

CLALLAM COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD

AGENDA

4:30 p.m., October 28, 2025

Commissioner's Meeting Room, Clallam County Courthouse,

Join Zoom Meeting

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

ADOPT JULY MINUTES

BOARD UPDATES/CORRESPONDENCE

STAFF REPORTS

- General Program/Inspections
- Projects
 - Lake Sutherland Management District
 - Forest Service
 - Knotweed Projects
 - Road Department IWM
- Financial

NEW BUSINESS

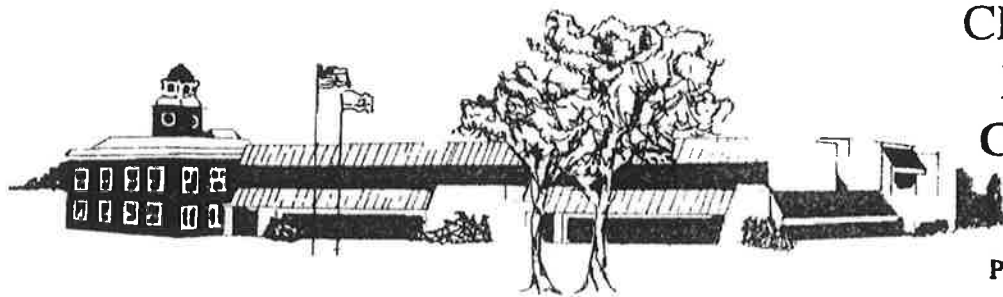
- Draft 2026 Meeting Schedule
- 2026 State Weed List Hearing
- WSDA press releases on noxious weeds
- Fall OIWG meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

REVIEW MOTIONS

SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURN

-Scheduled meeting January 27th, Commissioner's Meeting Room



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Date: October 21, 2025

To: Board Members

FROM: Christina St John, coordinator

SUBJECT: October board meeting

Cc: Eric Adolphsen, Fred Grant, Roberta Stoneman,
Bruce Paul, Dan Peacock, Clea Rome

This is a reminder of our upcoming board meeting at 4:30pm on Tuesday, October 28th. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.

Since our July board meeting, we have hired two new employees. Rachel Hussey is our new weed technician, who is working on our grant, contract and at-cost weed control work. Rachel started as one of our seasonal technicians in May and transitioned into her full-time position in the beginning of August. We also hired John Williams as the new weed specialist, working on treating weeds on County roads, pits and other sites managed by the County's Roads and Public Works Department. He started in mid-August. We are excited to have both of them working for the program. We are finally fully staffed!

This meeting contains our normal end-of-year review of the work the program has accomplished this year. In this packet I have included press releases from WSDA about new weed issues that have arisen in Washington State since July. Also, the State Noxious Weed Board will be voting on the 2026 State Noxious Weed List in the beginning of November. They will be voting on whether to add waterhemp and Delta arrowhead as Class A weeds and black locust and Norway maple (except sterile varieties and cultivars) as Class C weeds. If anyone is interested in attending that public hearing and board meeting, please let me know and I will get information on how to attend.

Please let me know if there are any additional items that you would like to see on the agenda. I look forward to speaking with everyone soon!

CLALLAM COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD
Program Report
July 11 to October 21, 2025

Most activity during this quarter consisted of treatments and surveys along Clallam County roads, US Forest Service lands, and along Ennis Creek to treat knotweed, as well as administrative work related to the 2026 budget

ADMINISTRATION/GENERAL PROGRAM:

