

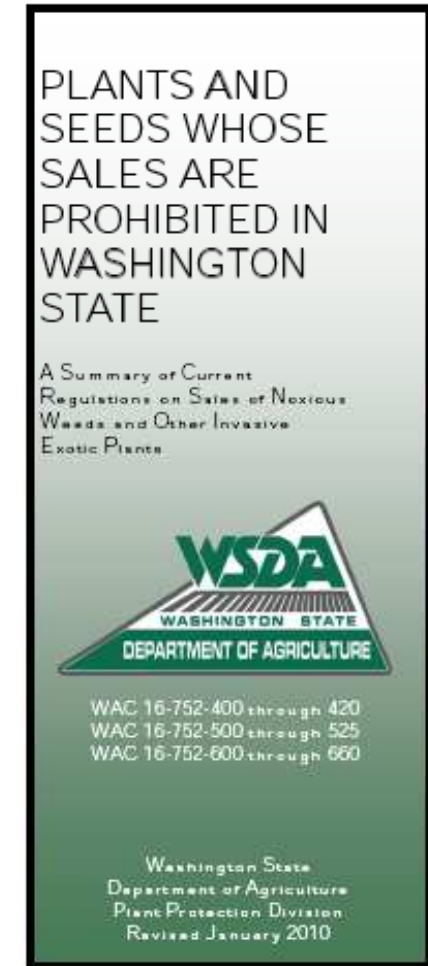
# The Noxious Weed Laws

- **RCW 17.10**
  - Limit economic loss due to the presence and spread of noxious weeds
  - Holds landowners responsible for controlling noxious weeds on their property.
  - Noxious Weed Control Boards



# The Noxious Weed Laws

- **WAC 16.750**
  - **Weed list and schedule of penalties**
- **WAC 16.752**
  - **Prohibited plants, aka the quarantine list**





# What is a Noxious Weed?

- *Legally* deemed for control (RCW 17.10)
- Non-native, Invasive Plants
  - Destructive
  - Competitive
  - **Difficult to control**
- Botanical Characteristics
  - Perennials
  - Prolific seed producers
  - Rhizomes



