

*BOD Meetings  
Seven Seas Inn, Mandan, ND  
January 9, 2012 @ 7pm  
NDWCA Convention/Meeting  
January 10 – 12, 2012*

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## **NDWCA NEWSLETTER**

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### **ND WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I hope everyone has had a good season. The warm weather the last few weeks has extended the season for anyone who still has applicators on the payroll. In Burke County, we have had the best season for ROW weed control in several years.

Unfortunately, the leafy spurge flea beetles have had several poor years; numbers in our area are way down. The spurge is making a comeback on some locations. I will be watching closely for beetle activity next year.

I attended the NAWMA Conference, in Winnipeg, a couple of weeks ago. EDRR (Early Detection Rapid Response) and EDDMapS (Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System) were two major topics. The EDRR discussions focused on formal multi-agency and disciplinary teams. We may not have a formal team, but I think North Dakota is pretty advanced on the concept. We already have great cooperation between the NDWCA, County Weed Boards, the ND Department of Agriculture, NDSU, Aphis and other agencies. NDWCA educational activities, throughout the year and at our annual conference, are well attended and publicized by our many partners in weed control and land management.

EDDMapS is a plant database which I think can be a useful tool for invasive weed management. Any weed officer or weed board member can log-on and view distribution maps of species on a county, state, and national level. The Weed Mapper database, which the ND Ag Department maintains with the data logger points provided by local weed boards, provides us with maps of noxious weeds for which coordinates have been submitted.

EDDMapS does not show where plant species have been sprayed, but shows the locations where species have been documented. It includes information from a variety of databases

along with information submitted directly to the EDDMapS project.

I think it can be a useful tool for monitoring species, which may be near our state or counties, for which we may want to educate landowners, hunters, and other outdoorsmen, so that they can be part of our local early detection team.

Here's hoping early detection, of any new invasive in your county, allows you to respond and eradicate before it becomes another leafy spurge type problem.

Respectfully yours,  
Dan Folske  
President NDWCA

### **NDWCA CALENDAR REQUEST**

The NDWCA will be making up a calendar to sell at the annual forum in Mandan. These calendars will sell for \$20 and will contain pictures from different counties. If you have some pictures that you would like in the calendar, please e-mail them to [ndsef@srt.com](mailto:ndsef@srt.com) by November 1, 2011.

Dan Dew has been diligently working on creating this calendar. He currently has representation from four counties and would like to include pictures from all areas.



*They know, they just know where to grow,  
how to dupe you and how to camouflage  
themselves among the perfectly respectable  
plants, they just know, and therefore, I've  
concluded weeds must have brains*

~ Dianne Benson, Dirt, 1994

# **COST-SHARE FUNDS FOR HOUNDSTONGUE**

*By Rachel Seifert*

*NDDA Noxious Weed Specialist*

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture has new cost-share funds available for houndstongue control. We recently received a US Forest Service grant to fund a project titled "Campaign to Delimit and Destroy Houndstongue in North Dakota in Cooperation with the United States Forest Service".

Houndstongue, *Cynoglossum officinale*, is a biennial and poisonous member of the Borage family. It forms a rosette the first year of growth and bolts and flowers during the second. Houndstongue is frequently found along trails, paddocks and in pastures and woodlands. It spreads easily due to its burred nutlets that become embedded in clothing, animal hair, wool etc. Houndstongue contains alkaloids that are toxic to livestock.

Weed boards interested in the project should submit a request for funds. Projects should include houndstongue control (on non-federal lands), GPS mapping and monitoring. Once requests are approved, we will sign a contract with the weed board. The department will pay 25% of the 50% USFS required match. Weed boards will be reimbursed a total of 75% of their expenses up to their contracted amount. The focus will be on known houndstongue infestations for on the ground control rather than conducting intensive surveys.

The USFS funding should be used to address houndstongue in areas with 10% forest cover or infested areas adjacent to or associated with forested lands to: treat/eliminate infestations through chemical and mechanical control, educate landowners and land managers, map locations and treatment sites and monitor treated infestations.

Please submit your request for funds to Rachel Seifert-Spilde at the address listed below or contact her with questions by phone at 701-328-2983 or email at [rseifert@nd.gov](mailto:rseifert@nd.gov).

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"Weeds are really Perennial`s that ha'nt been Educated yet!"  
*Quote from the Gardener`s Digest*

## **FALL AREA MEETING SITES**

### **Area I**

Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Veterans Room, Grand Forks County Building  
Director Kadie Benson (701) 520-0076

### **Area II**

Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 9am to noon

Barnes County Highway Department  
Director Ron Manson (701) 320-4512

### **Area III**

Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 9am to noon

North Central Research Center Minot  
Director Dan Dew (701) 263-5033

### **Area IV**

Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 9am to 1 pm

Morton County Commissioners Room,  
Director Merlin Leithold (701) 220-7908

### **Area V**

October 28<sup>th</sup> 9am to noon MT ( 10am to 1pm

CDT) Veteran`s Room, Courthouse, Dickinson  
Director Diane Allmendinger (701) 290-8987

## **NOXIOUS WEED SHORTCOURSE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE**

Western Society of Weed Sciences Noxious Weed Short Course is slated for April 16-19, 2012 at the Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch, Loveland, CO .