- We hired two new full-time employees this summer. Rachel Hussey started as a seasonal technician in May and was hired as the new weed technician, which she started August 1. She will be focusing on grant and at-cost contract weed control work. We also hired John Williams as our new weed specialist, who works on County roadside weed control.
- Our seasonal technician Jens Ericksen left the program in mid-September. He was a hard worker, passionate about weed control and was a great addition to our crew. Jens is now the new lead for the Washington Conservation Corps crew stationed in east Jefferson County.
- We were selected for a \$2,500 grant from Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board grant to control shiny geranium in Clallam County. Currently there are 11 sites and 1 road with different levels of shiny geranium infestation. We plan on using this money to assist landowners in treatment. Shiny geranium is an annual that quickly forms monocultures in the forest understory and is currently rare on the Peninsula. We are hoping to eradicate shiny geranium from Clallam County.
- Sam and Christina staffed the Noxious Weed booth at three events during the last quarter – the Clallam County Fair, Forever Streamfest and the Dungeness River Festival. We spoke with over 700 people at those three events.
- This year we saw an increase in calls for site tours from people attending our workshops and presentations, like the Master Gardener training in April and our presentation at the Dungeness River Nature Center in May. We also had an increase in self-reported noxious weeds from people who learned about our program during the County Fair.
- 2026 appears to be a big year for tansy ragwort. We saw quite a lot of it along County Roads and pits and have been hearing from private landowners who were commenting that it was a bad year for them as well.
- Christina has been attending the usual budget meetings with County officials and the County Commissioners about the 2026 budget. The final budget will be approved in early December.
- We interacted with over **925 members of the public this quarter** by phone, email or in-person at an event. In addition, there were **291 unique visits** to our website homepage.
- This quarter Sam sent **50 landowner notifications**, mostly letters for tansy ragwort and orange hawkweed. **Approximately 277 non-county managed sites** have been monitored for a variety of species including tansy ragwort, orange hawkweed and common teasel. **72 parcels** were confirmed to be in compliance. We performed **26 site tours**, including **2 herbicide mixing and usage demonstrations**. The program treated **35 private parcels**, mostly for common fennel and common tansy.
- This year, we sent out **287 landowner notifications**, mostly for poison hemlock, tansy ragwort, common teasel and orange hawkweed. We spoke with over **1,500 people** by phone, email or in-person. We performed **605 site visits** to monitor approximately **390 non-county managed sites** for a variety of species including poison hemlock, tansy ragwort, common teasel, spotted and meadow knapweeds and orange hawkweed. Of sites that received letters or the landowner was contacted about noxious weeds, **156 parcels** were compliant. This year, the inspector and coordinator participated in **60 site tours** to help landowners identify noxious weeds and develop treatment plans. We performed **82 treatments** on rare noxious weeds for private landowners and removed approximately **13,484 plants**. We have been getting very positive responses to our site tours and spray and mix demonstrations.

PROJECTS

Lake Sutherland Management District:

- We have a new diver! Joe Boucher had volunteered for the program when it was just getting started in the late 2000s. He is excited about returning the program and enjoys the unusual challenge of this work.
- Milfoil removal efforts began in August. Cathy and Joe dove together in August and September, re-training Joe on proper milfoil removal techniques. Joe continued diving into October.
- This year, diving continued into October, so we will have our end-of-season statistics available for the January NWCB meeting.

Title II Forest Service:

- During this season, we **completed 27 treatments**, working on **seven priority 1 projects, four priority 2 projects, three priority 3 projects and two early detection/rapid response projects**. We **examined 93.3 acres** and **treated 76.4 acres**.
- We continued to remove spotted jewelweed from the upper reaches of the Jimmy-Come-Lately Watershed. We surveyed 1.5 miles of creek as well as the wetland at the headwaters, removing over 24,000 plants. Most of the jewelweed is confined to the upper 0.8 miles of the creek and in the wetland.
- The contract amendment adding \$43, 449 to our current US Forest Service contract was signed and approved by the Clallam County Commissioners and US Forest Service.
- Assisted Karen Holtrop, USFS wildlife biologists, in restoration plantings for Taylor's checkerspot butterfly habitat in the Dungeness watershed.

Knotweed and OIWG partners:

- We were awarded \$30,000 by Washington State Department of Agriculture to treat knotweed between July 2025 to June 2027. The County Commissioners approved and signed the contract in September.
- WSDA awarded the grant a bit later than usual this year, so it delayed our ability to work with our partners to treat knotweed this year. Since the grant is good through June 2027, we will be able to schedule working with our partners for the summer of 2026.
- Worked with two of our partners (Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and North Olympic Land Trust) to treat in **3 watersheds**
 - Ennis Creek – 1.7 miles/8.3 acres surveyed; 1.2 miles/5.8 acres treated
 - Elwha River – 20 acres surveyed and treated
 - Dungeness River – 0.8 acres surveyed and treated
 - Overall, we either surveyed or treated knotweed on **35 parcels**
- The fall meeting of the Olympic Invasive Working Group meeting will be held on October 30 at the Red Cedar Hall in Blyn, WA, as well as over Zoom. This meeting will be focused on learning about new weeds to Washington State and weeds not on the Peninsula yet but are getting closer and have the ability to cause large economic and environmental harm.

WSU/Road Department IWM projects:

Treatments: (YTD)

• **County Roads**

- This quarter, we have completed **133 treatments** (5 herbicide only treatments, 73 manual only treatments and 55 combination manual/herbicide treatment) on **93 county roads**. Manually removed **10,311 plants**, primarily tansy ragwort and knapweeds. We have surveyed an additional **17 county roads**.

