



Office or Committee Name: Invasive Plants Ad Hoc

Officer or Chairperson Name: Lisa Jones

Date of Preparation (include year): June 26, 2025

Activities during the year:

Our committee met at the Annual Meeting in Seattle in March 2025 to discuss (1) whether we want to become a permanent committee or dissolve, (2) contributing to the Western Weed Coordinating Committee (WWCC) draft Action Plan, (3) what role we may play regarding EPA changes to pesticide labels because of ESA protections, (4) how we may contribute to the growing science need related to fire and invasive annual grasses, and (5) implications to invasive plant management due to changes in federal government funding.

With a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstain, our committee voted to become a permanent committee. We think doing so would be beneficial by providing a clear contact for other societies/organizations with overlapping interests and having a formal group within WSWS to focus on natural areas. In the spirit of fostering collaboration among other groups, one member plans to attend the WWCC annual meeting in Denver in December 2025 to act as a WSWS Invasive Plants Committee liaison to share updates.

We made suggested edits to the Western Weed Coordinating Committee's draft Action Plan Pillar 3 on Science and Research. Our goal was to make the actions clear and with measurable outcomes. Edits were provided to Dan Tekiela (WWCC Vice Chair) who said they will incorporate them into their final document.

Two members attended the May 8th meeting of the WSSA ESA Committee to express our interest in being involved in pesticide labeling changes. The WSSA ESA Committee has requested our help with a white paper on pasture/rangeland regarding ESA impacts. More information on specifics is forthcoming at which point our committee will decide if/how we may contribute.

Regarding fire and invasive annual grasses, a paper published by CAST is forthcoming. This paper stems from a WSWS symposium led by Matt Baur and Brian Mealor a few years ago.

Recommendations for Board Action:

We request the Board to vote on approving making the Invasive Plants Committee a permanent committee and approving our Operating Procedures to be added to the Society's Operating Procedures. Our Operating Procedures are included as a separate attachment.

Budget Needs:

None.

Name of Person Preparing This Report:

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