

Washington Scotch Broom Working Group

Meeting Agenda

When: Tuesday, June 3, 2014 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Where: Kitsap County PUD – 2621 Johns Prairie Road, Shelton, WA
Directions: [2621 E Johns Prairie Rd - Google Maps](#)

- Introductions, new members
- Announcements, new projects underway
- Project and Program Updates (all)
 - **Resolution titled "Reduce Scotch Broom Infestation to Manageable Levels" approved by Jefferson County Democrats** (David Tonkin)
 - **Weed Board "Proclamations"** based on approved resolutions
 - **Economic Analysis of Impacts of Noxious Weeds:** Outreach letter to legislators and policy makers regarding the economic analysis (Ray Willard, Jill Silver)
 - **Resolution titled "Request a Study of the Economic Impact of Noxious Weeds"** (David Tonkin)
 - **Covering legislation:** The Apr 30 response of Elizabeth McNagny (Administrative Regulations Program Manager, WSDA) to the "petition" to amend WAC 16-752-630 (David Tonkin)
 - **Background and Information Packet:** Outreach letter and background/information packet for mills, elected officials, agency staff, the public, schools (Cathy Lucero's draft for review and development)
 - **Update on Biomass Cogeneration Project:** Meet with mill owners and biomass collectors to develop pilot projects to get SB to mills (Cathy Lucero, others? This could dovetail with other projects by taking the material for disposal)
 - **Letterhead and logo for the group** (David Tonkin for discussion)
 - **Catalog of current and future needs for SB projects:** A database and catalog to use in PR outreach, project development, and prioritization of projects (All)
 - **Possibility of setting up a website** for the group that others can use to get information about the group, Scotch broom and best practices for removing it, and to contact the group (VOLUNTEERS?)
 - **Senior project (Mitchell Lara):** (Report by Mitchell?, John Woolley)
 - **Mycorrhizal Fungi Experiment:** Develop an experiment using fungi to decompose SB (Fort Worden State Park, Jill Silver)
 - **Integration of Scotch broom into Forest Practices:** A subcommittee to meet with DNR, WFPA and industrial forestland owners to discuss how to integrate SB into biomass harvests, collection, and disposal (burning on site, mycorrhizal fungi application, piling, biomass for co-gen (Hilton Turnbull and Jill Silver)
- Education and Prevention discussion (all)
 - Valpack flyer – SB education/encouragement (Cathy Lucero)
 - Volunteer events – organizing, contributing to, and publicizing them
 - Scotch broom symposium (Cathy Lucero)
 - Control questions – update best management practices
- Research – updates on current relevant research
- Funding – Opportunities, Challenges, Ideas – ***Pulling Together Initiative Grant?***
- Additional items
- Next meeting

