

Oregon State Weed Board Meeting
February 19 & 20, 2004
Oregon Department of Agriculture
Hearings Room – 635 Capitol St NE, Salem

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present

Bill Hansell, Chairman
Ken Bare
Don Richards
Jim Harris
Dan Hilburn
Jerry Erstrom

Absent

Patty Milne

Others

Tim Butler, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Tom Forney, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Shannon Brubaker, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Glenn Miller, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Dave Langland, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Bonnie Rasmussen, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Eric Coombs, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Jan Hedberg, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Gary McAninch, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Bruce Pokarney, Oregon Dept of Agriculture
Bob Barrett, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Ken French, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Miles Brown, Bureau of Land Management
Bill Reynolds, Bureau of Indian Affairs Warm Springs
Allen Schnetzky, Wallowa County
Dan Sherwin, Deschutes County
Patrick Smith, NW Oregon Weed Partnership
Floyd Paye, Jefferson County
Steve Davis, Jefferson County
James Altlund, Oregon State University
John Leuthe, Port Orford Watershed Council
Mark Porter, Wallowa Resources
Denise Rennis, Port of Portland
Mandy Tu, The Nature Conservancy
Marc Orem, Pine City Restoration
Andrew Zachary, Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces
Dan Durfey, Tri-County CWMA
David Vesely, Pacific Wildlife Research
February 19, 2004

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Hansell called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Approval of September 18 & 19, 2003 Meeting Minutes

There were no questions or concerns regarding the minutes from the Oregon State Weed Board meeting on September 18 & 19, 2003. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Meeting Overview

“POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST”

Chairman Hansell reviewed the agenda and read the Conflict of Interest Statement to those present as follows: “As Chairman of the Oregon State Weed Board, I make the following statement on behalf of the entire Board. All members of the Board agree, if there is an item the Board is taking action on which there is an actual or potential conflict of interest to that member, such members will abstain from voting on such action. When a member believes there is a potential conflict of interest, said member shall indicate this to the Chairman and will be officially recorded in the meeting minutes.

Actual or potential conflict of interest is defined by State Law as “any means of action or any decision or recommendation by a person acting in a capacity as a public official, the effect of which will or could be to the private pecuniary benefit or detriment of the person or the person’s relative, or a business with which the person or the person’s relative is associated.”

This statement is read and entered into minutes of the State Weed Board on February 19, 2004.

Board member Jim Harris pointed out that there is a possible conflict of interest with project number 2004-09-02. As the property in which the project will take place may be within the same drainage that his property is.

Housekeeping Items – Tim Butler, ODA

Tim pointed out that Shannon Brubaker the Weed Program Assistant is moving into another position within the Plant Division she will be the new Office Manager for the division.

Tim also mentioned that Katy Coba, Director of The Department of Agriculture, has reappointed Patty Milne, Don Richards and Jerry Erstrom to serve an additional 4 years for the Oregon State Weed Board.

Tim mentioned that the Secretary of States Audit division has begun the Measure 66 mandatory audit, for the 2001-2003 biennium.

Budget Update - Tim Butler, ODA

Total Budget for the 03-05 Biennium:	\$1, 046, 088
Biennium to date allocations:	\$158, 628
Outstanding Payments:	\$50,692
Total remaining to allocate:	\$887, 460
Target for allocation for the 9 th cycle grants:	\$325,000
9 th cycle request totals: 53 grants requesting	\$782,018

9th Cycle Noxious Weed Control Grant Review & Awarding

The Oregon State Weed Board decided the grant applications would be separated into four categories: Fund, Partial funding, Denied and to be reconsidered. (Reconsidered grants will be indicated and will follow the list of funded and denied grants)

2004-09-01 Marion County Japanese Knotweed Project Phase III

Requested: \$9,000 – Reconsider

2004-09-02 Cold Springs Creek Perennial Pepperweed Project

Requested: \$1,793 – Fund in full

2004-09-03 Yellow Starthistle; West Cross Project

Requested: \$22,479 – Denied

2004-09-04 Tillamook Hoquarton Slough Blackberry / Knotweed Control

Requested: \$3,500 – Denied

2004-09-05 Youngs Bay Purple Loosestrife Control

Requested: \$1,653 – Fund in full

2004-09-06 Douglas County Distaff Control

Requested: \$41,276 – Partial funding of \$33,276

2004-09-07 Coos-Sumner Gorse Project

Requested: \$36,080 – Partial funding of \$29,000

2004-09-08 Starkey Area Leafy Spurge Project 2004

Requested: \$5,000 – Denied

2004-09-09 White Top Project 2004 Medical Springs

Requested: \$5,000 – Fund in full

2004-09-10 Spotted Knapweed Project 2004 Union

Requested: \$5,000 – Fund in full

2004-09-11 Grant Mountain Blackberry Control Project #1

Requested: \$16,110 – Do not fund

2004-09-12 Jefferson County Scotch Thistle

Requested: \$10,000 – Fund in full

2004-09-13 Squarrose Knapweed of Jefferson County

Requested: \$5,000 – Partial funding of \$3,000

2004-09-14 Western Lane Knotweed Control Project

Requested: \$9,840 – Partial funding of \$7,000

2004-09-15 Western Lane Gorse Control Project Phase III
Requested: \$11,100 – Fund in full