# CLASS “A” WEEDs

- Non-native
- Pose a serious threat to WA
- Limited Distribution
- Unrecorded

**Highest Priority**

- Goal

- Prevention of all new infestations
- Eradication of all known infestations



# Giant Hogweed





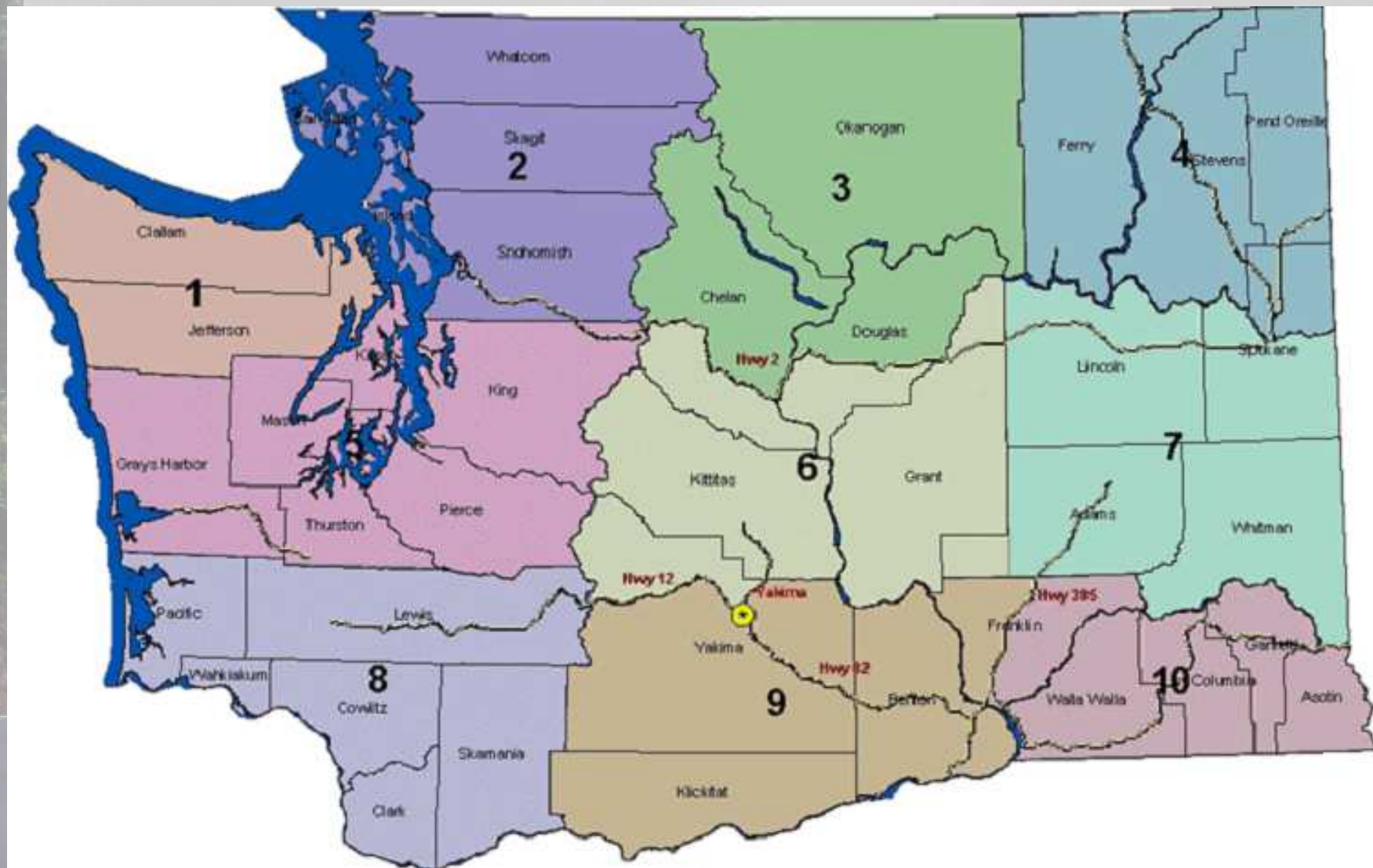
# Class B Noxious Weeds

Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*)



- **Class B:** not native to the state and are of limited distribution or are unrecorded in a region of the state and that pose a serious threat to that region. RCW 17.10.10
- **"Class B designate"** means those Class B noxious weeds whose populations in a region or area are such that all seed production can be prevented within a calendar year. WAC 16-750.003(2g)
- County noxious weed boards have the option of selecting non designate Class B noxious weeds for mandatory control at the local level
- **Currently 72 species**

# Class B Designation Regions





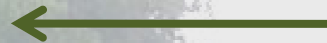
# **CLASS “B-NON Designate” Weeds**

- **Regions where weed is common or abundant.**
- **County/ weed districts have ability to place on their weed list**
- **Goal: prevent spread to designated areas**

