# Cooperative Weed Management Areas

#### In Washington State





- 1) Acotin
- 2) Cedar River
- 3) Channeled Scablands
- 4) Chehalis River
- 5) Columbia Gorge
- 6) Common Crupina
- 7) Ebey's Landing
- 8) Four County/Clackamas
- 9) Green/Duwamish
- 10) Highway 12/SR410

- 11) Lake Roosevelt
- 12) Lower Columbia River
- 13) Nisqually River
- 14) Nooksack Basin
- 15) Okanogan
- 16) Olympic Knotweed
- 17) Quinault Watershed
- 18) Selkirk
- 19) Skagit River Watershed
- 20) Cl. I. I. D.
- 10 20) Skykomish River

- 21) Snoqualmie River
- 22) South Central Washington
- 23) Southeast Washington
- 24) Southwest Washington
- 25) Stillaguamish Watershed
- 26) Tri-State
- 27) Upper Columbia Milfoil
- 28) Upper Yakima/Cle Elum
- 29) Weeds Across Borders
- 30) Yakima River

**Statewide Working Groups** 

WSU Integrated Weed Control Program
Phragmites Task Force
Purple Loosestrife Task Force
Saltcedar Task Force

#### What is a CWMA?

The purpose of creating a Cooperative (Coordinated) Weed Management Area is to facilitate cooperation among all land managers and landowners to adequately address invasive weed issues across jurisdictional boundaries in a defined geographical area.

#### Five characteristics of a CWMA

(Janet Clark, Center for Invasive Plant Management, February 20, 2009)

- Defined geographical area distinguished by a common geography, weed problem, community, climate, political boundary, or land use
- Involvement or representation of the majority of landowners and natural resource managers in the defined area
- Steering committee
- Commitment to cooperation
- Comprehensive plan that addresses the management or prevention of one or more noxious weeds or invasive plants

#### Why Form a CWMA?

- Weeds don't recognize nor obey political or jurisdictional boundaries
- Share limited resources
- May provide additional grant opportunities
- Foster partnerships and cooperation
- Strategically manage weeds in an area
- No jurisdiction on Federal or Tribal lands

# Developing a Cooperative Weed Management Area

- There are guidelines that have been established by various entities
- None are cast in stone
- WWCC/SWCA may develop criteria
- Its possible Federal Agencies may develop criteria for funding
- Granting entities may have specific criteria

1998

USFS, NPS, BLM & Others -

Guidelines for Coordinated Management of Noxious Weeds: Development of Weed Management Areas

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#### 2003

Idaho Noxious
Weed
Coordinating
Committee -

CWMA
Cookbook: A
Recipe for
Success

#### **\*\*CWMA Cookbook**



#### A Recipe for Success

Idaho Noxious Weed Coordinating Committee 2003

# 1. Choose an Initial Leader or Champion

- Someone with energy, commitment and available time
- Leads until CWMA is fully organized and operating at which time a chairperson and vice-chairperson assume leadership responsibilities

### 2. Recognize the Importance of Trust

- Shared problems require cooperative efforts
- View individual weed problems as a part of a much bigger picture – one in which trust and cooperation are the only reasonable answer

#### 3. Determine Common Goals

■ Find at least one common concern and focus on it to initiate the CWMA

# 4. Identify Potential Partners and Begin Building Support

Federal, tribal, state, county, local municipalities, public utilities, transportation departments, irrigation companies and private landowners should all be represented

#### 5. Develop an Agreement

- The purpose of an agreement is to facilitate cooperation across jurisdictional boundaries and eliminate administrative barriers
- Establish a document specifying terms of agreement and assure that every partner carefully reads, subscribes to, and supports that agreement
- Individual legal requirements and autonomy for each partner must be recognized and protected
- Keep agreement as short and simple as possible
- Granting entities may require a formalized agreement

#### An Agreement Should:

- Identify the partners
- Establish legal
   authority(s) under which
   the agreement is made
- Define the purpose
- List items of agreement
- Describe the land area covered under the agreement

#### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE

NISQUALLY RIVER COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA

November 28, 2007

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is between the National Park Service - Mount Rainer National Park; City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, light Divison, dba Tacoma Power; Washington State Parks; Department of Natural Resources (DNR); Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW); the USDA-Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest; the US Fish and Wildlife Service; Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge; the Nisqually Land Trust; the Nisqually River Council; the Nisqually Indian Tribe; US Department of Defense – Fort Lewis; US Geological Survey; University of Washington, College of Forest Resources, Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest; the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board (PCNWCB); the Thurston County Noxious Weed Control Board (TCNWCB); the Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board (LCNWCB); Pierce Conservation District; Thurston Conservation District; and The Nature Conservancy (TNC).

