

Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board
October 28, 2025
Minutes

LOCATION: Clallam County Courthouse, Commissioner's Meeting Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Adolphsen, Fred Grant, Bruce Paul, Dan Peacock, Roberta Stoneman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Clea Rome (ex-officio)

STAFF PRESENT: Christina St John (coordinator)

GUESTS / AGENCIES REPRESENTED: None

MEETING TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:

Fred Grant called the meeting to order at 4:35pm

ADOPT MINUTES:

Eric Adolphsen made a motion to adopt the July minutes as drafted. Dan Peacock seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor, none opposed.

Board Updates/Correspondence

Dan Peacock spoke about finding tansy ragwort in different parts of Joyce. Christina spoke about the treatment of Crescent Beach Rd and that she thinks there seems to be more flowering tansy ragwort plants this year when compared to previous years because tansy appears to be growing as a winter annual rather than a biennial.

Dan also mentioned that he spoke to the County Roads about the mowing schedule on East Beach Rd. The program will reach out to the National Park Service about partnering to treat Scotch broom on that road over the winter.

The Board also discussed the tansy ragwort infestation along Hwy 101 around Lake Crescent and treatments that may have occurred. Bruce and Christina spoke about tansy on Bear Creek Rd and tansy ragwort reproduction. Christina talked about treatments of tansy ragwort in Clallam Bay and Sekiu recently.

Staff Reports

The coordinator report for the October meeting describes both the activities performed by the program since the last board meeting as well as a summary of all the activities performed during the past 12 months.

The Noxious Weed Program hired two new employees, Rachel and John, since the last meeting. Christina spoke about their primary responsibilities. She also spoke about how difficult it was to stay ahead of the weeds in 2025 without a weed specialist. Christina

gave a brief update on how many people the program spoke to and how many landowner contacts that Sam, the weed inspector, made over the year. Christina passed on Sam's observations that more people were calling to ask for a weed consult after seeing one of our presentations or talking to us at an event. Sam performed more site consults and mix-and-spray demos in 2025 as more people are learning about the service.

Christina spoke about the \$2,500 grant that the program received from WSNWCB to treat shiny geranium. She mentioned that private landowners were reaching out to the program saying that the tansy ragwort was the worst they had ever seen it. Christina spoke about the budget meetings with County officials and contracts/MOUs for 2026.

In 2025, the Lake Sutherland Management District hired a new diver, Joe, who is excited to be a part of the program. Our LMD Steering Committee chair, Bob, worked with Joe to continue diving into October. Work on US Forest Service lands was focused on treating high priority projects in upcoming timber harvest areas. The program also assisted in planting and seeding in USFS restoration projects. The program utilized WSDA knotweed funding to treat knotweed on 35 parcels on three watersheds – Ennis Creek, Elwha River and Dungeness River. The program could not get as much completed because of staffing issues and delays in being awarded funding. A landowner on Ennis Creek informed us about a large patch on DNR property upstream of known points, which might be the source population in that watershed.

Christina then spoke about work performed on County Roads and other Public Works sites. She provided updated performance numbers to include roads that had been treated since the report was sent out to the Board. Overall, the program was able to survey and/or treat 33% of County Roads in 2025, which exceeded our goal of 25% of roads visited every year. She then spoke about how many roads were treated in each section of the County, the prevalence of tansy ragwort, and work performed within County pits and special sites (other sites managed by Public Works that aren't a road and pit). Christina mentioned that the program writes a report containing all the treatments performed on County Roads and Public Works lands that is available to the public on the NWCB website.

Christina went over the work performed at the Lower Dungeness River Floodplain project, including performing the vegetation monitoring required for grants. The program also performed weed treatments for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, including work at River's Edge, and for WDFW at the Twin Rivers Wildlife Unit. The program also helped WSDOT remove kochia from Hwy 101.

Christina went over the schedule of future events for the program, including the Olympic Invasive Working Group meeting. The agenda for the OIWG meeting was included in the NWCB packet. The talks at the meeting will be focused on rare weeds on the Peninsula and new weeds on the State Weed List.

Financial Report:

The Board had received the financial report and transactions since the last meeting in their packets. Christina mentioned what grant work the program hadn't been reimbursed for. Christina asked if there were any questions. Dan asked about how many vehicles the program rents. The new Ford Maverick is the only vehicle being rented. Christina spoke about the County's vehicle rental policy. The program only pays for the fuel and maintenance of the S10 truck. Total expenses between July 1st and October 21st were \$117,306.80 and included payroll, equipment rental, county indirect, and supplies for various projects. Revenues received from July 1st to October 21st totaled \$60,955.42 were comprised of assessment collections as well as payment for weed control services from various government entities as well as the Clallam County Road Department. The Noxious Weed Fund balance as of October 21, 2025 was \$208,997.09. Total expenses for the Lake Sutherland Management District (LMD 2) from July through October were \$18,464.15 and were comprised of payments to the divers. Revenues during the same period totaled \$2,747.05. The LMD 2 fund balance as of October 21st was \$29,466.45.

Eric Adolphsen made a motion to accept the staff and financial reports, Dan Peacock seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor none opposed.

New Business:

Draft 2026 Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed the 2026 meeting schedule. *Roberta Stoneman made a motion to adopt the schedule as presented, Bruce Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor, none opposed.*

2026 State Weed List Hearing

The public meeting for the 2026 State Noxious Weed List is scheduled for the beginning of November. Christina spoke about the new weeds being proposed to be added to the State Weed List and weed class descriptions. None of the proposed new Class A weeds have been found in Clallam County. None of the proposed Class C weeds have been seen to be an issue in Clallam County. Roberta Stoneman asked if any weeds were ever removed from the weed list. Christina had heard of weed species being moved between weed classes because they became more prevalent in the state but has not heard of any weeds being completely removed from the list. Roberta then asked what happens to a weed if the control or eradication was successful. Christina mentioned that they would stay in that category so that those species would still be monitored and treated.

WSDA press releases on noxious weeds

Christina included two WSDA press releases about weeds in Washington State in the NWCB packet. The first press release was about sunflower broomrape, a new parasitic plant found in Yakima County, which was the first time it had been detected in North America in Yakima. Christina spoke about the biology of sunflower broomrape and the negative economic impacts that it causes.

The second press release was about Palmer amaranth seeds contaminating birdseed sold at Safeway and related stores in Washington and Oregon. Christina summarized the article.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

MOTION SUMMARY:

- Adopt the July minutes. EA initiated motion, BP seconded, unanimous approval.
- Approve financial reports, EA initiated motion, DP seconded, unanimous approval.
- Approve the 2026 meeting schedule. RS initiated motion, BP seconded, unanimous approval.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURN:

The next board meeting was scheduled for January 27th at 4:30 p.m. It will be held at the Clallam County Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room. The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

Christina St John, coordinator