This project has been a challenge as the ideal goal of this project is to eradicate flowering rush. Three main objectives of this project are to travel the shoreline by boat collecting GPS data points, while at the same time treating the shoreline for flowering rush infestations with imazapyr herbicide, applied by backpack sprayer; and to hire contractors to collect GPS data and apply DASH (diver assisted suction harvesting) treatment to the in-water flowering rush, and an aquatic herbicide applicator to assist with shoreline infestations. Aquatic invasive species are expensive and difficult to control, and the flowering rush is proven to be more challenging as it is difficult to control in water sites with herbicide, manual removal is also difficult due to the root rhizomes. A total of 82,687 pounds of flowering rush was removed from the Box Canyon reservoir in 2023. It is a priority to survey and control flowering rush at high use boat launches yearly to prevent the spread of this invasive plant that will have a negative impact on fish and wildlife habitats and recreational activities on the Pend Oreille River system.



Flowering rush in the Pend Oreille River.

Photo by MARY MALONE,
POC Weed Board

The bar chart below shows by year flowering rush expenses and pounds of plant material removed from the Pend Oreille River.



2023 Projects, Continued:

Seattle City Light provided funding for the Boundary Reservoir project area, located north (downstream) of Box Canyon Dam. Treatment included 1,164 pounds of flowering rush removed using DASH. Also treated were infestations of yellow flag iris and purple loosestrife. A full survey was done by Weed Board staff north (downstream) of the Boundary Dam to the Canadian border, and no flowering rush was found.

The Weed Board field staff additionally treated and surveyed for a number of terrestrial invasive weeds under both the PUD and SCL agreements, including Canada thistle, common burdock, common cocklebur, sulfur cinquefoil, spotted knapweed, common tansy, common mullein, reed canarygrass, leafy spurge, daphne spurge laurel, plumeless thistle, hawkweed complex, bighead knapweed, vochin knapweed, Scotch broom and Queen Anne's lace (wild carrot).

Neighborhood Cooperative Cost Share: The Pend Oreille County Weed Board was able to give assistance to County residents through the Neighborhood Cooperative Cost-Share program that has been available from the Weed Board since 2003. This program is available to County residents to assist in their noxious weed control management program or prevention program.

During the 2023 program, we received 76 applications to purchase product and other services through the Weed Board. Of those, we cost-shared with 68 participants on herbicide products. Through the program, more than \$32,000 in herbicide and related product (adjuvants, dye, etc.) was purchased by the Weed Board, and we provided \$17,000 in cost share for our landowners with the potential to treat 2,127 acres. Some of the participants rented spray equipment from the Weed Board, including the 100-gallon slip in spray tanks and 4-gallon backpacks.

The Annual Neighborhood Cost Share workshop in March was held both virtually and in person (see pg. 7). The workshop was great at educating landowners of the various types of noxious weeds that grow in Pend Oreille County along with control option and prevention of unwanted noxious weeds, as well as the importance of native plants for a healthy ecosystem.



Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol.

*Photo by Loretta Nichols
POC Weed Board*

Additional Highlights:

On an annual basis, the Weed Board also enters into an agreement with PUD to give additional assistance for residents along the Pend Oreille River, within the Box Canyon area and only for non-herbicide control for both nuisance and noxious aquatic plant projects. There were 8 applicants approved for reimbursement in 2023. Total reimbursement for the projects was \$4,601.38 for treatment performed, which consisted of handheld equipment such as cutters and rakes, as well as contracted services for DASH. As part of this program, the Weed Board, in partnership with PUD, hosts the annual Aquatic Workshop each July, which helps educate waterfront landowners on aquatic weeds, identification, control methods and more (see pg. 7).



US Forest Service grant the Weed Board was able to purchase a Polaris ATV, trailer and a 15 Gallon tank sprayer with a boom.

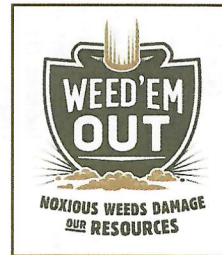
The ATV will allow us to inspect and treat areas we had limited or no access to in the past with high maneuverability. The ATV is equipped with a Dual Speed 3500 LB Winch.

By using Sourcewell.com, we were able to save \$760 versus the lowest cost from a local Dealer.

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Pend Oreille County Noxious Weed Board: 2024 Strategic Plan

Mission Statement: To preserve the Pend Oreille County ecosystem for everyone's benefit and use by protecting our agricultural lands, waterways and all other natural resources against invasive species and noxious weeds.