DNR enters into this Agreement under authority of Chapter 39.34 RCW of Washington State, Interlocal Cooperation Act. The Thurston, Lewis, and Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Boards enter into this agreement under authority of the National Wildlife System Administration act of 1967, as amended (16 USC 668dd-668ee), and Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, as amended (16 USC 742a-742j). Mount Rainier National Park enters into this agreement under the authority of the Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977. The Nisqually Tribe enters into this agreement under the authority of its Constitution and Bylaws, the ordinances, resolutions, and laws of the Tribe and the provisions and policies of the Indian Self Determination Act, 25 USC 450-450 and 455-458e.

#### PURPOSE

The Parties listed above have weed management interests or responsibilities on adjacent and comingled lands associated with the tributaries and main-stem of the Nisqually River of Lewis, Thurston, and Pierce Counties. Each of the Parties has a common interest in weed management within the Nisqually River basin. Weed populations in one jurisdiction affect the ability of other land managers to manage weeds on lands they administer, especially in an aquatic environment. The Parties desire to work together to promote an integrated and coordinated approach to weed management through information exchange, education and training, coordination of inventory and management techniques, and sharing of resources when appropriate. The purpose is also to minimize spread of invasive species, identify high priority areas for control, and act to prevent economic and ecological impacts from these species.

### 6. Establish a Steering Committee

- Ensure that broad representation continues on the steering committee
- Should be led by both a chairperson and vicechairperson
- Try to keep the committee to a maximum of 12 individuals
- It is important to find a balance of representatives on the committee and to involve private citizens

### 7. Select a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson

- Chairperson should be in position a minimum of two years
- Vice-chair should serve a minimum of two years before moving to the chairperson position

# 8. Develop a Strategic, or Integrated Weed Management Plan

- Clearly define CWMA objectives and priorities
- Help identify concerns, quantify scale and scope of problems, and establish criteria for CWMA operations
- Often required by grantors

#### The Plan Should:

- Develop an accurate map of the CWMA
- Inventory and map known infestations
- Determine management responsibilities including establishment of management areas or zones
- Establish criteria for prioritizing management activities
- Identify IPM techniques and resources available to the CWMA

#### 9. Develop an Annual Operating Plan

- From the Strategic Plan, develop the work priorities for the upcoming year
- Start with a few annual projects
- Clearly identify annual priorities and associated work projects and who will do what and where
- It's a good idea to have a meeting at the end of the season to evaluate how the season went

### 10. Establish and Utilize Ad Hoc Committees

- Focus on a specific assignment and are usually disbanded upon completion of an assignment
- Increases participation by partners and citizens not included in the Steering Committee
- Examples:
  - A mapping committee
  - An education committee
  - A funding committee

#### 11. Communication

- Send agendas, meeting schedules, and minutes to all partners
- Consider setting up a CWMA webpage
- Hold an annual meeting of partners,
   participants, volunteers, and interested members
   of the public
- Prepare and distribute an annual report

#### 12. Select a CWMA Fiscal Manager

- A CWMA needs to establish fiscal capabilities for the receipt of funds and to make expenditures
- Direct receipt of federal funds requires a federal tax identification number
- The use of RC&Ds is recommended as they have non-profit status with a tax number and expertise in grant management

### CWMA's in Washington State

- Rivers or watersheds
  - Skagit River Watershed CWMA
- A specific species
  - Olympic Knotweed Working Group
- Specific geographical areas
  - Hwy 12 SR 410 CWMA
- Cross county borders
  - Southeast Washington CWMA
- Cross state borders
  - Tri-State CWMA
- Cross international borders
  - Weeds Across Borders CWMA