- This year, we treated or surveyed **154 roads** (29.6% of roads listed in the 2025 Integrated Weed Management Plan). We visited 24.5% of District 1 (East County) roads, 34.0% of District 2 (Central County) roads and 37.6% of District 3 (West County) roads listed on our 2025 Integrated Weed Management Plan.
 - Examined 237.7 miles (441.4 acres) of County roads
 - **134 roads were treated** - 60 roads in District 1 (East County), 49 roads in District 2 (Central County) and 25 roads in District 3 (West County)
 - Total of 222 treatments (33 herbicide only treatments, 108 manual only treatments and 81 combination manual/herbicide treatment)
 - 156.6 miles (300.8 acres) treated
 - **20 roads were surveyed and not treated** – 7 roads in District 1 (East County), 6 roads in District 2 (Central County) and 7 roads in District 3 (West County)
 - 36.1 miles (20.2 acres) surveyed and not treated
 - **101 complete road treatments and 33 roads had spot treatments.** We also performed **30 retreatments.**
 - Tansy ragwort was treated on 91 roads
 - 14,588 plants manually removed over 287.6 acres
- **County pits**
 - This quarter, **10 pits** were treated (5 manual-only treatments and 5 combination manual/herbicide treatments).
 - This year, there were **39 unique pit treatments in 19 pits.**
 - **115.9 combined acres treated** (2.8 acres treated manually, 43.8 acres treated with herbicide only, 69.3 acres treated both manually and with herbicide)
 - 4,254 plants manually removed
 - Top three species: Scotch broom, tansy ragwort, common teasel
- **“Special Sites”** – land owned by Public Works/Roads but not a pit or road/ROW
 - This quarter, **treated 5 sites**
 - 6.1 acres surveyed and 3.4 acres treated
 - 6 species
 - This year, **18 sites treated**
 - **5,429 plants manually removed**
 - Top species – Meadow knapweed (2,470 plants), Scotch broom (979 plants), Italian thistle (634 plants), tansy ragwort (525 plants) and poison hemlock (500 plants)
 - Deer Park and Olympic Discovery Trail pollinator enhancement sites were watered multiple times during the summer.
- This year, the program performed weed-free surveys on 12 privately-owned pits

Department/Agency/Organization CONTACTS:

- **Clallam County Department of Community Development:**
 - Fall treatment of DCD-owned lands in the Lower Dungeness Floodplain Restoration site. We focused on treating poison hemlock, Canada thistle, teasel, butterfly bush and non-fruiting Himalayan blackberry.
 - Continued treatment of reed canarygrass and Canada thistle in the Scarsella wetland mitigation site
 - Worked with Rebecca Mahan, the County’s habitat biologist, to complete monitoring required for the Lower Dungeness Floodplain grants.
- **Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe**
 - This year, we treated **22 properties and 19 different weed species**
 - This quarter, we treated for Himalayan blackberry and Canada thistle on two wetland mitigation sites in Blyn
- **WDFW** – Treated weeds at WDFW’s newest property, the Twin Rivers Wildlife Area Unit west of Joyce. We treated Himalayan blackberry, Scotch broom, tansy ragwort, herb Robert and Canada thistle.

- WSDOT – Surveyed and removed kochia and Russian thistle along portions of Hwy 101 between Morse Creek and Whitefeather Way

Events/Training:

- July 18 – Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board meeting – presentation on shiny geranium grant application
- August 14 – 17 – Clallam County Fair
- August 27 – Italian Arum stakeholder meeting
- September 3 – 2026 Noxious Weed/LMD budget meeting with County Administrator and Finance team
- September 20 – Forever Streamfest
- September 26 – Dungeness River Festival
- October 8 – 2026 Noxious Weed/LMD public budget meeting with County Commissioners, Administrator and Finance team
- October 20 – Emergency WSNWCB special meeting – sunflower broomrape Class A listing

Upcoming:

- October 30 – Fall OIWG meeting
- November 4 – WSNWCB 2026 noxious weed list public hearing
- November 5 – WSNWCB meeting – 2026 noxious weed list
- December 5 – 6 – Wilderness First Aid class at Peninsula College (Christina and Rachel)
- January 27 – CCNWCB public hearing and board meeting

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Weed Board Fund: Revenue:

July 1 – October 21, 2025

REVENUE SOURCE	CURRENT REVENUE	YEAR TO DATE REVENUE (2025)
WA DNR spotted jewelweed treatment	\$1,818	
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe – Conservation properties at-cost weed control work	\$5,154.42	
July assessment	\$1,770.61	
WSDA Knotweed grant work – Jan to June 2025	\$3,026	
Jefferson County Roads weed control – July 2025	\$2,713.69	
August assessment	1,297.71	
Roads IWM – May, June and July work	\$37,265.07	
September assessment	\$3,328.92	
Partial October assessment	\$4,581.00	
	\$60,955.42	\$303,537.05

Weed Board Fund: Balance Sheet:**July 1 – October 21, 2025**

(See attached itemized spending summary)

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	YEAR TO DATE
As of July 1	Beginning balance	\$265,348.43	\$226,211.09
July	TOTAL REVENUES	\$8,743.03	
July	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$30,387.46	
August	TOTAL REVENUES	\$44,302.47	
August	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$29,908.80	
September	TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,328.92	
September	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$37,812.60	
October (to Oct 21)	TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,581.00	
October (to Oct 21)	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,197.90	
As of October 21	Ending Balance	\$208,997.09	\$208,997.09

Lake Sutherland Management District (LMD 2) Balance Sheet:**July 1 – October 21, 2025**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	YEAR TO DATE
As of July 1	Beginning Balance	\$45,183.55	\$26,178.38
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,747.05	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,464.15	
As of October 21	Ending Balance	\$29,466.45	\$29,466.45

Transactions

7/1/2025 to 10/21/2025

Beginning balance

\$265,348.43

Date	Name	Memo	Account	Amount
07/02/2025		DNR spotted jewelweed control in the upper Salmon Creek timber unit	381.34516.00.0020 Weed Control	1,818.00
07/08/2025	Christina St. John	warrant#9940932 rubber boots and batteries for GPS units; RDS = \$19.99	55360.31.0020 Operating Supply	-62.64
07/08/2025	Swains	warrant#9940933 shop towels for vehicles; RDS = \$21.75	55360.31.0020 Operating Supply	-43.49
07/10/2025		Full-time employee salary - 2nd half of June	55360.10.0010 Salary Reg	-5,669.53
07/10/2025		Seasonal staff salary - 2nd half of June	55360.10.0600 Extra Help	-3,440.48
07/10/2025		Employee benefits - 2nd half of June	55360.20.0020 All Benefits	-4,448.57
07/15/2025	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	At-cost weed control on Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe conservation properties - March to June	381.34516.00.0020 Weed Control	5,154.42
07/22/2025	US Bank	warrant#9941528 High visibility vests; KW = \$53.76	55360.31.0020 Operating Supply	-118.18
07/22/2025	Swains	warrant#9941527 contractor bags; JCNWCB = \$36.96	55360.31.0020 Operating Supply	-36.96
07/22/2025	Verizon	warrant#9941529 Phone bill; RDS = \$42.26	55360.42.0015 Cell Phone	-126.78
07/25/2025		Full-time employee salary - 1st half of July	55360.10.0010 Salary Reg	-6,609.78
07/25/2025		Seasonal technician salaries - 1st half of July	55360.10.0600 Extra Help	-3,335.88
07/25/2025		Employee benefits - 1st half of July	55360.20.0020 All Benefits	-1,669.08
07/29/2025	Rachel Hussey	warrant#9941796 Reimbursement for pesticide license and testing fees	55360.49.0040 Dues	-75.00
07/31/2025		July assessment	381.36850.00.0010 Assessment	1,770.61
07/31/2025	Clallam County Non-Departmental	Quarterly postage billing for April, May and June	55360.42.0020 Postage-Non Comm.	-144.40
07/31/2025	Clallam County ER&R	Vehicle A48 April and May fuel costs	55360.45.0015 Vehicle Rental ER	-181.29
07/31/2025	Clallam County ER&R	Vehicle A48 June fuel costs	55360.45.0015 Vehicle Rental ER	-89.40
07/31/2025	Clallam County ER&R	Vehicle 120 June rental fee; RDS = \$356.77	55360.45.0015 Vehicle Rental ER	-535.00
07/31/2025		July indirect costs	55360.99.0010 Indirect	-3,801.00
08/05/2025	Christina St. John	warrant#9942118 Duct tape and contractor bags; RDS = \$32.61, FS = \$32.61	55360.31.0020 Operating Supply	-107.69
08/05/2025	Dan Peacock	warrant#9942117 Travel reimbursement for July NWCB meeting	55360.43.0010 Travel-Business	-20.44
08/05/2025	Bruce Paul	warrant#9942116 Travel reimbursement for July NWCB meeting	55360.43.0010 Travel-Business	-72.80
08/05/2025	Angeles Millwork and Lumber Inc	warrant#9942114 Safety glasses	55360.31.0020 Operating Supply	-21.77