Overall Goal	Objectives/Tasks					
	GOAL #1	GOAL #2	GOAL #3	GOAL #4	GOAL #5	GOAL #6
Outcome Measure	Develop and maintain aggressive control programs for Category I weeds	Reduce the damage of Category II weeds to below the threshold of injury	Implement Integrated Weed Management principles to mitigate aquatic noxious weed infestations with a focus on Class A weeds	Educate community about noxious/invasive weeds, problems they cause, laws involved, & management methods & opportunities	Continue long-range planning, promote Integrated Weed Management (IWM) planning, including prevention strategies and programs	Secure adequate funding for the Weed Board & its programs, as well as additional opportunities for staff training & networking opportunities
	Prevent the spread of any known Class A or B weeds designated for control in Pend Oreille County pursuant to RCW 17.10.140 & 154	Every person who seeks assistance will be served to our fullest capacity. Control on all properties where the landowner desires it pursuant to RCW 17.10.154	Continue effort with other stakeholders to prevent the spread of any known Class A or B aquatic weeds designated for control in Pend Oreille County pursuant to RCW 17.10.140 & 154	Landowners will better understand their duties pursuant to 17.10.140, as well as how to identify, report & control noxious/invasive weeds	Through community education, prevent introduction or spread of invasive/ noxious weeds; continued introduction of biocontrols	County current expense and supplement at least 20% of the budget through grants and agreements when possible
	Locate & monitor all known Category I weed infestations; manage sites to prevent spread	Continue to develop, encourage, and implement the Neighborhood Cost-Share Program	Assist lake & river groups when possible in designing, funding and implementing aquatic weed management projects	Continue to host annual workshops and implement at least one smaller event (i.e. calibration workshop). Look for additional local event tabling opportunities	Develop an Integrated Weed Management Plan that includes prevention strategies with other agencies, entities and landowners	Maintain or increase current funding through federal and state agencies and local entities
Objectives/Tasks	Follow through on legal procedures throughout enforcement process	Continue to develop and implement the biological control of our IWM program	Continue the flowering rush project	Work with other agencies and groups on invasive species identification education	To promote the benefit of developing and following an IWM Plan that includes prevention strategies with contractors and businesses that	Seek additional grant funding for 2024 training opportunities
	Eradication of Class A noxious weeds	Work closely with landowners on prevention, control and eradication pursuant to RCW 17.10.154		Develop an education and outreach plan by end of 2025		

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Pend Oreille County Noxious Weed Control Board Strategic Plan

Mission Statement:

To preserve the Pend Oreille County ecosystem for everyone's benefit and use by protecting our agricultural lands, waterways and all other natural resources against invasive species and noxious weeds.

Goals:

1. To develop and maintain aggressive control programs for Category I weeds.
 - No seed production from any known Class A- or B-designate weed infestation site.
2. To reduce the damage of Category II weeds to below the threshold of injury.
 - Every person who seeks assistance will be served to our fullest capacity. Control activities will be facilitated on all properties where the landowner desires it.
3. To implement Integrated Weed Management principles to mitigate aquatic noxious weed infestations with a focus on Class A weeds.
4. To educate the community about noxious weeds, the problems they cause, the laws involved, and management methods and opportunities.
5. To continue long-range planning and promote Integrated Weed Management (IWM) planning, including prevention strategies and programs.
6. To secure adequate funding for the Weed Board and its programs, as well as additional opportunities for staff training and networking opportunities.

Applicable Statutes

RCW 17.10

- Authorizes County Weed Boards to “employ or otherwise provide a weed coordinator whose duties . . . shall include inspecting land to determine the presence of noxious weeds, offering technical assistance and education, and developing a program to achieve compliance with the weed law.” 17.10.060
- Every “Owner” is responsible for eradicating Class A Noxious Weeds (.140).
- “Owners” include the private landowners as well state and local agencies who have actual control of the property (.090(9)).
- State agencies “shall” control noxious weeds on lands they own, lease or otherwise control through integrated pest management practices and “shall” develop plans in cooperation with county noxious weed boards (.145(1)).
- State agencies “shall” appoint a liaison to serve as a common point of contact for all weed boards.