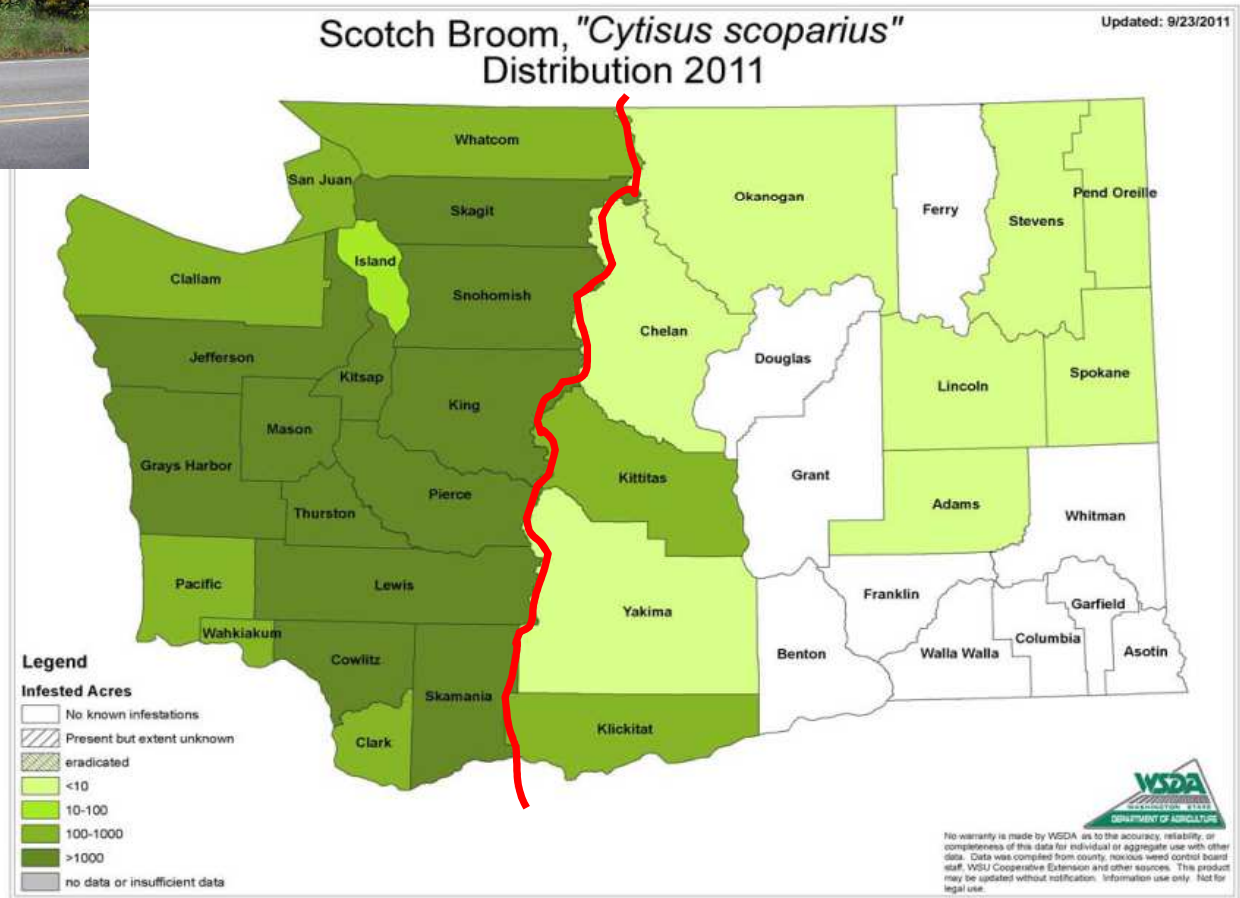
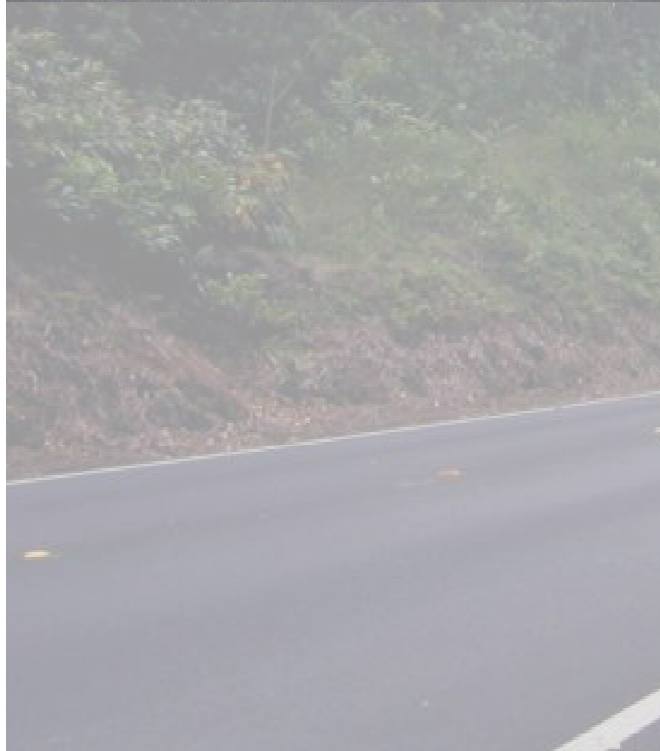
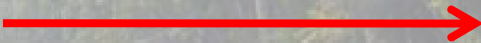




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# Class C Noxious Weeds

## RCW 17.10.10

- Widespread
  - May be of a special interest to the agricultural industry
- Some counties may enforce control, but many choose to pursue education and consultation avenues
- **Currently 31 species**





# CLASS “C” WEEDs

- Non-native
  - Widespread Distribution
  - Control is Decided at the County or district level
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- Goal
    - Long-term suppression
    - Control is decided at the local level

