WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2018 Summer Board Meeting – Denver, CO

Office or Committee Name: Legislative Committee
Officer or Chairperson Name: Stephen A. Valenti
Date of Preparation (include year): July 20th, 2018

Activities during the year:
Currently updating and contacting the state weed coordinators represented by state in WSWS region. There are approximately 23 of them. Many personnel changes since 2012 when this list was last published from Jim Leary's report of March 10th 2017. Attached is a listing of the latest information I have. I asked 1 basic question for each individual around legislation as it pertains to noxious weeds and invasive species. Most of them really had nothing new to report "legislatively". I found that if you ask if the were "administrative actions" taken then you get a different response. Guess that is my learning curve and in most cases they cite additions or proposed additions to the noxious weeds list. I have them compiled on the chart attached. Still in the process of making contacts personally.

I will be calling them again in the Fall and prior to our meeting in March so that I have a more complete report

Additionally, I have attended some Science and Policy Committee Conference calls. However, missed the last 2 due to field activities.

Recommendations for Board Action: If the board could agree on collectively on 2 priority questions they would like answers to; I could pose those to the state weed coordinators. Just 2 questions.

Budget Needs: none

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Thank you for your efforts.

State	Weed Coordinators	Comments
New Mexico	Jim Wanstall	Return Call
North Dakota	Richard Weisz (new name)	May add Hounds Tongue to noxious weeds list. Leg. meets in 19
Oregon	Tim Butler	Left message
Idaho	Jim Varley (new name)	67 weeds on noxious weeds list. Nothing added.
Alaska	Brianne Blackburn	Left message
Arizona	Brian McGrew	Left Message
California	Terrence Lorick	Left Message
Colorado	Steve Ryder	May drop some legacy weeds such as bouncing bet from noxious weeds list. May add flowering rush.
Hawaii	Becky Azama	No revisions to noxious weed list. AIS a huge problem,
Montana	David Burch	Left message
Nebraska	Mitch Coffin	Nothing new to report. Leg. Meets in Jan 19
South Dakota	Ron Moehring	No answer
Nevada	Sean Gephardt	Proposed weed added to noxious weeds list. Flowering rush, Desert knapweed, Curley leaf pondweed, Buffle grass, Ventenada, Barbed Goatgrass, Jointed goatgrass
Washington	Greg Haubrich (Wrong Name)	Left message
Wyoming	Slade Franklin	23 weed and pest districts, can act independently, resolution from the Wyoming board of ag to add 4 weeds to the noxious weeds list, they include: medusa head, Yellow star thistle, Ventanada, Common mullein
Kansas	Scott Marsh (new)	Legislatively, sweeping revisions to the weed law. Updated the regulations to reflect the changes. They did pull the noxious weed list out of legislation and placed in regulatory. Developing advisory committee to make

		changes, to weed list dated 04’
Oklahoma	Case Medin	Need to call
Utah	Robert Hougaard	Need to call
Texas	Paul Baumann	Need to call
Saskatchewan	Clark Benzil	Left message
Alberta	Chris Neeser	Left message
British Columbia	David Ralph	Left message
Manitoba	Andrew Lewis (new)	Revising the Noxious Weeds Act. 3 tiers Tier one weeds eradication eg. Orange hawkweed, Tier 2 eg. L.spurge, Tier 3 eg. kochia