

WSU/Weed Update

May 17, 2022

11:32 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Grose, Charles Edmonson, Patrick Shults

Guest: None

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Patrick Shults said the SNAP ED program will be short-handed due to a person leaving the office and another on leave of absence. Commissioner Pollock suggested coordinating with Public Health and Social Service's SNAP program.

Patrick said there was a decent turnout for the recent food preservation courses. Patrick let the Board know WSU/Weed has information for funding for farm stress/suicide prevention. Patrick said a Forest Owners Winter School held online in February drew participants representing 3 million timber acres for Washington State. There have been timber thinning workshops, a forest stewardship planning workshop, big leaf maple syrup programs, a big leaf maple syrup festival and conference, and there will be a family forest field day in late summer.

Charles Edmonson said due to the amount of rain Lewis County has received, treatment for noxious weeds has been delayed. Charles said his office has been reaching out to landowners to get access for treatment options for knotweed and other noxious weeds. There was a volunteer event in honor of Earth Day to help treat Italian Arum, and Weed is looking to plan 4-6 other volunteer events for the 2022 calendar year. There will be a tansy collection this summer as well. Charles said his office is using social media to promote events and information. There were 21 applicants for the Stewardship Incentive Program (SIP). Program participants each are given financial assistance to help manage noxious weed infestations. Charles said a resident reached out for help to control knapweed and that both Plummer Lake and Mineral Lake are being monitored for Eurasian mill foil and Brazilian elodea.

Charles said the Weed Board is meeting May 17.

Meeting ended at 11:56 a.m.