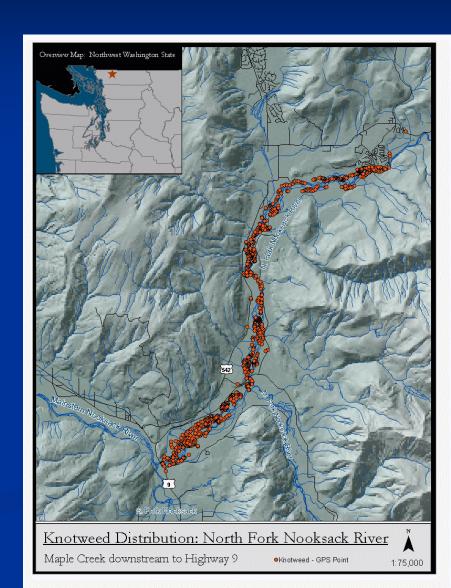


- Have meetings
  - Formation
  - Planning
  - Annual



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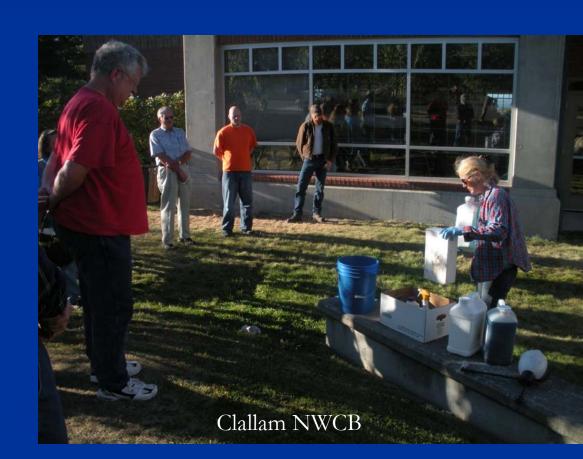


 Manage and control weeds using integrated weed control principles





Provide hands on training



Provide educational workshops





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 Produce educational materials and educate the public

#### We Can Help!

If you have questions about knotweed control, have knotweed on your property and want assistance, aren't sure if you have knotweed, or would like to volunteer, please contact us:

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#### KNOTWEED

Without prompt and vigorous action, knotweed destroys native habitat, takes over entire riverbanks, and damages recreational quality of Northwest rivers.



Help save our lands and our rivers from this destroyer of watersheds



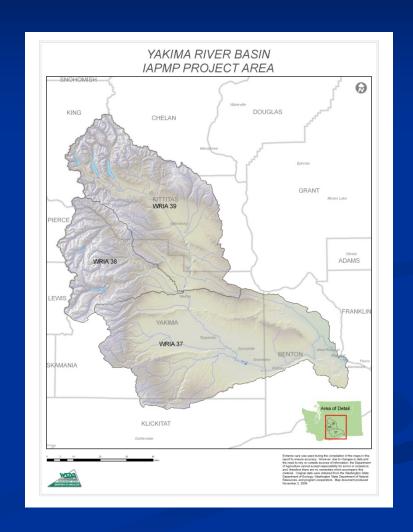
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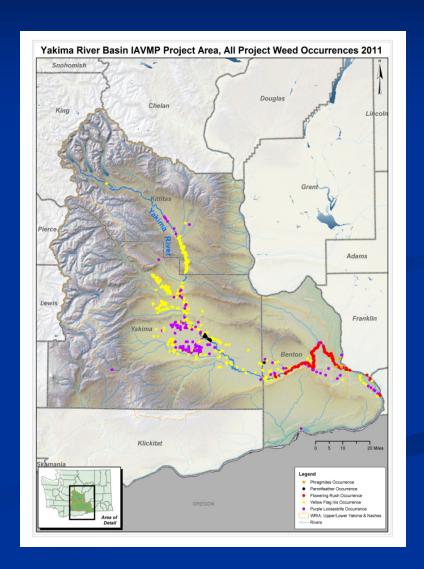
- Obtain and distribute grant funds
  - USFS-FHP
  - NFWF
  - Ecology
  - WSDA



- Yakima River and tributaries
- Kittitas, Yakima and Benton NWCB
- Yakama Nation
- WSDA, Ecology,
   WDFW, WSDOT,
   WSNWCB
- WSU-IWCP



- Ecology grant and WSDA funding
- Survey and develop a weed plan
- Phragmites, flowering rush, purple loosestrife, yellow flag iris and parrotfeather





