# **Programs & Services**

















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The Pend Oreille County Weed Board is charged by Washington state law with the cooperative control and management of noxious weeds. Through education, outreach and management measures, the board protects the Pend Oreille County ecosystem for everyone's use and economic benefit.

If you have any questions about our programs & services, contact us! We'd be happy to discuss offerings and upcoming opportunities with you. Weed Board offices are open and personnel in office available for consultation Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 8 a.m. -4:30 p.m.

**Neighborhood Cooperative Cost** 



### What is the NCS Program?

This program provides landowners with an opportunity to manage their weeds more cost-effectively. Landowners are encouraged to join forces with at least one other Pend Oreille County resident in developing and carrying-out a weed management program.

This program is available for weeds on land and in the water. Applications are accepted

annually, March through April and funds are limited so it is first come, first served. Approved proposals are eligible to cost-share at 50% with a cap of \$500 per group and \$200 per individual. Payment made by **check** is preferred; however, cash is also accepted. Eligible costs for sharing include applying weed prevention principles, using biocontrol agents, fertilizing, seeding or planting competitive vegetation, mulching, mowing, digging or applying herbicides.

Applications are due mid-April every year (2024: April 18).

### To get your application early plan on attending our annual...

### **Neighborhood Cost Share Workshop**

Held every March, this is a free weed seminar with you in mind!

- Expert speakers & engaging presentations,
- Free Lunch & Door Prizes galore,
- Early access to Cost Share applications & other resources,

Prepare to tackle your pesky weeds in pastures, forests, and the garden, this Spring!

#### 2024 Cost Share Presentation Videos & PowerPoints:

- Controlling Invasive Phragmites Australis YouTube
- Invasive Phragmites
- Management Techniques for Phragmites
- Pend Oreille Conservation District Invasive Presentation
- Bulletins Live! Two Presentation by WSDA
- Wilbur-Ellis Safely use Herbicides to Control Noxious Weeds in range, pasture and forest landscapes
- Noxious Weed Board Weed ID & Management

- Toxic Plants
- Weed ID & Management
- Forest Vegetation Management
- WSDA Licensing, Labels and More
- Regenerative Ag & Weed Mitigation

**Download Past NCS Workshop PowerPoints** 

### **Mandatory Control Weeds Cost-Share**

Removing a small population of a noxious weed before it's allowed to spread across the landscape saves a lot of time and money into the future. We offer cost-share management practices at 50%, for any noxious weed on our class A or class B designate list, and priority weeds on our class B and C lists. If we perform the work, our minimum charge is \$25.00.

Landowners with documented active and/or history of a class A or B noxious weed will receive a Mandatory Inspection Notice & Cost Share Agreement form in the mail, generally early April.

## **Equipment Rentals**



management plan execution!

100-gallon Slip-In Sprayer: \$40/day + Deposit

We rent 4-gallon back-pack sprayers and 100-gallon slip-in power sprayers that fit into a pick-up truck bed as well as aquatic weed tools for non-herbicide control. Weed Board staff helps landowners in developing and implementing a weed management plan, including calculating the amount of herbicide needed and/or demonstrate operation of our rental equipment. We can also help landowners identify noxious weeds and provide pictures and other information about the weeds for a successful weed

4-gallon Backpack Sprayer: \$5/day + Deposit (battery powered + pump action)

Aquatic Weed Removal Tools: \$5/day + Deposit (may include a Beach Roller, Weed Rake; ask us what is available!)

# **Biocontrol (FREE)**



We offer assistance in developing a biological control of weeds program for larger weed populations, such as spotted knapweed, Dalmatian toadflax, Canada thistle, and St. Johnswort. Biological agents (insects) are screened and tested through a long and scientifically structured process to ensure they are specific to the target weed. Biocontrol is a great option for large infestations, when herbicide is not desirable, inaccessible land, and to assist in long-term

maintenance. Though it can take many years to see a big difference, biocontrol agents are a safe and reliable weed control tool. Procuring the agents, releasing and monitoring them are supported by grant funding and are offered free to landowners.

## **Supporting Documents**

Calibrating Back Pack Sprayer 166.95 KB

Calibrating boom buster sprayer 204.27 KB

Calibrating boom sprayer 215.58 KB

2024 NCS Application.docx 172.97 KB

NCS Application Directions - 2023 224.67 KB