Date	Name	Memo	Account	Amount
08/05/2025	Eric Adolphsen	warrant#9942113 Travel reimbursement for July NWCB meeting	55360.43.0010 Travel-Business	-16.52
08/05/2025	Fred Grant	warrant#9942115 Travel reimbursement for July NWCB meeting	55360.43.0010 Travel-Business	-26.32
08/05/2025	Roberta Stoneman	warrant#9942119 Travel reimbursement for July NWCB meeting	55360.43.0010 Travel-Business	-14.84
08/05/2025	Swains	warrant#9942120 Staples for herbicide notice signs and tool; RDS = \$11.41, FS = \$51.59	55360.35.0010 Small Tools Minor	-63.00
08/05/2025		Reimbursement for knotweed grant work, Jan - June 2025	381.33402.10.5000-Knotweed	3,026.00
08/08/2025		Full-time employee salaries - 2nd half of July	55360.10.0010 Salary Reg	-6,135.42
08/08/2025		Seasonal technician salaries - 2nd half of July	55360.10.0600 Extra Help	-4,365.20
08/08/2025		Employee benefits - 2nd half of July	55360.20.0020 All Benefits	-4,594.37
08/18/2025		Jefferson County roads work - July 2025	381.34516.00.0020 Weed Control	2,713.69
08/19/2025	Swains	warrant#9942591 Rain gear for hemlock removal	55360.31.0020 Operating Supply	-168.51
08/19/2025	Swains	warrant#9942581 Gloves	55360.31.0020 Operating Supply	-10.61
08/19/2025	Christina St. John	warrant#9942580 Contractor garbage bags; RDS = \$32.64	55360.31.0020 Operating Supply	-65.27
08/19/2025	Samantha Fischbein	warrant#9942579 Baking soda for battery acid spill; RDS = \$6.48	55360.31.0020 Operating Supply	-6.48
08/19/2025	Verizon	warrant#9942582 Phone bill; RDS = \$39.20	55360.31.0020 Operating Supply	-117.60
08/25/2025		Full time employee salaries - 1st half of August	55360.10.0010 Salary Reg	-7,493.14
08/25/2025		Seasonal technician salaries - 1st half of August	55360.10.0600 Extra Help	-220.95
08/25/2025		Employee benefits - 1st half of August	55360.20.0020 All Benefits	-1,503.85
08/26/2025	US Bank	warrant#9942996 Dumping fees for Jefferson County roads weeds; JCNWCB = \$14.64	55360.47.0041 Landfill Disposal	-14.64
08/26/2025	US Bank	warrant#9942996 High-visibility vests; portable eye wash station and first aid kit; herbicide gl...	55360.31.0020 Operating Supply	-533.38
08/31/2025	Clallam County ER&R	Vehicle 120 July rental fee; RDS = \$181.05; FS = \$108.50; JST = \$12.98	55360.45.0015 Vehicle Rental ER	-535.00
08/31/2025		August indirect	55360.99.0010 Indirect	-3,801.00
08/31/2025		August assessment	381.36850.00.0010 Assessment	1,297.71
08/31/2025		Road IWM work - May, June and July	381.34516.00.0020 Weed Control	37,265.07
09/09/2025	Christina St. John	warrant#9943338 Tableclothes for display tables at fairs and festivals	55360.31.0010 Office Supplies	-28.15
09/10/2025		Full-time employee salaries - 2nd half of August	55360.10.0010 Salary Reg	-9,590.70
09/10/2025		Seasonal technician salaries - 2nd half of August	55360.10.0600 Extra Help	-1,767.60
09/10/2025		Employee benefits - 2nd half of August	55360.20.0020 All Benefits	-7,698.22
09/23/2025	Verizon	warrant#9943910 Phone bill; RDS = \$39.20	55360.42.0015 Cell Phone	-117.60

