



VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board Member

DEPARTMENT: Board of County Commissioners

MISSION/PURPOSE:

Members of the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board assist with the management of an effective county weed control or eradication program of noxious weeds. They assure compliance and coordination with state, federal, and other applicable regulations. *Noxious weeds are invasive non-native plants that have been introduced to Washington through human actions that can have far reaching impacts on agriculture, recreational lands, natural resources, and human health and safety.* If possible, four out of five members of the board shall be engaged in agriculture practices such as farming, forestry, livestock production, nursery production, or aquaculture. **RCW 17.10.050**

JOB DUTIES:

- The board provides oversight of many of the job duties that are the responsibility of the Weed Coordinator hired by this board.
- Develop policy and guidelines under which the Weed Board operates, including coordination with state and federal agencies, as well as bordering counties for maximizing control opportunities.
- Attend monthly board meetings to conduct business, keep up to date concerning county situations, as well as state and federal issues involving noxious weed control. Hold hearings as needed.
- Develop a budget for the operation of the county's weed control program.
- Review Weed Control Program's annual report; identify strengths and weakness of the program and set goals accordingly.
- May be involved in hiring and assisting with the annual performance review of Weed Board staff.
- Assure response to inquiries or complaints from county residents that pertain to the weed control program.
- Facilitate the identification of plants as needed and requested by landowners.
- Develop the county noxious weed list. Including all class A weeds and those class B weeds that have been designated for control by the state noxious weed control board (RCW 17.10.090). Set local weed control priorities.
- Facilitate conduction of ongoing weed surveys to detect new infestations and level of control of known infestations.
- Assure that the public has access to technical information on weed control options and education for landowners to achieve voluntary compliance with the state weed law.
- Assure that weed enforcement actions are carried out as needed to protect resources.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must be a resident of the **school district that the position represents and reside within those boundaries.** Applicants engaged in agriculture practices, such as farming, forestry, livestock production, nursery production, or aquaculture, will be given preference. Must be interested and willing to serve the community as a board member.

BENEFITS AND TRAINING AVAILABLE:

The State Weed Control Board, Weed Board staff and Cooperative Extension staff will provide training and ongoing education.

RESPONSIBLE TO:

Kitsap County Board of Commissioners

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Until position is filled. Contact Kitsap County Volunteer Services for application information at (360) 337-4650, rpirtle@co.kitsap.wa.us.