

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
SNOHOMISH COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD**

SECTION I. NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD REGULATIONS

- A. TITLE - the provisions contained herein shall be “Rules and Regulations of the Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board”. (Hereinafter called “Regulations”) and shall govern the control of “noxious weeds”, as defined in the county noxious weed list, within the boundaries of Snohomish County, Washington during each calendar year.**

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS (Supplementary to RCW 17.10.010)

- A. “Board” shall mean the five duly appointed members of the Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board.**
- B. “Calendar Year” shall mean January 1 through December 31 of each year.**
- C. “County Noxious Weed Coordinator” shall mean the duly appointed employee of the Board whose duties include: developing a program to achieve compliance with the weed law; inspection; violation reporting; supplying noxious weed control advice, technical assistance and education; performing survey work; and performing noxious weed control work.**
- D. “Non-Spraying Control” shall mean weed control by pulling, mowing, tilling, burning, biological, or other non-spraying controls in accordance with methods suggested by the County Noxious Weed Coordinator and/or the County Noxious Weed Control Board.**
- E. “Spraying Control” shall mean weed control by spraying with Environmental Protection Agency and Washington State Department of Agriculture registered herbicides and adjuvants in accordance with label directions and/or recommendations made in the most current Pacific Northwest Weed Management Handbook.**
- F. “Control” shall be defined as preventing designated noxious weeds from going to seed or any other propagule dispersion.**

SECTION III. MEETINGS

- A. **Meetings shall be set on the second Thursday of February, March, April, May, July, September, and December of each year at 10:30 AM at a location announced in the legal notice before the first meeting of the calendar year.**
- B. **Notices of meetings for the year will be published twice in the Everett Herald at the start of each year. The first notice shall be published at least 20 days prior to the first meeting of the year, and the subsequent notice shall be published between 7 and 10 days before the first meeting of the year. The notice will include; the meeting time and place, where the County Weed List will be available, and a contact phone number.**
- C. **Amendments to Regulations: Any amendments to the Regulations will be made at the first yearly meeting by a majority vote of the Board. However, before any amendment to the Regulations may become effective, the amendment must be approved by the Snohomish County Council.**

SECTION IV. COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED LIST

- A. **All class A and B designated noxious weeds as defined in WAC 16-750, the State Noxious Weed List, are included in the Snohomish County Noxious Weed List.**
- B. **The following Class B undesignated weeds as defined in WAC 16-750 have been designated for control in Snohomish County by the Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board.**
 - “Tansy Ragwort” (*Senecio jacobaea*)**
 - “Purple Loosestrife” (*Lythrum salicaria*)**
 - “Gorse” (*Ulex europaeus*)**
 - “Eurasian Watermilfoil” (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)**
 - “Hawkweed, Orange” (*Hieracium aurantiacum*)**
 - “Hawkweed, Smooth” (*Hieracium laevigatum*)**
 - “Himalayan Knotweed” (*Polygonum polystachyum*)**
 - “Japanese Knotweed” (*Polygonum cuspidatum*)**
 - “Giant Knotweed” (*Polygonum sachalinense*)**
 - “Bohemian Knotweed” (*Polygonum x Bohemicum*)**
- C. **The following Class C noxious weeds as defined in WAC 16-750 have been designated for control in Snohomish County by the Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board.**
 - “Hawkweed”, non-native species not listed as Class A or B
(*Heiracium sp.*) Except native species designated in
WAC 16-750-015**
 - “Bull Thistle” (*Cirsium vulgare*)**
 - “Canada Thistle” (*Cirsium arvense*)**

SECTION V. CONTROL REQUIRED

- A. **Landholder's duty** - Each property owner (as that term is defined in RCW 17.10.010) has a duty to control and prevent the spread of noxious weeds upon that person's property. The lack of control of a noxious weed is a failure to comply with the requirements of these regulations and RCW Chapter 17.10.
- B. **Control Measures** - If a landowner fails to control noxious weeds, the Board will have the weeds controlled at the landowner's expense pursuant to the terms and procedures set forth in chapter 17.10 RCW and the landowner will be subject to a civil infraction which carries a fine as stated in the Washington Administrative Code.
- Control measures to prevent seed production may include pulling, tilling, spraying or any other legal method which prevents propagation for that growing season.
- C. For the purpose of carrying out RCW 17.10.160, "reasonable attempt" means three attempts to contact the owner in person, by phone, or by letter. One contact attempt will be made after working hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm).

SECTION VI. PENALTIES

The penalties for violation of any of these regulations shall be the same as provided by chapter 17.10 RCW and chapter 16-750 WAC and such provisions are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION VII. HEARING – CHARGES AND COSTS

An owner that the Board has held liable for charges and costs pursuant to either, or both, RCW 17.10.170 and 17.10.210, may request a hearing to RCW 17.10.180.

In order to request a hearing the property owner must: file a written request for a hearing with the Board by either hand delivering the same to the Board or mailing the same by certified mail, return receipt requested to the Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board mailing address, within (30) days from receipt of the notice of charges and costs.

SECTION VIII. INTENT OF REGULATIONS

These regulations are intended to supplement the provisions of Chapter 17.10 RCW.

SECTION IX. SEVERABILITY

If any provisions of these regulations or their application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of these regulations and the application of said provisions to other persons or circumstances are not affected.

SECTION X. These Rules and Regulations were adopted by the Board on February 8, 2008 and approved by the County Council on April 23, 2008