



## WSWS Officer and Committee Report

Boise, Idaho

August 2020

**Office or Committee Name:** Legislative

**Officer or Chairperson Name:** Rachel J. Zuger

**Date of Preparation (include year):** 8/4/2020

### Activities during the year:

Currently maintaining and updating the state weed coordinators contact list for the WSWS region for future correspondence (phone, vmail, and or email) about updates on key state legislative issues (new laws and changes regarding the invasive and noxious weed lists for each individual state). A goal is to try and establish communication with states which have not participated in previous years due to non-active weed boards or changes in weed coordinators. A list of State Weed Coordinators is provided in the table following this report.

Other activities include attending the bi-monthly WSSA Science and Policy Committee Conference calls. Summary of notes/topics from the July 2020 conference call include:

- USDA Technical Advisory Group for Biological Control Agents of Weeds (TAG-BCAW) Update: Committee will be meeting to review the only petition received so far in 2020 for the introduction and open-field-release of a gall-forming weevil, *Ceutorhynchus cardariae*, to control 3 hoary cress species in rangelands and water bodies.
- Phase Four Covid Relief Bill did not include a request to provide \$380 million support supplement for ag research, education, and extension. Senate did include additional funding (\$245 million) for the USDA's Agriculture Quarantine and Inspection service to help with funding deficits due to decreased user fees.
- IR-4 and AFRI both increased funding amounts. Hatch, Smith-Lever, and Crop Protection & Pest Management all remain at the same funding level as previous year.
- Updates on the Dicamba/Enlist Duo & 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court. Bayer, BASF, and Corteva filled for a request for a re-hearing on the original case on dicamba with the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court. Enlist Duo registration was kept.
- Talking about unsolicited seed packets from China. Some weeds seeds (example *Sericea lespedeza* found in Utah, a noxious weed in Kanaz) have been identified.

- Concerns by registrants have been raised on the possible confusion by growers over an herbicide-tolerant crop vs. an herbicide-resistant crop. WSSA and EPA use the same definitions of resistance and tolerance

**Recommendations for Board Action:**

Currently, I believe I, Rachel Zuger, am the only member of this committee. We need to work on finding and adding another legislative committee member.

Previous questions include asking the weed coordinators 3 questions and updating the contact list.

- 1) **Have there been legislative or administrative changes to the invasive or noxious weed lists in your states/provinces in the last year?**
- 2) **Do you know of other local weed control issues becoming more problematic?**
- 3) **How can WSWS be more of service to the WWCC?**

Do we want to include a fourth question?

- 4) **Has the current 2020 pandemic impacted the emphasis and/or funding for invasive or noxious weed lists in your state/provinces in the last year?**

**Budget Needs:** N/A

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# State Weed Coordinators (Invasive and Noxious Weeds) – 2020-2021

(Updated August 3, 2020)

STATE	WEED COORDINATORS	PHONE #	EMAIL	COMMENTS
<b>Alaska</b>	Dan Coleman <i>Natural Resource Specialist Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture</i>	(907) 745-8721	daniel.coleman@alaska.gov	No response in 2020, however still listed as contact on Alaska Division of Agriculture/Invasive Plants and Agricultural Pest Management
<b>Arizona</b>	Brian McGrew? <i>Quarantine Program Coordinator Arizona Department of Agriculture, Plant Services Division</i>  John Caravetta <i>Associate Director Arizona Department of Agriculture, Plant Services Division</i>	(602) 542-0955  (602) 542-0996	  jcaravetta@azda.gov	Arizona has not had active communication with legislative committee from 2019 and 2020
<b>California</b>	David Kratville <i>Senior Environmental Scientist California Department of Food and Agriculture</i>	(916) 799-2462 No voicemail box	david.kratville@cdfa.ca.gov	
<b>Colorado</b>	Steve Ryder <i>State Weed Coordinator Colorado Department of Agriculture, Conservation Services Division</i>	(303) 239-4173 Office: (303) 869-9034 Cell: (303) 828-8329		
<b>Hawaii</b>	Becky Azama <i>Noxious Weed Specialist Hawaii Department of Agriculture, Plant Pest Control Branch</i>	(808) 973-9530 (808) 973-9538	becky.n.azama@hawaii.gov	Responses via email
<b>Idaho</b>	Jeremy Varley <i>Section Manager – Noxious Weeds Idaho State Department of Agriculture</i>	(208) 332-8667	jeremy.varley@isda.idaho.gov	
<b>Kansas</b>	Scott Marsh	Office: (785) 564-6697	scott.marh@ks.gov	

