

**NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD OF COWLITZ COUNTY
BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION FORM**

DATE: _____

MAIL TO: COWLITZ COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD

Administration Annex Bldg., 1st Floor
207 Fourth Avenue North
Kelso, WA 98626

I, _____, am a resident of Cowlitz County and live in Noxious Weed
Geographical Area # ____.

I want to serve on the Noxious Weed Control Board, my reasons and qualifications include: _____

I believe I can help the Noxious Weed Control Board with: _____

NAME	
STREET/P.O. BOX	
CITY, STATE & ZIP	
HOME PHONE #	
WORK PHONE #	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
SIGNATURE	DATE:

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**REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA
IN SUPPORT OF THIS APPLICANT**

Applicants Name: _____

Geographical Area #: _____

Supporter's Name

Supporters Signature

& Address

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____

Attach additional signatures and address if you desire.

NOTE: A minimum of ten (10) signatures of registered voters residing in your geographical area are required by State law, RCW 17.10.050.

Applications should be submitted to Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board; Administration Annex Bldg., 1st Floor; 207 Fourth Avenue North; Kelso, WA 98626.

The deadline for submission of applications is **Thursday, January 4th, 2024, at Noon.**

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD MEMBER POSITION DESCRIPTION

Purpose

Noxious Weed Control Boards work to help preserve our natural resources. All landowners are required by law to control the growth of noxious weeds on their lands and prevent their spread to adjacent lands. Noxious weed control efforts succeed when addressed as a total commitment by the community. The state noxious weed law, RCW 17.10, establishes control priorities and obligations. Noxious Weed Control Boards work to develop programs which reflect these priorities and responsibilities. By statute, Noxious Weed Control Boards have the authority to carry out a variety of actions directed toward the control and eradication of noxious weeds.

Responsibilities

The Board of County Commissioners and the Noxious Weed Control Board share the responsibility for the Noxious Weed Control Board's actions. The Noxious Weed Control Board members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and are active participants and advisors in the following Noxious Weed Control Board functions: human resources, planning & development, finance, community relations, and operations.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD MEMBERS SHARE WITH EACH OTHER RESPONSIBILITY IN THESE KEY AREAS:

Human Resources

Board members may recruit and orient new board members; train, evaluate, and recognize existing board members; provide opportunities for fellow board members to grow and develop as leaders.

Participate in the interview and selection of the coordinator, and staff as requested. Provide support to the noxious weed control program staff; this may include reviewing performance and providing ongoing assistance.

Board members may advise on and suggest personnel policy in cooperation with the Board of County Commissioners.

Encourage volunteer involvement, which may include selecting and recognizing volunteers for achievement or appointment.

Planning/Development

Analyze and review the Board's mission, goals, and objectives regularly. Review and adopt the County Noxious Weed List annually.

Review and adopt rules and regulations that help strengthen the position of the Noxious Weed Control Board. Review and critique any past performances, focusing on the Board's future short-term and extended goals.

Submit and evaluate projects and programs, which will help generate interest and provide an understanding of the Noxious Weed Control Board's direction. Evaluate regularly.

Help ensure the procurement of adequate resources so that the Board's responsibilities, programs, and projects can be realized.

Finance

Review, approve and monitor financial reports to ensure financial solvency and accountability on behalf of the Board.

Understand and be willing to contribute to the ongoing budget process. This includes assisting in development, review, and gaining financial approval.

Community Relations

Help promote the Noxious Weed Control Board's programs and services to appropriately address community/constituent needs.

Extend efforts of the Noxious Weed Control Board to the general public. Serve as an emissary of the Board to the community.

Reinforce cooperation when exercising or explaining the responsibilities of the Noxious Weed Control Board to landowners and land users.

Operations

Work to help ensure that the Noxious Weed Control Board's administrative systems, legal structure, and operations are adequate and appropriate.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD SERVICE:

Have a demonstrated interest in the Noxious Weed Control Boards' mission and goals.