2004-09-16 Lower Columbia Purple Loosestrife Control
Requested: \$943 – Fund in full

2004-09-17 Japanese Knotweed Project 2004
Requested: \$4,200 – Fund in full

2004-09-18 Bend-Spotted Knapweed and Dalmatian Toadflax Phase 2
Requested: \$16,500 – Reconsider

2004-09-19 Rock and Gravel Pits-Deschutes County
Requested: \$6,716 – Fund in full

2004-09-20 Purple Loosestrife – Deschutes County
Requested: \$5,478 – Fund in full

2004-09-21 Japanese Knotweed Control-Coos River
Requested: \$7,269 – Fund in full

2004-09-22 Wasco County Purple Loosestrife Project II
Requested: \$6,500 – Reconsider

2004-09-23 Cox Island Spartina Patens Control
Requested: \$41,560 – Reconsider

2004-09-24 Burnt River Weed Management Project
Requested: \$23,345 – Fund in full

2004-09-25 Woods Memorial Park Habitat Restoration Project
Requested: \$20,994 – Do not fund

2004-09-26 Control and Survey of Aquatic Noxious Weeds
Requested: \$7,500 – Do not fund

2004-09-27 Tri-County Yellow Starthistle Survey and Control
Requested: \$5,000 – Do not fund

2004-09-28 Rush Skeletonweed Control and Survey
Requested: \$20,000 – Fund in full

2004-09-29 Bridge Creek Restoration Project Phase II
Requested: \$24,690 – Do not fund

2004-09-30 Powers Noxious Weed Control
Requested: \$32,687 – Partial funding of \$10,000

2004-09-31 Harney County Invasive Weed Control project 2004
Requested: \$25,000 – Reconsider

2004-09-32 Upper Nehalem Knotweed Assessment and Control
Requested: \$11,102 – Fund in full

2004-09-33 Lower Fanno Creek Hogweed Control Project
Requested: \$28,210 – Do not fund

2004-09-34 Lonerock/Thirtymile Integrated Weed Management Area
Requested: \$14,510 – Fund in full

2004-09-35 Malheur/Owyhee Watershed Weed Control Project
Requested: \$25,000 – Fund in full

2004-09-36 Cedar Springs Farm Riverbank Enhancement
Requested: \$21,802 – Do not fund

2004-09-37 Upper Crooked River Spring 2004
Requested: \$15,575 – Partial funding of \$3,500

2004-09-38 Bear Creek Spring 2004
Requested: \$17,620 – Do not fund

2004-09-39 Lower Crooked River Spring 2004
Requested: \$11,705 – Partial funding of \$9,705

2004-09-40 Starthistle/Scotch Broom Eradication Project
Requested: \$5,000 – Do not fund
2004-09-41 Grazing To Control False Brome
Requested: \$17,983 – Do not fund
2004-09-42 Metolius Wildfire Emergency Weed Control
Requested: \$25,000 – Do not fund
2004-09-43 Pine City Restoration
Requested: \$21,133 – Do not fund
2004-09-44 Sandy River Riparian Habitat Protection
Requested: \$16,500 – Do not fund
2004-09-45 Clackamas River Japanese Knotweed Control Project
Requested: \$44,800 – Reconsider
2004-09-46 Wallowa County Leafy Spurge Project Phase I
Requested: \$14,450 – Do not fund
2004-09-47 Baker City Municipal Airport Restoration Project
Requested: \$14,450 – Do not fund
2004-09-48 Pepperweed and Whitetop, Baker County 2004
Requested: \$8,500 – Fund in full
2004-09-49 Purple Loosestrife/Japanese Knotweed Management Project
Requested: \$8,965 – Partial funding of \$5,000
2004-09-50 Deschutes Scenic River
Requested: \$10,000 – Do not fund
2004-09-51 Grande Ronde River Seamless Treatment
Requested: \$10,000 – Reconsider
2004-09-52 Wallowa Union Railroad Weed Control
Requested: \$5,000 – Do not fund
2004-09-53 Grossman High Priority Inventory and Treatment
Requested: \$8,000 – Fund in full

Reconsidered Grants:

2004-09-01 Marion County Japanese Knotweed Project Phase III – this project was an undecided project by the review committee. The review committee was divided as to the priority level of this grant when compared to other knotweed projects submitted this grant cycle.

