



JEFFERSON COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD MEETING August 16th 2012

Coordinator's Report, mid-May to mid-August, 2012

Wild Chervil/County Roads:

- Prepared, attended and took minutes for the May 17th Board Meeting (attended by around 20 people), at which spraying on county roads, especially for wild chervil, was the main focus.
- Coordinated weed-whacking of wild chervil on the most-infested roads and drove them all afterwards to estimate how successful weed-whacking had been.
- Sprayed one mile of Larson Lake Road, as we said we would at the May 17th meeting.
- Attended two special sessions of the County Commissioners, where spraying on county roads was discussed.
- Attended a meeting with Jill Silver, Cathy Lucero (Clallam County Noxious Weed Coordinator), Alison Halpern (State Weed Board) and Greg Haubrich (WA State Dept of Ag), to discuss the county roads/spraying issue.
- Dug or pulled wild chervil on several sites, in some cases with volunteers.
- Discovered at least three new, large infestations (Ole Torkelson, Lind and Gardiner Beach Roads).
- Coordinated county road crews mowing on Ole Torkelson and Lind Roads.
- Continued to monitor all sites and clip flower heads when seen.
- Spent some time fulfilling Public Disclosure Requests (spray records, minutes of meetings, Board Member applications, money paid to contractors).
- Coordinated with Philip Morley and the Commissioners to develop a strategy for weed control on county roads.
- Took two of the Commissioners (separately) on a weed tour.

Other Weed Pulls:

- Pulled tansy ragwort on many county roads and poison hemlock and spotted knapweed in Port Townsend (roughly 100 hours total).
- Coordinated a spurge laurel digging day at Fort Worden (August 30th).

General Outreach:

- Continued preparing a monthly newsletter and adding sending it out to the ListServe.
- Continued to update the website.
- Recorded a radio interview with Deboran Kelso, which was aired twice on Nature Now, on KPTZ.
- Helped an intern at the Marine Science Center, who is preparing an exhibit on invasive plants.
- Shared a booth at the County Fair with WSU and manned the booth on Friday evening.
- Prepared a Fact Sheet on spurge laurel.

Quinault Indian Nation (QIN) Project:

- Continued soliciting landowner agreements and coordinating with the Quinaults.

Knotweed:

- Updated spreadsheets showing all previous work done on the Dosewallips River and sent them to Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group, who are now working in that watershed.
- Spent one day, with a crew from Clallam, spraying knotweed on Tarboo Creek and Spencer Creek.