Have specific experience and/or knowledge in at least one area: human resources, planning & development, finance, community relations, or operations.

Be a representative of the populations of the geographical area to which each is appointed. At least three of the five board members must be engaged in the primary production of agricultural products.

Have a willingness to expand knowledge or Noxious Weed Control Board responsibilities through orientation and ongoing training.

Have a willingness to represent the organization to the community.

Expectations:

- 1 – 3 hours per Board meeting for preparation and attendance each month
- Additional time may be required for:
 - a) Special Meetings of the Board
 - b) Hearings
 - c) Meetings with the Board of Commissioners
 - d) Community projects (i.e., Fairs)
 - e) State Noxious Weed Control Board meetings
 - f) Conference and training
- Serve the Noxious Weed Control Board for a term of four years.

Compensation

Noxious Weed Control Board members do not receive a salary but shall be compensated for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as outlined in RCW 17.10.050.

BACKGROUND FOR APPOINTMENT TO NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD OF COWLITZ COUNTY

1. The Noxious Weed Control Board consists of five (5) voting members who are appointed by the county legislative authority (Board of County Commissioners).
2. County legislative authority divides the County into five (5) sections of the same approximate size and appoints a voting member from each section.
3. At least three (3) of the voting members shall be engaged in the primary production of agricultural products.
4. There shall be one non-voting member who shall be the Chief County Extension Agent or an Extension Agent appointed by the Chief County Extension Agent.
5. Each voting member shall serve a term of four years, except when a board is first activated, two members shall be appointed for a two-year term.
6. Notice of Board member openings is to be published at least twice and at least ten (10) days prior to nomination.
7. Persons interested in appointment to the Board shall make a written application that includes the signature of at least ten (10) registered voters residing in the appropriate section of the County.
8. After nominations are closed, a hearing is conducted by the Noxious Weed Control Board. The nominations are then forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners with the recommendation of the Noxious Weed Control Board.
9. Within sixty (60) days following the receipt of the list of nominees, the Board of County Commissioners appoints one of the nominees from each section due for an appointment.
10. Noxious Weed Control Board positions are non-paid, volunteer positions. Board meetings are typically held monthly. Additionally, board members may be asked or required to attend special meetings, hearings, or meetings with commissioners, on an infrequent basis.
11. Applicants for Noxious Weed Control Board positions must reside in the geographical area where they seek an appointment.
12. Applicants for appointment to the Noxious Weed Control Board of Cowlitz County must submit such application to the Noxious Weed Control Board, Administration Annex Bldg., 1st Floor; 207 Fourth Avenue North; Kelso, WA 98626 by **Thursday, January 4th, 2024, at Noon**. The Noxious Weed Control Board will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, January 10th, 2024, at 6 PM**.

LEGAL NOTICE

COWLITZ COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD

Notice of Expiration

The Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board is accepting applications from residents interested in serving on the Noxious Weed Control Board. The Appointment will be conducted per the rules outlined in RCW 17.10.050. Applications will be accepted and reviewed for the following expiring term:

Geographical Area No. 2:

North County; Castle Rock, Silver Lake, Toutle, Kid Valley

This is a non-paying 4-year term position appointed by the Cowlitz County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) to oversee the noxious weed control program's policies and priorities within the County.

Interested applicants should apply online: <https://apps.co.cowlitz.wa.us/Forms/NWPBoardApplication> OR contact the Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Program, Admin Annex Bldg, 1st Floor, 207 Fourth Avenue North, Kelso, WA 98626; phone: 360-577-3117; email: noxiousweeds@cowlitzwa.gov. All applications must be completed and received by the Noxious Weed Control Program by **Thursday, January 4, 2024, at Noon.**

The Noxious Weed Control Board will review applications at a hearing scheduled for January 10, 2024, at 6 PM. Following the hearing, the Noxious Weed Control Board will hold their regular meeting to discuss applications and recommend candidates to the BOCC for the appointment of the Area #2 position. The BOCC will appoint the new terms, which will begin March 1, 2024.