Date	Name	Memo	Account	Amount
09/23/2025	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	warrant#9943907 Coffee service for Olympic Invasive Working Group fall meeting	55360.41.0020 Professional Serv	-25.00
09/23/2025	Swains	warrant#9943909 Wooden stakes and field gear; RDS = \$35.33	55360.31.0020 Operating Supply	-35.33
09/23/2025	Swains	warrant#9943909 Hand wipes and wooden stakes; RDS = \$19.21	55360.31.0020 Operating Supply	-19.21
09/25/2025		Full-time employee salaries - 1st half of September	55360.10.0010 Salary Reg	-9,590.70
09/25/2025		Seasonal technician salaries - 1st half of September	55360.10.0600 Extra Help	-1,781.96
09/25/2025		Employee benefits - 1st half of September	55360.20.0020 All Benefits	-2,148.43
09/30/2025	US Bank	warrant#9944135 Printer ink and office supplies; RDS = \$143.97	55360.31.0010 Office Supplies	-403.17
09/30/2025	US Bank	warrant#9944135 Dumping fees	55360.47.0041 Landfill Disposal	-46.37
09/30/2025	US Bank	warrant#9944135 Field gear for new weed specialist; RDS = \$59.70	55360.31.0020 Operating Supply	-59.70
09/30/2025	Clallam County ER&R	Vehicle 120 August rental fee; RDS = \$84.87; FS = \$263.41; KW = \$19.03	55360.45.0015 Vehicle Rental ER	-535.00
09/30/2025	Clallam County ER&R	ER&R car pool rental for August	55360.45.0015 Vehicle Rental ER	-36.30
09/30/2025	Clallam County ER&R	Vehicle A28 July fuel costs; RDS = \$23.50	55360.45.0015 Vehicle Rental ER	-142.52
09/30/2025		September indirect	55360.99.0010 Indirect	-3,801.00
09/30/2025		September assessment	381.36850.00.0010 Assessment	3,328.92
10/07/2025	John Williams	warrant#9944332 Pesticide applicator license testing fee; RDS = \$75.00	55360.49.0040 Dues	-75.00
10/10/2025		Full-time employee salaries - 2nd half of September	55360.10.0010 Salary Reg	-11,143.62
10/10/2025		Employee benefits - 2nd half of September	55360.20.0020 All Benefits	-7,744.69
10/16/2025		partial October assessment	381.36850.00.0010 Assessment	4,581.00
10/21/2025	US Bank	warrant#9944944 Backpack sprayer and wand hose replacements; RDS = \$20.15; FS = \$20.15; KW = \$20.15	55360.31.0024 Field Supplies	-80.58
10/21/2025	Verizon	warrant#9944945 Phone bill; RDS = \$39.23	55360.42.0015 Cell Phone	-117.69
10/21/2025	John Williams	warrant#9944946 Dumping fees for teasel from Happy Valley Rd; RDS = \$21.96	55360.47.0041 Landfill Disposal	-21.96
ENDING BALANCE				\$208,997.09
TOTAL REVENUE				\$60,955.42
TOTAL EXPENSES				-\$117,306.76
NET TOTAL				-\$56,351.34

2026 Meeting Schedule

Quarterly meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the Month-

January 27, 4:30 p.m. – **Public Hearing** – 2026 Weed List Adoption and Adoption of County Integrated Weed Management Plans

April 28, 4:30 p.m. – staff evaluation

July 28, 4:30 p.m. – 2027 budget review

October 27, 4:30 p.m. – preliminary annual program reports



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 10/1/2025

MEDIA CONTACT: [WSDA Communications](mailto:pio@agr.wa.gov)

MEDIA INQUIRIES: pio@agr.wa.gov

PUBLIC INQUIRIES: 1-800-443-6684

WSDA SEEKS HELP FROM SUNFLOWER GROWERS AFTER FIRST NORTH AMERICAN DETECTION OF SUNFLOWER BROOMRAPE CONFIRMED IN YAKIMA

Yakima, WA — The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) has confirmed the first-ever North American detection of *Orobanche cumana*, commonly known as sunflower broomrape, in Yakima, WA. This marks the first known occurrence of this destructive and highly invasive parasitic weed in North America.

The parasitic plant was discovered by a homeowner and later confirmed by the WSDA State Plant Pathology and Molecular Diagnostic Lab and USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Confirmation included both morphological and molecular analysis.

Sunflower broomrape is a devastating root parasite of sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*) and other members of Asteraceae (the sunflower family), leading to significant crop losses. The plant is incapable of photosynthesis and relies entirely on the host plant for water and nutrients.

This detection is especially concerning due to the aggressive nature of this parasitic weed and its potential to spread rapidly if left unmanaged. Sunflower broomrape poses a serious threat to commercial sunflower production and could cause significant impacts to growers, processors, exporters and the agricultural economy if not swiftly contained.



