

San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Program

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Washington State Weed Laws

- **RCW 17-10**

Passed by the Legislature to “limit economic loss and adverse effects to Washington’s agricultural, natural, and human resources due to ...noxious weeds.”

- **16-750 WAC**

Contains the Noxious Weed List (updated every year)

Establishes the schedule of penalties for noxious weed infractions.

Our Focus

- Use education and technical assistance to prevent and control noxious weeds through voluntary compliance with RCW 17.10 and WAC 16-750.
 - Prevention of weed species new to the county by early detection and prompt removal
 - Provide technical assistance on weed identification and methods of control to all public and private stakeholders
- Use enforcement only when necessary

Working with Landowners



**Contacts, including
Notification Letters**

Site Visits

Weed Wrench Program

Plant ID

Management Plans

Removal Strategies

Working with Public Works

Weed Identification

Roadside Weed Mapping

Removal

Recommendations

**Joint Weed Control
Management Plans**



Roadside mulch applied for weed suppression

Working with other groups to eradicate or control Class A and Class B weeds



Removing Spartina with WSU Beach Watchers



Slender flower thistle-
eradicated by SJC Land Bank



Shiny geranium controlled
in cooperation with Moran
State Park

Some other partners in County weed control:

- San Juan Islands Conservation District
- San Juan County Planning and Development Office
- San Juan County Parks
- Port of Friday Harbor
- WSDA
- WSF&W
- Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

- **Budget Summary:**

- Revenue from tax assessment on 14,344 parcels: 143,320

- Expenditures:

- Personnel costs (including benefits)

- 2 staff at 0.75 FTE each 98,340

- Contract labor (<0.50 FTE) 11,000

- Liability insurance for seasonal labor 700

- 110,040

- Total supplies, services, rent, etc

- 29,280

- Capital outlay

- 4,000

- Total Budget, year 2011**

- 143,320**

For details, see 2011 Budget Proposal sheet.