2004-09-18 Bend-Spotted Knapweed and Dalmatian Toadflax Phase 2 – the review committee had originally recommended this project not to be funded. These are low priority weeds because of the large population in the area. The project is not a high priority for watershed protection. The Oregon State Weed Board overturned the recommendation and stated that it was important to continue the support of urban projects and that this was a good quality project and should be funded for the second phase. Fund in full at \$9,000

2004-09-22 Wasco County Purple Loosestrife Project III – the review committee was undecided between partial funding of \$2500 to pay for bio control agents and full funding of this project. After hearing further details of the project and finding out that the areas covered by this particular project are in areas where the establishment of bio-control agents is virtually impossible, the Board felt that it was important to fund the 2nd phase of this project. Fund in full at \$6,500

2004-09-23 Cox Island *Spartina Patens* Control – the review committee originally recommended partial funding of \$4500 for this project. The amount funded should cover costs for supplies. The project should be separated into phases that fit within the timeline of the grant cycles. The method of treatment may not be the best economically sound method. ODA recommended that TNC review and reassess treatment options. In the past Saltmeadow cordgrass was not seeding, in recent years it has been seeding making the probability of spread higher. The focus for treatment should be to eradicate in a timely manner to prevent spread to other areas of the estuary. The Board felt that the ODA recommendation was a strong enough argument that the issue needed to be looked at again and possibly a tour of the area to determine success rate and look at other management opportunities should be arranged. The Board decided to not fund this project.

Revisions for 2004 Noxious Weed List – Tim Butler

The board was given Pest Risk Assessments for the adding of Myrtle Spurge, *Euphorbia myrsinites* and Butterfly bush, *Buddleja davidii* to the B list. Tim Butler shared with the board information regarding surveys done in the fall of 2003 for wild populations of Butterfly bush.

The ODA Weed Program recommended adding Barbed goatgrass, *Aegilops triuncialis*, Meadow hawkweed, *Hierracium pratense*, and Orange hawkweed *Hieracium aurantiacum* to the “T” list

The OSWB recommended changing the *Spartina patens* to an “A” rated weed.

Harris moved to add Butterfly bush and Myrtle spurge to the “B” list, add Barbed goatgrass, *Aegilops triuncialis*, Meadow hawkweed, *Hierracium pratense*, and Orange hawkweed, *Hieracium aurantiacum* to the “T” list, and change *Spartina patens* to an “A” rated weed.

Richards seconded

Motion carried – unanimously

(Plant risk assessments for Butterfly bush and Myrtle spurge are available through the ODA at 503-986-4621)

ODA Updates

SW Oregon – Ken French, ODA

Ken French gave an update on the current cooperation level in the Coos and Curry County areas. The watershed and private landowners have become very active in noxious weed control.

Ken gave a presentation on the current projects going on in the southwest Oregon area.

Distaff Thistle- In 1999 there were approximately 30 sites for a total of 113 acres in the state. There have been no new sites reported since 1999; in 2003 there were only 5 acres. There are 29 sites in Douglas County and one in Josephine County.

Portuguese broom: Portuguese broom was sited about six years ago in Oregon. The state experiences 48 million a year in revenue loss in conifer production due to Scotch broom and effects. Portuguese broom has the potential of causing higher impacts than Scotch broom. Individual Portuguese broom plants can reach the diameter of 27 feet it is an extremely competitive plant.

In Douglas County there has been 1600 acres controlled through OSWB funding, for the 3-year project. There are approximately 300-400 acres that have not been treated and is scheduled for treatment in 2004.

Gorse – Douglas SWCD has received OSWB funds for the initial phases of the control efforts but now the projects are being funded primarily through other funds. There are 10,000 acres of gorse infestation in southern Oregon; ODA is treating the outlying populations to prevent the spread of infestations inland. Gorse poses a tremendous threat to the forestry industry and is as well a huge fuel sources for forest fires.

Knapweed: Southwest Oregon is beginning to focus on the Spotted and Diffuse knapweed populations. The amount of infestation is low enough that control efforts are aimed toward elimination in this area. Its estimated at half million acres of Yellow starthistle is in the area that ODA and local entities are working on. Biocontrol for starthistle can be extremely successful if given the chance to establish.

Barbed goatgrass – was first sited in 2003 in the Cave Junction area. ODA treated the infestation in 2003 and is anticipating treatment in late April early May of 2004.