The WSDA Pest Program is working closely with USDA and local stakeholders to investigate the source, assess the extent of the infestation, and implement response measures to protect North American agriculture.

Reporting suspected sightings of sunflower broomrape

WSDA is seeking help from the public to identify the other possible introductions of this invasive pest. If you suspect you have seen sunflower broomrape, **do not disturb it** as doing so may cause the seed to spread. Instead, photograph the suspected sighting and report it to WSDA immediately.

Report suspected sightings to WSDA immediately by emailing pest@agr.wa.gov or calling 1-800-443-6684 (option 1). Reports should include the reporting party's name, location of the suspected weed, date encountered, and photos.

About *Orobanche cumana*

Native to Eurasia, *Orobanche cumana* is a quarantine pest in many countries due to its devastating impact on sunflower production. Although *O. cumana* attaches to the host plants' roots, it does produce distinctive above-ground, leafless flower stalks. A single plant can produce hundreds of thousands of microscopic seeds that remain viable in the soil for decades, making eradication difficult once established.

Next steps

WSDA will continue to coordinate with USDA APHIS and affected stakeholders to implement mitigation strategies and determine the potential regulatory implications. Public outreach and grower engagement will be part of the integrated response plan.

For updates and reporting guidance, visit the [WSDA website](https://agr.wa.gov), email pest@agr.wa.gov, or call (800) 443-6684 (option 1).

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PUBLIC INQUIRIES:

WASHINGTON AND OREGON ISSUE RECALL FOR WILD BIRDSEED CONTAINING INVASIVE QUARANTINED WEED SEEDS

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) and the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) have issued a recall of Signature Pet Care Songbird Blend Wild Bird Food 7 LB, sold at Albertsons, Safeway and Haggen stores in WA and OR, and manufactured by Global Harvest Foods. The recalled product carries UPC 021130037629 and sell by date code 01/10/2027 M3D S3501.

Palmer amaranth was first detected in WA in 2023, and it was added to the state's plant quarantine list on Aug. 9, 2025. According to WSDA and ODA, this plant is highly invasive; can grow more than 10 feet tall; is resistant to many herbicides; and a single plant can produce hundreds of thousands of seeds. Left uncontrolled, it can choke out crops such as corn, soybeans, and small grains; reduce harvest yields; and drive up weed-control costs for farmers. It also threatens native plant habitats and can quickly spread beyond managed areas.

This recall was initiated after a Spokane County Noxious Weed Board employee observed Palmer amaranth growing in a Safeway parking lot landscape area. The employee learned that birdseed from the store had been spread in the area and collected samples for testing. Genetic analysis confirmed the seed contained Palmer amaranth.



Albertsons, Safeway and Haggen in WA and OR have voluntarily recalled the affected birdseed and removed it from store shelves. Global Harvest Foods is cooperating fully with WSDA and ODA to ensure all affected product is

removed from the market and to help prevent further spread of this invasive plant.

Customers who purchased the recalled birdseed are advised to:

- Remove any remaining seed from bird feeders.
- Return any unused seed to the store for a refund.
- Double bag and dispose of any loose seed in the trash — do not compost.
- Clean bird feeders thoroughly before reuse to remove remaining seeds.
- Inspect areas under and near bird feeders for sprouted weeds, carefully remove any plants, place them in black plastic bags and dispose of them in the trash to prevent seed spread.

Detailed information on identifying Palmer amaranth is available on [WSDA's Palmer Amaranth Pest Alert](#), which can be found online at the link below. Information is also available [on WSDA's website](#).

WSDA Palmer Amaranth Pest Alert Information:

Alert information is available here:

<https://cms.agr.wa.gov/WSDAKentico/Documents/Pubs/769a-PestAlert-PalmerAmaranth-10-23-FINAL.pdf>

Retailer contact

Customers should contact their local Safeway, Haggen or Albertsons store for assistance or refund information. Refunds are available for any unused recalled product returned to the store.

State contact

Washington State Department of Agriculture Plant Services Program: 360-902-1874

General WSDA Information: 360-902-1800

Consumer contact

Global Harvest Foods Customer Support: cs@ghfoods.com

Photo of Palmer amaranth above by Thurman Johnson.