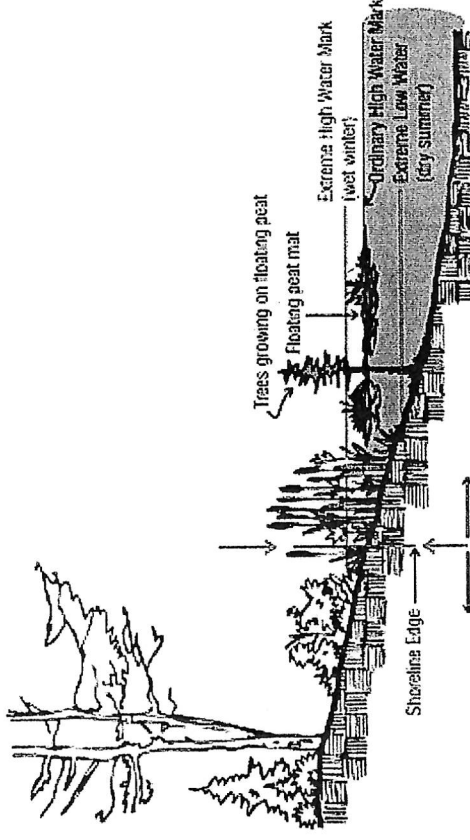
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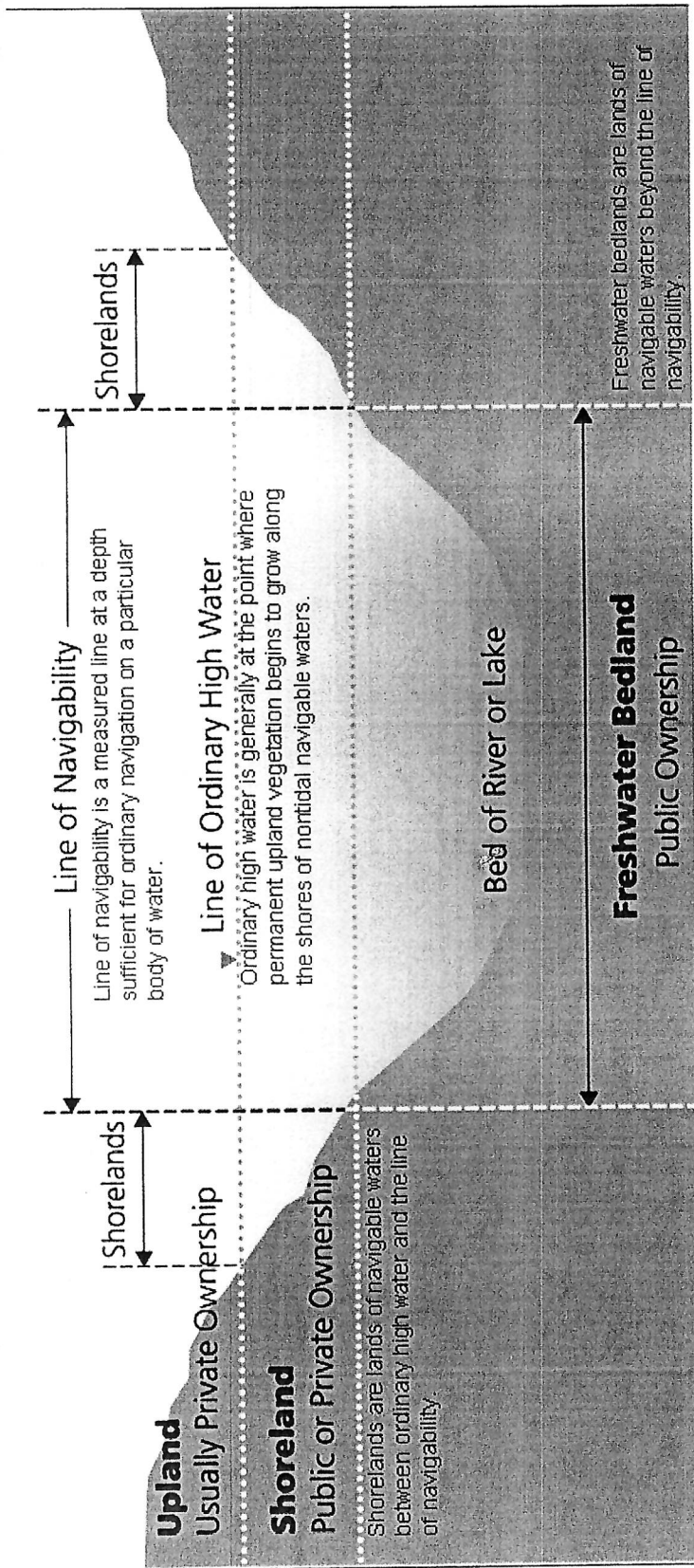
State Owned Aquatic Lands

The State of Washington owns the bed of a navigable body of water, whether it is a lake, river, stream, creek or *slough*. This is true whether water forms a boundary of the property or whether the body of water covers or flows through the property.

DNR controls the bed of the river to the ordinary high water mark.

Dept of Ecology is responsible for the regulation of the shorelines of the state (WAC 173-18-010; RCW 90.58.300)





MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

A-2006-47

This Memorandum of Understanding is made and entered into this 14th day of Aug, 2006, by and between Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County (the PUD) and Pend Oreille County, Washington (POC).

This Memorandum of Understanding is for the administration of the Pend Oreille County Aquatic Weed Management Plan.

It is understood that under the requirements of the recently issued 50-year license for the Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project, the PUD is required to provide an annual update and review of the Pend Oreille County Milfoil Program for Aquatic Weed Management.

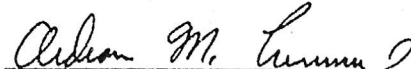
It is understood that the PUD and POC has had a long-standing relationship on the issue of milfoil. For water quality and safety issues, we need to continue with this management.


The parties agree as follows:

1. Revisions to the text of the Aquatic Management Plan will be made by Addendums on an annual basis, during the month of August each year.
2. Any Addendums considered shall be prepared following public meetings advertised and open to the public for its review and comments.
3. Staffs of both the PUD and POC may prepare revisions to the document, after review and approval by their respective Commissioners, that could be incorporated as living documents.
4. After approval, the Addendums shall be signed by the Board of Commissioners from both the PUD and POC.

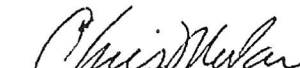
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ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board