



**JEFFERSON COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD
MEETING
November 21st 2013**



Coordinator's Report, mid-August to mid November 2013

Administrative:

- Worked with Kate Driehaus (WSU financial coordinator) to submit next year's budget request.

Outreach:

- Prepared and sent out an October Newsletter.
- Prepared several new Weed of the Month documents—spurge laurel, blackberry, milk thistle and teasel.
- Continued to update the website—a new Weed of the Month each month, plus adding newsletters and minutes of this year's Board Meetings.
- Continued working with ArcView, updating our weed map, with the goal of eventually being able to show change over time.
- Assisted Jill Silver in giving a presentation to Port Townsend city employees, on how not to spread weeds in the course of their work.

County Roads:

- Surveyed and pulled or dug weeds, mainly tansy ragwort, on most of the county roads in east Jefferson—see County Road Report, submitted with this report.
- Also covered two wild chervil sites (Center Road and Eaglemount Road) with mill felt—a non-chemical way to suppress weed growth.

Other Field Work:

- Located and removed several large spotted knapweed infestations and one large tansy ragwort infestation in Port Townsend.
- Made several site visits to Port Ludlow Golf Course, where adjacent landowners are concerned about noxious weeds.

Other:

- Helped coordinate the work of the Puget Sound Corps crew. This is the first time the County has had such a crew, funded by DNR, to perform manual and chemical weed control mainly in riparian areas. DNR funding paid for a full-time coordinator, based in Clallam County, but local weed board coordinators assisted.
- Worked in Clallam County on the Knotweed Report—the two counties receive joint funding from WSDA for knotweed control and therefore submit a joint report.