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Olympic Invasive Working Group Meeting

9:00am to 4:00pm, October 30, 2025

Jamestown S'Klallam Campus, Cedar Room
1033 Old Blyn Hwy Sequim, WA 98382

Also on Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83666156493>

Call In: 253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 836 6615 6493

9:00am – 9:05am – Welcome

9:05am – 10:00am – Noxious Weed Law and Monitor List

Anne Schuster (Education Specialist, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board)

Brief review of Washington State Noxious Weed laws and ID and control of newly-listed species, followed by an explanation of the monitor list and how to ID and control priority species from the monitor list.

10:00am – 11:00am – WSDA Update – New Pesticide Certification and Training Rules

Lindsey House (Pesticide Licensing Specialist, Pesticide Licensing and Recertification Program, Washington Department of Agriculture)

Updates to pesticide Certification and Training (C&T) rules and how those new rules will affect licensees

11:00am – 11:30am – Weed Quiz!

Sophie DeGroot (coordinator, Jefferson County Noxious Weed Control Board) and Christina St John (coordinator, Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board)

Think you got what it takes to be a champion? Show off your weed ID skills in our OIWG weed quiz!

11:30am – 12:00pm – Garlic Mustard (*Allaria petiolata*) eradication in Island County: Integrated strategies for a problematic weed

Seth Luginbill (coordinator, Island County Noxious Weed Control Board)

Garlic Mustard (*Allaria petiolata*) was first observed in Island County in 2012, prompting the Island County Noxious Weed Control Board to designate its eradication as a priority management objective. Since that time, consistent control efforts have yielded critical insights into the practical application of eradication strategies for this species. Key lessons include the necessity of early detection and rapid response (EDRR), the integration of diverse integrated pest management (IPM) methodologies, and the coordination of multi-stakeholder partnerships. Collectively, these elements have proven essential for suppressing garlic mustard populations and advancing progress towards long-term eradication objectives.

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch – provided

1:00pm – 3:00pm – Project Review – Updates Round Table: Multiple watersheds

Let's hear from you! What successes and challenges did you encounter this growing season? Let's discuss targets, rates, timing. How is progress being measured? What are the next steps for your project? Cross boundary partnerships? Any questions to put in front of the group? Share a program success with brief narrative and photo. Updates by federal and state agencies, Tribes, nonprofits, county weed boards and more!

3:00pm – 3:30pm – False Brome Tips and Tricks

Jennifer Mendoza (coordinator, Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board)

This class A invasive grass can sneak in and take over quickly. Learn how to identify False Brome, and survey and treatment strategies for success.

3:30pm – 4:00pm – Open Discussion – Weed Identification and Control Questions

Sophie DeGroot (coordinator, Jefferson County Noxious Weed Control Board) and Christina St John (coordinator, Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board)

Do you have a weed you need help identifying? Do you need advice on treatments or would like recommendations for what to plant after treatments? This half-hour is an open discussion, so please bring your questions, pictures and plant samples! Let's learn from everyone's experiences and help each other be successful.

In-person space is limited, so please RSVP with Christina St John prior to the event – 360-460-1842 or christina.stjohn@clallamcountywa.gov

**Directions to Jamestown S'Klallam Campus
1033 Old Blyn Hwy, Sequim WA 98382**

(Coming from the east)

From Hood Canal Bridge:

Follow Highway 104 which joins Highway 101. Follow Highway 101 to Blyn Crossing, turn right (watch for signs). Then, turn right again onto Old Blyn Highway. The Campus is on your left (along water). The Cedar Room is in the building to the left of the Administration building.

From Hood Canal:

Follow Highway 101 (you will go through Quilcene and past the turn-off to Port Townsend) to Blyn Crossing, turn right (watch for signs). Then, turn right again on Old Blyn Highway. The Campus is on your left (along water). The Cedar Room is in the building to the left of the Administration building.

(Coming from the west)

From Port Angeles or west:

Follow Highway 101 (you will pass through Sequim) to Blyn which is 7 miles east of Sequim. One mile past the 7 Cedars Casino, turn left at Blyn Crossing Highway. Then turn right onto Old Blyn Highway. The Campus is on your left (along water). The Cedar Room is in the building to the left of the Administration building.

Mileage:

From Seattle via Bainbridge Island Ferry to Blyn – 52 miles

From Bainbridge Island Ferry to Blyn – 48 miles

From Kingston Ferry to Blyn – 39 miles

From Olympia to Blyn – 96 miles

From Port Townsend to Blyn – 24 miles

From Quilcene to Blyn – 23 miles

From Port Angeles to Blyn – 30 miles

If you have any questions, please contact Clallam County Noxious Weeds at 360-417-2442, 360-460-1842 or christina.stjohn@clallamcountywa.gov