

WSR 23-12-066
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
NOXIOUS WEED
CONTROL BOARD

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 16-750 WAC.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 17.10.010, 17.10.070, 17.10.080, and 17.10.350.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The state noxious weed control board (NWCB) is charged with updating the state noxious weed list on an annual basis to ensure it accurately reflects the noxious weed control priorities and noxious weed distribution, as well as updating its bylaws that are codified in chapter 16-750 WAC. NWCB may also consider other updates to chapter 16-750 WAC.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: No other state agency regulates this subject. Federal agencies are subject to federal noxious weed laws that require them to coordinate with state regulations. Federal agencies in Washington are invited to participate in all stages of noxious weed rule making.

Process for Developing New Rule: NWCB will meet at least twice to discuss proposed changes to chapter 16-750 WAC prior to making any recommendations. Any proposed changes recommended by NWCB will be published and widely distributed to newspapers and electronically per the NWCB website and email lists. A public hearing is scheduled and a press release and information regarding the proposed changes are widely distributed to newspapers.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Mary Fee, 1111 Washington Street S.E., phone 360-902-2053, fax 360-902-2094, TTY 800-833-6388, email mfee@agr.wa.gov, website www.nwcb.wa.gov.

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