



NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD 2021

BY THE NUMBERS

- 10.5 - Miles of PUD corridor that have been cleared of Scotch broom.
- 85 - Infestation of poison hemlock controlled within the City of Port Townsend.
- 3,120 - Hours of Washington Conservation Corps Crew "boots on the ground work:
- 500 - Citizen interactions, providing assistance, information, or references.
- 5 - Contractual collaborations with other public agencies to facilitate noxious weed control.
- 0 - Untreated infestations of Japanese Knotweed within the County.

ISSUE

Noxious weeds can reduce crop yields, destroy native plant and animal habitat, damage recreational opportunities, clog waterways, lower land values, create erosion problems and fire hazards, and poison humans and livestock. In Washington State, noxious weed is a legally defined term in the RCW 17.10. The Jefferson County Weed Control Board has a stated mission "To serve as responsible stewards of Jefferson County by protecting the land and resources from the degrading impact of noxious weeds."

RESPONSE

The Jefferson County Noxious Weed Control Board has focused their efforts on controlling a variety of noxious weeds through the Washington Conservation Corps, spreading awareness through outreach campaigns, and by providing technical support to the public. The targeted species are tansy ragwort, poison hemlock, various knotweeds, wild chervil, teasel, and Scotch broom.

The weed board has worked to control these species through contracting 3,000+ hours of Washington

Conservation Corps

crews. We also provided active outreach to private landowners with infestations through site visits, letters, and phone calls. Additionally, we provided passive outreach through newsletters, websites, picture

A noxious weed, harmful weed or injurious weed is a weed that has been designated by an agricultural or other governing authority as a plant that is injurious to agricultural or horticultural crops, natural habitats or ecosystems, or humans or livestock.



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QUOTES

“ The JCNWCB helped us get started on controlling Poison Hemlock throughout our state park by first doing an assessment and then developed a 5-year plan.”

“Thank you for your invaluable work in the county.”

I've managed to finally get a hold of the tansy infestation in my horse pasture thanks to your management plan.”



IMPACTS

The Jefferson County Weed Board provided technical support to 300+ individuals during the 2021 calendar year. The program advised on the control of specific noxious weeds, recommended revegetation strategies, and controlled small infestations for private landowners when eradication was technically challenging.

The program also surveyed 200 miles of right-of-way for invasive species, distributed 1,000 Bee-U-Tify native seed packets for pollinators to the public, gave four specialized presentations and trainings to target audiences, and eradicated various noxious weed species in over 150 sites.

The program has achieved an increased awareness surrounding noxious weeds within the public entities of Jefferson County shown by our partnerships. Our main partners are the Public Utility District, the County Public Works department, the City of Port Townsend, Fort Worden state parks, and the solid waste facility.



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