An intensive three-day study of current technologies and best management practices associated with noxious and invasive weeds in the western United States.

The course includes classroom lecture, hands-on demonstration, field plots, live weed and herbicide symptomology specimens, facilitated discussion, small group projects, educational games, and time for individual interaction with instructors.

Those interested in attending should register soon as slots will **not** be held for North Dakota attendees as they have done in the past.

For more information or to register go to [www.wseedscience.org/shortcourse.asp](http://www.wseedscience.org/shortcourse.asp) or contact Sandra McDonald at 970-266-9573 or e-mail: [Sandra@MountainWestPEST.com](mailto:Sandra@MountainWestPEST.com).

# **AS WEEDS SPREAD, EDUCATION NEEDS TO CONTINUE**

*By Derrill Fick, Education Committee Chairman*

I just returned from the NAWMA (North American Weed Management Association) conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The topics discussed were about the spread and difficult control measures for many noxious and invasive plants.

It is interesting to see what plants might be coming our way and to figure out how we can stop or slow the spread of these plants to our area. What it finally comes down to is **Early Detection** of plants that are found growing along roadsides, in waterways, on private land and on any agency land.

After the early detection you need a **Rapid Response** to the control of those weeds so they do not take over our lands like Leafy Spurge or Canada Thistle. It is good to mark the location of these new weeds but you have to also control it there before it is allowed to spread and take over many acres.

This **EDRR** (Early Detection Rapid Response) is being put into practice in many states with the cooperation of many government agencies, county and state weed boards and local private landowners.

So, what I am trying to say is that everybody needs to be alert as to what weeds and plants are around them and figure out which ones are noxious/invasive and then find a way to control them.

Also, during this past spraying season or in other past spraying seasons, you may have thought of some topic or activity that needs to be addressed by the Education Committee. This topic could be any information or activity that you thought needed to be updated or more information was needed for it. While it might still be fresh in your mind or was jogged loose by something you did, tell one of the Education Committee members or someone on the Board of Directors and they will see that it gets passed on to the Education Committee.

The next gathering of County, City, and Agency people will be during the Area meetings. Make sure you attend these meetings to get caught up on the latest information

needed for your county operation especially the new EPA requirement known as NPDES. It has to do with Pollutant Discharge on water; so, if you do not know what this is about, you will have to attend a meeting to find out more information.

## **TRAYNOR ADDRESSES MEASURE # 2 CONCERNS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Terry Traynor, North Dakota Association of Counties Assistant Director of Policy and Programs, attended the September Board of Director's meeting to present his concerns of the proposed changes to Constitutional Measure #2.

*This initiated measure would amend sections 1, 4, 15 and 16 of article X of the North Dakota Constitution and repeal sections 5,6, 7, 9 and 10 of that same article, eliminating property taxes, poll taxes and acreage taxes, effective January 1, 2012. The measure would replace the lost revenue with allocations of various state-level taxes and other revenues, without restrictions on how these revenues may be spent.*

(The above italicized ballot title can be e-mailed to you in its entirety upon request to [schroeder.becky@yahoo.com](mailto:schroeder.becky@yahoo.com).)

This Measure will be voted on the June 12, 2012 primary ballot.

One of the questions this raises is that it appears to limit the legislature's obligation for replacing local property tax revenue to amounts collected "before 2012". This seems to suggest that required reimbursements may be frozen, but most local governments would have no viable local replacement to make up for inflationary growth.

Taken as a whole, Measure #2 removes most local governing board authority and transfers it to the State Legislature. Currently, the collection of costs for weed control, obstruction removal, ditch mowing and allows for removal of abandoned buildings if taxes aren't paid. This goes away with the tax system. This topic will be addressed at the Fall Area Meetings and the 2012 Annual Meeting. Stay tuned!

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR MAILING LIST CURRENT!**

*It has come to my attention that some members haven't been receiving their newsletters. As the postal service has become stricter in using proper addresses, please make sure that your submitted information on the NDWCA Directory is current and complete. Using the complete zip code "58121=3456" may also help ensure that your issue gets delivered! If you prefer, send your e-mail address for quick delivery.*

Please let Becky know if your County Weed Board has changed and identify those being replaced, also. Mail to 3196 119<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Valley City, ND 58072 or e-mail to [schroeder.becky@yahoo.com](mailto:schroeder.becky@yahoo.com)

**THANK YOU!**