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02.06.09 Rules Governing Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds

Minutes of July 29, 2026

Meeting was held via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Dr. Scott Leibsle, Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Sydney Kennedy, Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Andrea Thompson, Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Jeremey Varley, Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Cole Morrison, Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Nicholas Zurfluh, Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Jennifer Roman, Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Susie Watson, Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Jason Ansay, Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Ann Bates, Idaho Pest Management Association
Keith Jones, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
Denise Helsley, Tri-County Noxious Weed
Chase Youngdahl, Bonner County Noxious Weed
Cory Flatt, Canyon County Noxious Weed
Kali Sherrill, Twin Falls County
Dexton Lake, Idaho Farm Bureau
Zach Mason, Twin Falls County
Karla Freeman, Kootani/Shoshone Soil and Water
Sara Garcia, Bonner County
Michael Ottley, Cassia County Noxious Weed Control
Bonnie Davis, Washington County
Jake Owens, NRCS Idaho
Patxi Larrocea-Phillips, Idaho Noxious Weed Control Association

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Scott Leibsle at 1:30pm. Dr. Leibsle introduced the meeting as the first 2026 rule making meeting for 02.06.09.

Dr. Leibsle reviewed where to find rulemaking meetings and information on townhall.idaho.gov and agri.idaho.gov/laws-rules/rulemaking. Public comments can also be submitted to scott.leibsle@isda.idaho.gov.

Review of Current Rule and Proposed Changes

Andrea Thompson gave an overview of Spiny cocklebur.

Andrea Thompson shared the proposed changes to IDAPA 02.06.09. Spiny cocklebur is proposed to be listed under the CONTROL category. https://agri.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/directors-office/020609_05222026-Official-Copy.docx

Cole Morrison gave an overview of the Noxious Weed Free Forage and Straw protocol incorporation by reference for the North American Invasive Species Management Association Weed Free Products Forage Minimum Standards.

Andrea Thompson presented rulemaking petition submitted by Idaho Association of Weed Control Superintendents to add Spiny cocklebur to the Noxious Weed list.

Chase Youngdahl explained the need to update NAISMA's prohibited weeds list.

Dexton Lake asked if ventenata status changes with the incorporation by reference.

Chase Youngdahl clarified that the incorporation by reference would not impact any regulatory authority of ventenata in Idaho.

Michael Ottley explained that the survey to all weed superintendents in the state that Spiny cocklebur is identified in only one county. Wants Spiny cocklebur listed as an EDRR species.

Patxi Larrocea-Phillips stated INWCA is supportive of the petition and the placement of EDRR category.

Kali Sherrill stated that Twin Falls County is the county with Spiny cocklebur identified in 2025. Spiny cocklebur was detected about ten years ago and eradicated. Supports the listing in the EDRR category.

Bonnie Davis stated that it was identified years ago in Washington County and is in support of it being listed in the EDRR category.

Chase Youngdahl explained that some sightings of the weed in counties outside of Twin Falls County are unverified.

No objections from participants to make edits to draft to change the listing from CONTAINED to EDRR.

Cory Flatt is in favor of listing as EDRR.

Denise Helsley, Tri-County Noxious Weed is in favor of listing as EDRR.

Public Comment

No additional public comment.

Additional Review and Next Steps

Public comment can be submitted to scott.leibsle@isda.idaho.gov by August 14th.

Formal request for a hearing is an option for stakeholders after the proposed rule is posted.

Adjournment: Dr. Leibsle adjourned meeting at 2:05pm.