

Lewis County
Board of County Commissioners
UPDATE
WSU Extension and Weed Control Board Programs
Date: May 21, 2019

Start Time: 10:30 AM

Present Commissioners: Edna Fund, Gary Stamper, Bobby Jackson

Others: Elizabeth Stratton & Melissa Davis, Gary Fredricks; WSU Extension, Becky Butler; Budget Services

Reporter: Bill Wamsley, LCNWCB

WSU Extension Lewis County

Topics

Introduction of the Snap-Ed ~~EFNEP~~ program in Lewis County by Elizabeth Stratton & Melissa Davis.

SNAP-Ed is a collaborative effort of the USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), USDA- Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES), Washington State University, Lewis County and local partners throughout the community.

SNAP-Ed teaches youth and adult audiences to develop skills and behaviors to eat healthfully. Families learn nutrition basics and smart buying strategies to help them make healthy choices and sustain their food supply throughout the month.

Discussed current focus of programs at Schools, Farmers Markets and local food pantry's (Olympic Elementary, Chehalis Farmers Market & Salvation Army). Identified other communities and local contacts to collaborate with in the Centralia area and East Lewis County.

Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board

Topics

Actions

2019 Weed Control Budget, Weed Specialist Position. *Informational, authorized PAF 752 for position.*

Landowner stewardship assistance for priority noxious weeds. *Informational*

Education programs: Invasive species Identification and Reporting Workshop, June 5, 2019 at SWW Fairgrounds. *Informational*

Handouts: Snap-Ed, Invasive Species Program Announcement, Noxious Weed Mgmt. Incentive program (Draft)



Call for Citizen Scientists: Join a regional volunteer effort to detect and eradicate invasive plant species!



2019 CITIZEN SCIENCE EARLY DETECTION RAPID RESPONSE REPORTING AND IDENTIFICATION OF INVASIVE PLANTS WORKSHOPS

About the Program

The Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council (PNW IPC) is a non-profit conservation organization (<http://www.pnw-ipc.org/>) working in partnership with National Forests and Parks, Washington Dept. of Agriculture (WSDA), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), county noxious weed programs, and other local groups on a Citizen Science EDRR (Early Detection Rapid Response) program. We are gearing up for our eighth year to search for priority and newly emerging invasive plants in our National Forests, National Parks and other public lands. If you are recreating and/or working on public lands and are interested in participating in our program and/or would like to learn more about invasive plants, you are invited to attend one of our FREE upcoming trainings.

Citizen Science EDRR Volunteer Training

We offer a 2.5 hour training where you will learn how to identify priority invasive species, how to record basic data and how to report findings on EDDMapSWest, a national early detection reporting system. Participants learn plant identification through a PowerPoint presentation and live material. Participants also learn methods of manual removal and which species you should not attempt to remove. Trainings will equip volunteers with the knowledge necessary to conduct invasive plant surveys in order to support local land managers that need your help. Your efforts will directly support the maintenance of healthy ecosystems. Volunteers will receive an invasive plant identification booklet along with survey forms. We ask that volunteers who sign up conduct 1-2 surveys over the field season.

Workshops in 2019: ***Some details are still to be determined. Please check our Facebook page regularly for updates. Capacity will be limited, so if you would like to attend one of these free trainings, please RSVP to Marisa Deluccia at pnw.ipc.org@gmail to reserve your place!

- 1. Mount Vernon, WA** **Friday, May 17th, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm**
Address: Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, 10441 Bayview Edison Rd, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273
Hosted by: Joseph Shea, Skagit Co. Noxious Weed Coordinator
RSVP at: <https://www.pnw-ipc.org/events/mount-vernon-invasive-plant-identification-training>
- 2. Bellingham, WA** **Thursday, May 23rd, 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm**
Address: Whatcom County Public Works Building, 322 N Commercial St #210, Bellingham, WA 98225
Hosted by: Laurel Baldwin, Whatcom Co. Noxious Weed Control Board
RSVP at: <https://www.pnw-ipc.org/events/bellingham-invasive-plant-identification-training>
- 3. Chehalis, WA** **Wednesday, June 5th, Start Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm**
Address: Community Event Building at Southwest WA Fairgrounds, 2555 N National Ave, Chehalis WA 98532
Hosted by: Bill Wamsley, Lewis Co. Noxious Weed Control Board
RSVP at: <https://www.pnw-ipc.org/events/chehalis-invasive-plant-identification-training>

Purpose:

The purpose of the incentive program is to aid small farmers with the management of noxious weeds by assisting them with materials and equipment to achieve a high level of weed control and to maintain farm resource lands in a productive state. The target audience for the program is landowners of Lewis County. ~~The program will be managed by the Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board (LCNWCB).~~

Program:

1) Priority Noxious Weeds (Lewis County Class A & B designates, County Select B)

Lewis County will reimburse landowners up to **75% of herbicide cost** directed at the management of noxious weeds in the Class A, Class B designate & County Select categories (see examples of weeds below). The maximum reimbursement per year to the landowner **will not exceed \$150.00**.

2) Noxious Weeds (Lewis County Class B & C)

Lewis County will reimburse landowners up to **50% of herbicide cost** directed at the management of noxious weeds in the Class B & Class Categories (see examples of weeds below). The maximum reimbursement per year to the landowner **will not exceed \$150.00**.

The landowner will be responsible for:

Applying the herbicide according to label and maintaining records of materials applied.

Application of products at a time of year and under conditions that will yield the most effective results.

Providing and or securing herbicide application equipment and support vehicles to make the herbicide applications.

Continuing with the control of noxious weeds through an integrated weed management approach

Process:

Landowners will consult with the LCNWCB to sign up for the program prior to any treatment.

The LCNWCB will identify the reimbursement level based on noxious weeds identified.

Landowner will purchase suggested materials and treat proposed field with the targeted noxious weeds.

~~Or...direct purchase of product by county for distribution to landowners with similar limits as above. (There are pros & cons on landowner or County purchase of product, ie. implementation / monitoring of treatment)~~

LCNWCB will confirm treatment 1-3 weeks post application.

Landowner will submit original invoice of product purchased for reimbursement.

Examples -- 1) Priority Noxious Weeds: Meadow & Spotted knapweed, Hawkweed, Wild Chervil, Tansy ragwort, (others pending Poison hemlock?)

2) Noxious Weeds: Scotch broom, Ox-eye daisy, Canada thistle, Bull thistle, Wild carrot, Blackberry, Common Tansy, (others pending)