

**Okanogan County
Noxious Weed
Control Board**

**Upcoming
Events**

2019 Noxious Weed List

Hearing

January 23, 4:00 pm

Hearing will take place
prior to our January
Board Meeting

Okanogan County

Noxious Weed Control

Board Meeting

January 23, 4:00 pm

1 pesticide license credit

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Board Meeting:

February 27, 4:00 pm

1 pesticide license credit

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Spring Recertification

Class:

February 28

6 pesticide license credits
pending

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Board Meeting:

March 27, 4:00 pm

1 pesticide license credit

**Happy
New Year**

Okanogan County Noxious Weed News

January 2019

Winter

New Year New Start

New Noxious Weed Control Contracts

In February all landowners, with known sites of Class A or Class B Designate Noxious Weeds on their property will receive a contract with the option to hire a licensed commercial pesticide applicator to treat any mandatory control noxious weeds found growing on their property during the current field season. The contract is intended to assist OCNWCB in organizing control efforts and reduce the expense of repeated travel to infested properties.

Landowner contracts for Class A and B Designate Noxious Weeds will be mailed out in February and must be returned no later than March 31. Those who do not wish to take advantage of the contract will be responsible for controlling any Class A or B Designate Noxious Weeds on their property.

Updated Noxious Weed List

On January 23rd we will be holding Okanogan County's 2019 Noxious Weed List Hearing prior to our monthly weed board meeting at 4:00 in the Noxious Weed Office. We will discuss any changes to our mandatory control species as well as the continued inclusion of Spurge Flax, Longspine Sandbur, and Puncturevine as mandatory control along all public right of ways and parking areas. If you have any questions or concerns about any of the noxious weed species, this is the hearing to attend. You are always welcome and we appreciate hearing from you.



New Fulltime Staff

We are happy to announce that Erin Quinlan has joined the Noxious Weed Office as our new fulltime Field Inspector. Erin first started working at the Noxious Weed Office back in 2017 as a seasonal Field Assistant and has since proven herself to be an invaluable asset to our team. If you haven't done so already, please stop by our office at 1234 S 2nd, in Okanogan to introduce yourself and join us in welcoming Erin to her new position.



Okanogan River (and other) Aquatic Treatments

"We are committed to our aquatic program to ensure safety for all who recreate on Okanogan County's Waterbodies"



Okanogan River 2018 Treatment

Last fall, in a historic first for Okanogan County, portions of the Okanogan River and Well's Pool were treated with herbicides to control Yellow Flag Iris, Reed Canary Grass, Fragrant Water Lily, Purple Loosestrife and Eurasian Watermilfoil.

The project took place between September 17th and September 21st, 2018, after the water levels in Lake Pateros and the mouth of the Okanogan River were lowered to expose target noxious weed infestations. Treatments occurred only on exposed infestation located on the shoreline to avoid water use restrictions following the treatment. Total acres treated during the project included: 80.5 acres Eurasian Watermilfoil, 29 acres Yellow Flag Iris, 27.5 acres Fragrant Water Lily, 26 acres Reed Canary Grass, and 20 acres Purple Loosestrife.

Other 2018 Aquatic Projects

We are very happy to report that many lakes in our area have again been treated for Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed in 2018. These lakes include: Osoyoos, Leader, and Patterson.

There were also several lakes that were scheduled to be treated in 2018, that did not receive treatments because weed infestations were still well controlled by treatments that had taken place in 2017.

Nicely Done Lakeland Restoration!!!



Additional Staff Needed For the 2019 Field Season



The Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board will soon be ramping up for the 2019 field season and will be looking to hire additional seasonal field staff within the upcoming months (April or May). We will be looking to hire two (possibly more) Field Inspectors and/or Field Assistants to work for approximately 4 to 6 months.

These individuals will assist the Noxious Weed Office Manager and Field Supervisor in all phases of the weed control program, including providing office support and will be responsible for their own record keeping, photos, posting information and landowner contact. These individuals will work outdoors to perform the work and inspections as necessary as well as in the office to keep the proper records as required by Policy/Procedure and RCW17.10.

Required Qualifications

Must be age 18 with High School Diploma or equivalent

Have a valid Washington Driver's License

Have a reliable vehicle of their own. The vehicle will be required to travel off of paved roads

Ability to understand and follow written and verbal instructions

Ability to understand the State Weed Law and carry out actions that may be necessary

Must be able to put in long hours during the field season

Computer knowledge with Excel & Word

Familiar with Okanogan County and able to read maps and aerial photos

For the Field Inspector position: must possess a Washington State Department of Agriculture Pesticide Consultants license with an Ag Weed endorsement

Desired Qualifications

Knowledge of GIS/GPS data collection

Familiarity of Microsoft office programs such as Publisher & Power Point

WSDA Consultants license with Turf and Ornamental, and Aquatic endorsements

If you or someone you know, are interested in either of these seasonal employment opportunities, please contact our office at (509) 422-7165, send us an email at noxiousweeds@co.okanogan.wa.us, or stop in and see us at 1234 S 2nd Ave, Suite B, Okanogan, WA 98840.

***** Please remember to mark your calendars for
our Spring Pesticide License Recertification Class
which is coming up on February 28, 2019! *****

National Invasive Species Awareness Week

Dates to be Announced Soon!

Once the final dates have been established, we plan to hold a Noxious Weed Open House in conjunction with National Invasive Species Awareness Week to help spread the word about local invasive species of concern. Please tune your radio in to our weekly Noxious Weed Report on KOMW or KNCW every Wednesday during the noon news report, as we will be providing more information about the upcoming open house during upcoming reports.

**From Everyone Here at the Noxious Weed Office,
Thank You All for Making 2018 Another Great Year of
Working Together to Stop Noxious Weeds!**

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

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