COWLITZ COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS

Description of Boundaries (See Attached Map)

Geographical Area 1 (North Central County)

Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 24, Township 9N, Range 4E, W.M., thence in a westerly direction along the north line of said section and the north lines of sections 23, 22, 21, 20, 19 in Range 4E, and Sections 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19 in Range 3E, and Sections 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19 in Range 2E, and Sections 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19 in Range 1E, and Sections 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19 in Range 1W, and Section 24 in Range 2W to the intersection of the north line of Section 24, Township 9N, Range 2W, W.M. and the northbound centerline of Interstate 5. Thence in a southerly direction along said northbound centerline of Interstate 5 to the intersection with the south line of Section 35, Township 8N, Range 2W, W.M. Thence in an easterly direction along the south line of said Section 35, Township 8N, Range 2W, W.M. and the south line of Township 8N to the southeast corner of Section 35, Township 8N, Range 1W, W.M. Thence in a northerly direction along the east line of said Section 35 and the west line of Section 25, Township 8N, Range 1W, W.M. to the northwest corner of said Section 25. Thence in an easterly direction along the north line of said Section 25 and the north lines of Sections 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, in Range 1E, and Sections 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, in Range 2E, and Sections 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, in Range 3E, and Sections 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, in Range 4E to the southeast corner of Section 24, Township 8N, Range 4E, W.M. Thence in a northerly direction along the east line of Range 4E to the northeast corner of Section 24, Township 9N, Range 4E, W.M. and the point of beginning.

Geographical Area 2 (North County)

Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 10N, Range 4E, W.M., thence westerly along the north line of Township 10N across Ranges 4E, 3E, 2E, 1E, 1W, and 2W to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 10N, Range 2W, W.M. Thence in a Southerly direction along the west line of Range 2W to the southwest corner of Section 18, Township 9N, Range 2W, W.M. Thence in an easterly direction along the south line of said Section 18, Township 9N, Range 2W, W.M. and the south lines of Sections 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, in Range 2W, and Sections 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, in Range 1W, and Sections 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, in Range 1E, and Sections 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, in Range 2E, and Sections 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, in Range 3E, and Sections 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, in Range 4E to the southeast corner of Section 13, Township 9N, Range 4E, W.M. Thence in a northerly direction along the east line of Range 4E to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 10N, Range 4E, W.M. and the point of beginning.

Geographical Area 3 (Northwest County)

Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 10N, Range 3W, W.M., thence in a westerly direction along the north line of Township 10N to the northwest corner of Section 5, Township 10N, Range 4W, W.M. Thence in a southerly direction along the west line of said Section 5 and the west lines of Sections 8, 17, 20, 29, 32, in Township 10N, and Sections 5, 8, 17, 20, 29, 32, in Township 9N, and Sections 5, 8, 17, in Township 8N to the intersection of the west line of Section 17, Township 8N, Range 4W, extended to the thread of the Columbia River (as determined by the Department of Natural Resources). Thence in a northeasterly, easterly, and southerly direction (upstream) following the thread of said Columbia River to an intersection of said thread with the south line of Section 36, Township 8N, Range 3W, W.M. Thence easterly to the southeast corner of said Section 36. Thence in a northerly direction along the east line of Range 3W to an intersection with the centerline of SR 4 (Ocean Beach Hwy). Thence in an easterly direction along the centerline of said SR 4 to an intersection with the centerline of Washington Way. Thence in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of said Washington Way and the centerline of W. Cowlitz Way to an intersection with W. Main Street. Thence in a southeasterly direction along the centerline of said W. Main Street and Allen Street to an intersection with the northbound centerline of Interstate 5. Thence in a northerly direction along the northbound centerline of said

Interstate 5 to an intersection with the north line of Section 24, Township 9N, Range 2W, W.M. Thence in a westerly direction along the north line of said Section 24 and the north lines of Sections 23, 22, 21, 20, 19 in Range 2W to the southwest corner of Section 18, Township 9N, Range 2W, W.M. Thence in a northerly direction along the west line of Range 2W to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 10N, Range 3W, W.M. and the point of beginning.