S. Central Oregon-Bob Barrett, ODA

BLM Klamath Resource area has been a major project for the South central Oregon area since 1967. Initially the county was doing work but the BLM was not satisfied so they began contract work with the ODA. The ODA has treated 350 known sites in the Klamath Resource area. In 1998 chemical treatments were at 3900 gals of mix and in 2003 chemical treatments are at 1900 gals of mix. ODA has worked with Lake County to treat 2500 acres of Med Sage.

Matgrass: the only known infestation of Matgrass is in south central Oregon and has been there for the past 20 years. Matgrass is very hard to distinguish from other grasses different lighting throughout the day has an affect on the success rate of spot spraying the plants. ODA will spend 120 hours on treatment and 77 gallons of chemical mix on about 150 gross acres. Matgrass is an "A" designated weed and will continue to be a high priority for control.

NW Oregon-Tom Forney, ODA

Mount Hood National Forest Hawkweed: There are two different species of hawkweeds present on the Mt Hood Nat'l Forest, orange hawkweed and yellow hawkweed. There are a few populations in Clackamas County, Malheur County, and Hood River County. Otherwise the populations are low statewide. Mt Hood Nat'l Forest has the only known Orange hawkweed infestation in the state. The first site was found in 1998 while treated knapweeds on the forest. At that time the population was limited to a small area along the side of the road less than a quarter of an acre. When first found, environmental document were not in place, there was concern about using old assessments and felt that a new

Environmental Assessment was needed. Though manual treatment is not an effective method for hawkweeds, rather than walking away, we tried to dig the weed up repeatedly. The population continued to expand over 5 years and is now spread to over 2000 acres with treatment options limited the hawkweeds are jumping from watershed to watershed and are spreading throughout the forest.

WeedMapper-Tim Butler

The ODA has been working with Doug Johnson, OSU in the development of WeedMapper. It is a web-based database of weed locations statewide.

It does not currently have all the data throughout the state. The goal is to get all the weed data for the state in one location on the web at www.weedmapper.org. The project is under development and ODA will continue to work with OSU on this project. There will be noxious weed siting form on the website for reporting findings. A few things need to be clarified, one is that we need to be sure the info is accurate and that the information put into the database is by qualified personnel. WeedMapper has a lot of potential to help in developing Pest Risk Assessments. WeedMapper has the ability to add layers of data like soils and climate information and then overlay to fill in high risk and low risk of soil type. Another aspect is looking at a mechanism for folks in the field that has a format that you can fill out a form in the field.

Future of WeedMapper:

- Expand database to include Washington, and California
- Consult with existing partners to customize each agency's needs
- Seek additional collaborators to acquire more data to develop precise invasion models and risk assessment maps.
- Outreach and education position through ODA to include coordination of the WeedMapper efforts.

Federal Weed Legislation Update-Bonnie Rasmussen

Safety proposal that the Nature Conservancy submitted with The Farm Bureau, ODA, etc basically what this breaks down to in federal transportation bill there are discretionary pots of money that can be designated projects. Intention is to get \$20 million for the NW over a 6-year period, the money would be dispersed to the counties, funds utilized for interagency coordination leveraging funds with BLM. The transportation bill has passed in the senate, they expect that in Fed the house will pass the transportation bill.

CWMA's Recognition Discussion-Bonnie Rasmussen

Cooperative Weed Management Area's (CWMA's) are not a new concept. CWMA's are entities that can have multiple projects in working for a certain area or weed. The weed management areas work plans that the weed board can facilitate cooperation of all the land managers bringing together public. New relationships develop to work in specific areas some of these areas have no designated county weed board, especially on the Westside of the state. The BLM is very receptive to CWMA's and has contributed a lot of federal funds toward the development of these entities. Right now the structure of CWMA's is very fluid. There are 17 weed management areas throughout the state and currently on the westside there is a strong push to develop more. CWMA's have no legal power the power lies in the counties jurisdiction, they are primarily a way to bring entities together to work toward goals for areas of the state.

Other Discussion and Public Comment:

Patrick Smith – coordinator of NW Oregon Weed Partnership

Patrick updated the board on the status of the CWMA's in the NW Weed Partnership area. There are three in Lincoln County, one in Yamhill County and five beginning to form. There are two more groups on the coast, Tillamook and western Washington area and Clackamas. Within the weed management areas there working groups such as Japanese knotweed working group and the False brome working group.

Public comment:

Patrick Smith – pointed out that when there are people present to defend the decisions on the grant awards might give them an advantage. Patrick pointed out that this is an unfair advantage to those that are unable to attend the meeting.

Board members stated that they would explore options to ensure fairness surrounding this issue.

Next Meeting and Location:

The next meeting will be held on September 23 and 24, 2004 in the Baker County area, exact location TBA.