	<i>Noxious and Invasive Weeds Specialist Kansas Department of Agriculture</i>	Cell: (785) 207-2118		
<b>Montana</b>	Jasmine Reimer <i>State Noxious Weed Coordinator, Noxious Weed Program Manager Montana Department of Agriculture</i>	Office: (406) 444-3140 Cell: (406) 461-9207	jreimer@mt.gov	
<b>Nebraska</b>	Mitch Coffin <i>Noxious Weed Program Manager Nebraska Department of Agriculture</i>	Office: (402) 471-6844 Cell: (402) 416-0603	mitch.coffin@nebraska.gov	
<b>Nevada</b>	Sean Gephardt <i>Noxious Weed Coordinator, Plant Industry Division Nevada Department of Agriculture</i>	Office: (775) 353-3640 Cell: (775) 335-5657	sgephart@agri.nv.gov	
<b>New Mexico</b>	Jim Wanstall <i>State Noxious Weed Coordinator New Mexico Department of Agriculture</i>  Dr. Leslie Beck <i>NMSU Extension Weed Specialist</i>	(505) 269-7761  (575) 646-2888	jwanstall@nmda.nmsu.edu  lebeck@nmsu.edu	
<b>North Dakota</b>	Richard Weisz <i>Noxious Weeds Specialist North Dakota Department of Agriculture</i>	(701) 328-2250	raweisz@nd.gov	
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Misha Manuchehri <i>Assistant Professor Weed Science Extension Specialist Oklahoma State University</i>	(405) 744-9588	misha.manuchehri@okstate.edu	
<b>Oregon</b>	Tim Butler <i>ODA Noxious Weed Control Program Supervisor Oregon Department of Agriculture</i>	Office: (503) 986-4625	tbutler@oda.state.or.us	
<b>South Dakota</b>	Ron Moehring <i>State Weed and Pest Supervisor</i>	(605) 773-3796		

	<i>South Dakota Department of Agriculture</i>			
<b>Texas</b>	Unknown (Paul Bauman?) <i>Professor/Extension Weed Specialist Texas A&amp;M</i>			
<b>Utah</b>	Aaron Eagar <i>State Weed Specialist Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, Noxious Weed Program</i>	(801) 538-7185, (801) 538-7186	aeagar@utah.gov	
<b>Washington</b>	Dana Coggon <i>State Noxious Weed Coordinator Washington State Department of Agriculture</i>	(253) 230-1337, (360) 337-7157 x6261	dcoggon@co.kitsap.wa.us	Responses via email
<b>Wyoming</b>	Slade Franklin <i>Weed and Pest Coordinator Wyoming Department of Agriculture</i>	Office: (307) 777-6585 Cell: (307) 631- 9044	salde.franklin@wyo.gov	

<b>PROVINCE</b>	<b>WEED COORDINATORS</b>	<b>PHONE #</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Alberta</b>	Chris Neeser	(403) 362-1331	chris.neeser@gov.ab.gov	Responses via email
<b>British Columbia</b>	David Ralph (retired) <i>Senior Provincial Weed Technician British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and Lands</i>	?	?	Retired, have not found replacements contact info. As on March 2020, David Ralph was still listed as contact <a href="https://bcinvasives.ca/contact/evan-rafuse">https://bcinvasives .ca/ contact/evan- rafuse</a>
<b>Manitoba</b>	Andrew Lewis <i>Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association</i>	(204) 858-2590		
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	Clark Brenzil <i>Provincial Weed Control Specialist Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture</i>	(306)787-4673		