

HEARING NOTICE

SAN JUAN COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD

ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

PURPOSE: To review and adopt the San Juan County Noxious Weed List for 2018 and to discuss noxious weed control priorities and weed law enforcement guidelines for 2018.

WHEN: Friday, February 2nd, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

WHERE: Community Room, Skagit Valley College, 221 Weber Way, Lower Level, Friday Harbor.

The Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board adopted the 2018 Washington State Noxious Weed List on November 1st (2017), with the following additions:

- Small-flowered Jewelweed, *Impatiens parviflora*, Class A (eradication required);
- Malta Starthistle, *Centaurea melitensis*, Class B (control required);
- European Coltsfoot, *Tussilago farfara*, Class B (control required);
- Spotted Jewelweed, *Impatiens capensis*, Class C (control recommended);
- Eurasian Watermilfoil hybrid, *Myriophyllum spicatum* x *M. sibiricum*, Class C (control recommended).

The State Weed Board also changed the status of spurge flax (*Thymelaea passerina*) from Class A to Class B. None of the above species are thought to exist in San Juan County at this time.

The San Juan County 2018 Noxious Weed List must be adopted by February 28.

In order for this list to become accepted for San Juan County, it must be approved by the County Noxious Weed Control Board based on public input received at this meeting. The Weed Board requests the public's insights about local weed distributions as well as suggestions for the 2019 weed list, closing April 30.

For further information, contact the San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Program at (360) 376-3499 or by e-mail at jasono@sanjuanco.com. A draft copy of the proposed 2018 San Juan County Noxious Weed List will be online at:

<http://extension.wsu.edu/sanjuan/noxious/>