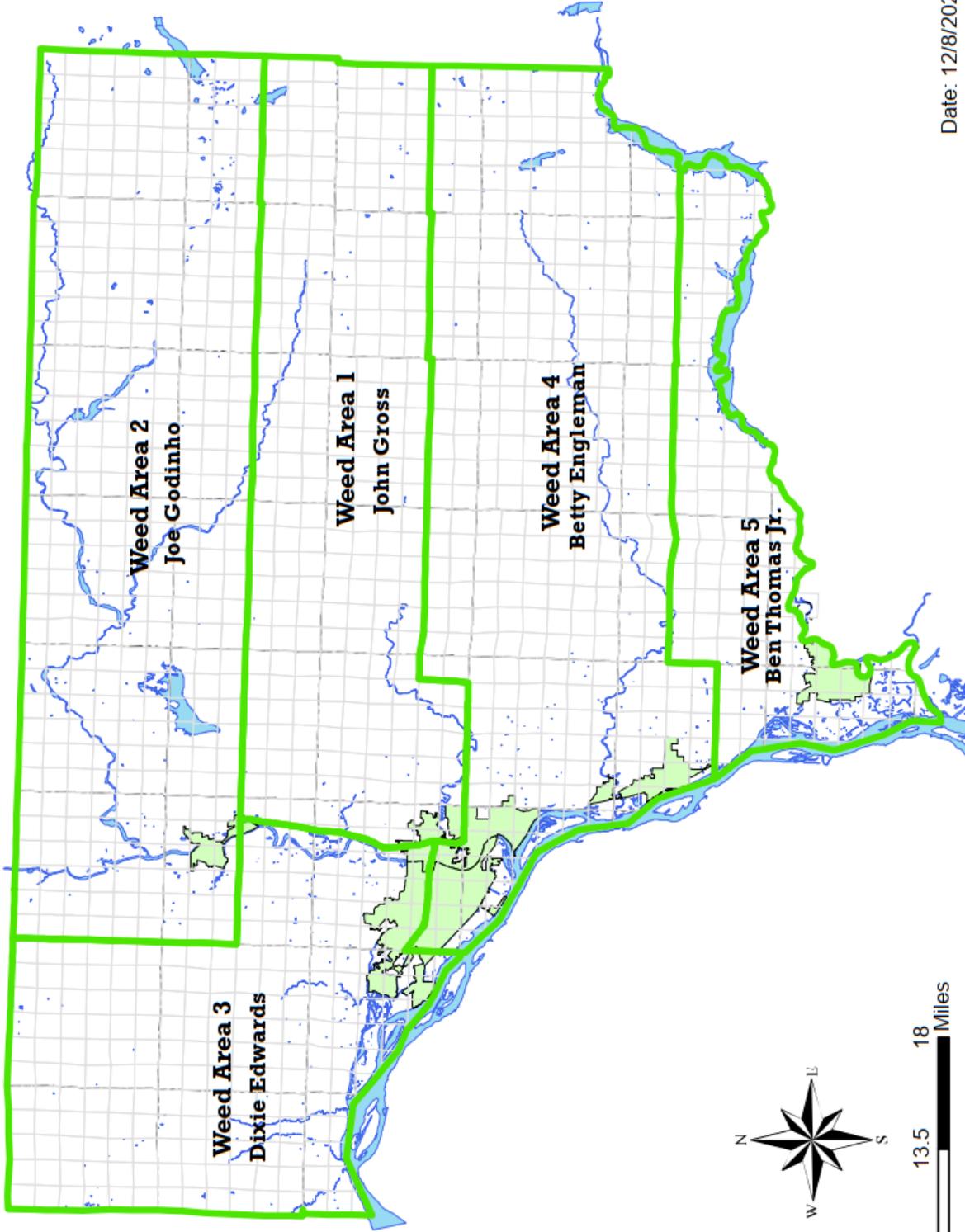
Geographical Area 4 (South Central County)

Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 25, Township 8N, Range 4E, W.M., thence westerly along the north line of said Section 25 and the north lines of Sections 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 in Range 4E, and Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 in Range 3E, and Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 in Range 2E, and Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 in Range 1E, and Section 25 in Range 1W to the northwest corner of Section 25, Township 8N, Range 1W, W.M. Thence in a southerly direction along the west lines of said Section 25 and Section 36, Township 8N, Range 1W to the southeast corner of Section 35, Township 8N, Range 1W, W.M. Thence in a westerly direction along the south line of said Section 35, Township 8N, Range 1W, W.M. and the south line of Township 8N to an intersection with the northbound centerline of Interstate 5. Thence in a northerly direction along said northbound centerline of Interstate 5 to an intersection with the centerline of Allen Street. Thence in a westerly direction along the centerline of said Allen Street and W. Main Street to an intersection with the centerline of Cowlitz Way. Thence in a southerly direction along the centerlines of Cowlitz Way and Washington Way to an intersection with the centerline of SR 4 (Ocean Beach Hwy). Thence in a westerly direction along the centerline of said SR 4 to an intersection with the west line of Range 2W. Thence in a southerly direction along the said west line of Range 2W to an intersection with the thread of the Columbia River (as determined by the WA Department of Natural Resources). Thence southerly (upstream) along the thread of the Columbia River to an intersection with the south line of Section 20, Township 6N, Range 1W, extended. Thence in an easterly direction along the south line of said Section 20 extended and the south lines of Sections 21, 22, 23, 24, Township 6N, to the southeast corner of Section 24, Township 6N, Range 1W, W.M. Thence in a northerly direction along the east lines of Sections 24 and 13, Township 6N, Range 1W, to the northwest corner of Section 18, Township 6N, Range 1E, W.M. Thence in an easterly direction along the north line of said Section 18 and the north lines of Sections 17, 16, 15, 14, 13 in Range 1E, and Sections 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13 in Range 2E, and Sections 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13 in Range 3E, and Sections 18 and 17 in Range 4E to an intersection with the original thread of the Lewis River (as determined by the Department of Natural Resources). Thence in a generally northeasterly and easterly direction along said thread of the Lewis River to an intersection with the east line of Range 4E, W.M. Thence in a northerly direction along the east line of said Range 4E to the northeast corner of Section 25, Township 8N, Range 4E, W.M. and the point of beginning.

Geographical Area 5 (South County)

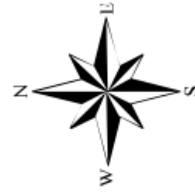
Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 17, Township 6N, Range 4E, (which is coincident with the thread of the Lewis River). Thence westerly along the north lines of Sections 17 and 18, Township 6N, Range 4E, W.M. and the north lines of Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 in Range 3E, and Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 in Range 2E, and Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 in Range 1E to the northwest corner of Section 18, Township 6N, Range 1E, W.M. Thence in a southerly direction along the west lines of Sections 18 and 19, Township 6N, Range 1E, W.M. to the southeast corner of Section 24, Township 6N, Range 1W, W.M. Thence in a westerly direction along the south lines of Sections 24, 23, 22, 21, and 20 extended, Township 6N, R1W, W.M. to an intersection with the thread of the Columbia River (as determined by the Department of Natural Resources). Thence southerly (upstream) along the thread of the Columbia River to an intersection with the original thread of the Lewis River (as determined by the Department of Natural Resources). Thence along said thread of the Lewis River (upstream) to an intersection with the northeast corner of Section 17, Township 6N, Range 4E, W.M. and the point of beginning.

Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board: Weed Area Boundaries



Legend

- Weed Areas
- Interstate 5
- Roads
- City Limits
- Water



Date: 12/8/2022

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