Yakima River Basin
 Integrated Aquatic
 Vegetation Management
 Plan

#### YAKIMA RIVER BASIN INTEGRATED AQUATIC VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN



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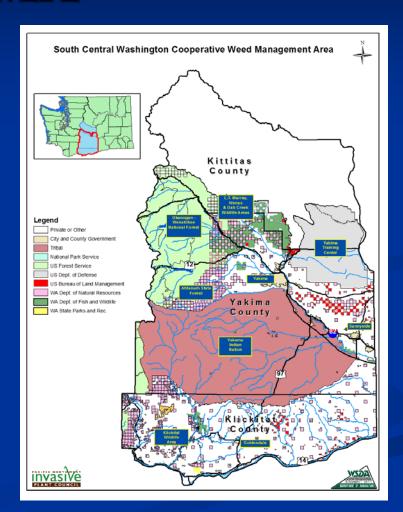
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## South Central Washington CWMA

- Yakama Nation
- Kittitas, Yakima and Klickitat NWCB
- Dept. of Defense
- USFS, BLM
- WSDA, WDFW, DNR
- SC WA RC&D



# South Central Washington CWMA

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7	Kochia	3	Canada Thistle	4	Purple loosestrife	6	Yellow Starthistle	2	Rush Skeletonweed
5	Russian Olive	3	Ox-eye daisy	4	Reed Canary Grass	5	Dif Knapweed	1	Mustard
2	Cheatgrass	3	Spt Knapweed	4	Toadflax	3	Koshia	1	Musk Thistle
2	Knapweeds	3	Toadflax	3	Perennial Pepperweed	3	Spt Knapweed	1	Perrenial Pepperweed
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1	Blackberry	2	Scotch Broom	2	Knapweeds	2	Cheatgrass	1	Millfoil
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1	Scotchbroom	1	Sulfur Cinquefoil	1	Russian Olive	1	Rush Skeletonweed	1	Bindweed
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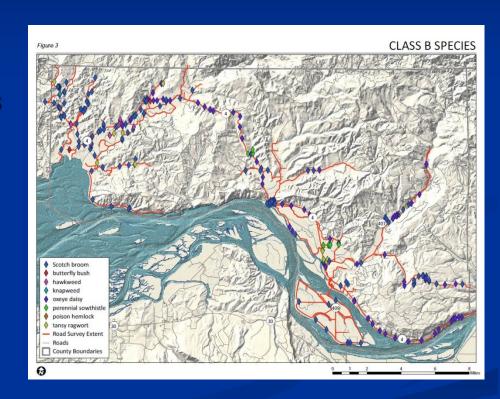
- Received grant funding from USFS through WSDA
  - Wild four o'clock
  - Leafy spurge
  - Rush skeletonweed
  - Tansy ragwort



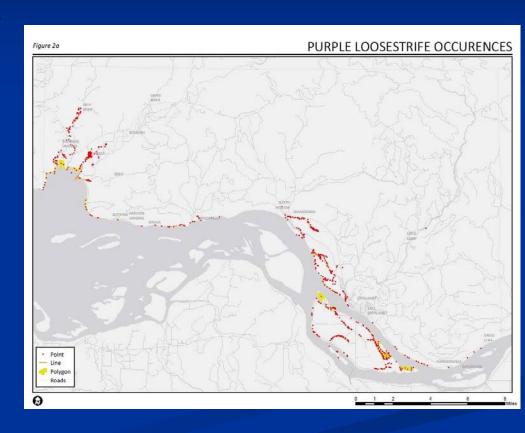
- Cowlitz, Wahkiakum and Pacific NWCB's
- Pacific and WahkiakumConservation Districts
- Columbia Land Trust
- WSDA, WDFW, DNR
- WSNWCB
- WSU-IWCP



- Columbia Land Trust –Phase I Survey
  - All Class A and B noxious weeds
  - Roadside and public land survey



- Columbia Land Trust –Phase II Survey
  - Aquatic and riparian priority species
    - Purple loosestrife
    - Phragmites
    - Knotweeds
    - Other species



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#### Resources

#### More Information on CWMA's

Center for Invasive Plant (Species) Management

www.weedcenter.org

Washington State Dept. of Agriculture

www.agr.wa.gov/PlantsInsects/Weeds/CWMA

Facilitation and Assistance

Washington CRM Program

### Coordinated Resource Management (CRM)





### Questions?

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