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San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
WSU Extension Office, Friday Harbor
Friday, January 3, 2020

8:41 AM CALL TO ORDER

Noxious Weed Board Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 8:41 AM.

Present: Board Members Bruce Gregory (Chair), Bill Agosta (Vice-Chair), Joyce Nigretto (on phone), Todd Goldsmith (on phone), Brook Brouwer (WSU Extension Director), and staff member Jason Ontjes.

1. Review and approval of minutes of the meeting of December 6, 2019. MOVED by Bill Agosta, seconded by Joyce, to approve the Noxious Weed Board meeting minutes of Friday, December 6, 2019 with one change (note the location of where the meeting was held, at Orcas Village). ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED. Staff will send an electronic copy to Sue Kollet (County Council Administrative Specialist).
2. Presentation and discussion of monthly report. Staff took questions from Board members about the January report.

9:00 AM to 9:15 AM. Public comment time for visitors. No members of the public were present at this meeting.

3. Approval of 2020 tax insert subject matter. The Board decided to return to a familiar topic for the upcoming tax insert, instructing staff to find which species, of past publications, was the least recent. Thus, poison hemlock was selected for the 2020 insert (also published in 2010 and 2014).
4. Comments/suggestions on recent trifold brochure updates. The Board reviewed and approved of the recent updates made to the Board's tri-fold noxious weed brochures, edited by Shawn Beach.

5. Discussion of potential changes for 2020 and 2021 noxious weed lists. The Board considered the selection of hybrid watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum* x *M. sibiricum*) for control in San Juan County as a potential change for the 2020 noxious weed list, which will be further discussed at the upcoming public hearing on February 7. This hybrid, a Class C noxious weed, is currently recommended for control, though its presence in the county is unknown. Suggestions for the 2021 noxious weed list must be submitted to the State Weed Board by the end of April.
6. Integrated Weed Management Plan: update. Jason is seeking more information about the status and location of federal- and state-listed plant and animal species in San Juan County. Brook suggested talking to Daniel Root of the GIS department, which maps such data on Polaris and Orion. Staff will also look into the Department of Fish and Wildlife's priority habitats and species (PHS) data in more detail. The Board expects a draft of the full plan by its scheduled meeting in April.
7. Restoration planning for 2020 (Shawn). Shawn had mentioned earlier in the week that he planned to purchase native plant propagules and would like to use these for revegetation of areas cleared of noxious weeds. Brook advised a location that would serve as a demonstration to the public, with possible assistance from the Master Gardeners.
8. Pending contract with OPALCO and discussion with Port of Friday Harbor. The draft 2020 contract with OPALCO has been submitted to the San Juan County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for review. There was no discussion of a potential contract with the Port during the meeting.
9. Letter to BLM re. Kwiaht "protest"? The Board will not send a rebuttal letter regarding Kwiaht's "protest" to the draft Resource Management Plan for San Juan Islands National Monument.
10. Budget status. The Weed Program has spent 95.80 % of the 2019 budget as of January 2nd (2020), according to the Expenditure Status Report provided by Brook.

11. Other business. The Board discussed no other business.
12. Adjournment. Chairman Gregory moved to end the meeting at 10:37 AM, seconded by Bill Agosta. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board's next meeting is on Friday, February 7, 2020 in Friday Harbor.