

Agenda: Noxious Weed Advisory Committee (NWAC)

Date: November 25, 2025

Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: Online and in person at the MnDOT Training Facility Room 2 in Shoreview [Map and directions](#). Parking is free at this location and there are many parking spaces.

Click [here](#) or on the link in the calendar appointment to join the online Teams meeting.

Meeting materials including the agenda, previous meeting minutes, a cultivar exemption request, the list of potential species for risk assessment, the presentation on potential species for risk assessment and 2025 risk assessments are in the Google Drive folder [Meeting Materials](#).

Topic: Introductions, 10:00 – 10:15

Membership update

- We gained a couple of new members: Lee Frelich (U of M Dept of Forest Resources) and Andrew Falk (MN Farmers Union).

Topic: Approval of Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes, 10:15 – 10:20

Topic: MDA and Member Updates and Old Business, 10:20 – 10:45

Listing Subcommittee Updates - Laura

- Risk assessments that were not presented at the September meeting will be presented today.
- Today we will discuss potential species to review in 2026 and 2027. After the meeting, members can vote on their choices.
- Looking for people to join the Listing Subcommittee. Let Laura know if you are interested.

Management and Policy Subcommittee Updates - Emilie

- Noxious weed law statute revisions status update
- County Agricultural Inspector funding
- Noxious weed grants
- Example of an individual species management plan

Outreach Update – Emilie

Palmer Amaranth Update – Tony and Julie

Legislative Update – Tony

Seed Program Advisory Committee Update – Mike

Topic: New Business, 10:45 – 1:45 with a 30 minute lunch break

Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council ([MISAC](#)) Annual Update – Nate Quadhamer

Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center ([MITPPC](#)) Annual Update - Rob

Petitions Submitted 2023-2025 – Emilie and Monika

- We received 42 petitions requesting regulation for [creeping bellflower, *Campanula rapunculoides*](#).
 - In 2023, two petitions were received.
 - In 2024, 17 petitions were received.
 - In 2025, 23 petitions were received to date.
- We also receive one petition for small leaf bramble (*Rubus parvifolius*), one for dame's rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*), one for Siberian squill (*Scilla siberica*) and one for water hemlock, (*Cicuta maculata*).
- Petitions are available on our [SharePoint site](#)

Risk Assessment Presentations – Monika and Jim

Please find risk assessment documents on the NWAC SharePoint, under “Documents”, there is a folder called “ [2025 Risk Assessments](#)”. They are also in a Google Drive folder [Risk assessments 2025](#).

The following report and assessment will be presented today.

- Report on Freedom honeysuckle seed germination and viability testing, Do not pursue exempting ‘Freedom’ - Monika
- Winged burning bush, *Euonymus alatus*, Restricted with exemptions for specific low-fecundity cultivars - Jim

2025 Risk Assessments Presented at the September Meeting – Listing Subcommittee

NWAC members can bring up issues, information or questions related to assessments that were presented at the September meeting. Bringing up discussion points or information needs at the November meeting will allow the authors time to incorporate new information or answer questions before the December meeting.

- Black swallow-wort, *Cynanchum louiseae*, Keep as Prohibited Eradicate – Kelsey and Laura
- Brown knapweed, *Centaurea jacea*, Keep as Prohibited Eradicate – Jason and Laura
- Hardy kiwi, *Actinidia arguta*, Candidate for Specially Regulated Plant - Monika

- Japanese barberry, *Berberis thunbergii*, Restricted with exemptions for specific low-fecundity cultivars - Jen
- Narrowleaf bittercress, *Cardamine impatiens*, Deregulate - Christina
- Palmer amaranth, *Amaranthus palmeri*, Keep as Prohibited Eradicate - Laura
- Poison ivies, *Toxicodendron radicans* and *T. rydbergii*, Deregulate - Laura
- Purple loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria*, Move from Prohibited Control to Restricted – Emilie and Laura
- Yellow archangel has not been reviewed by the Listing Subcommittee and will be moved to 2026.

Presentation on Potential Species to Assess in 2026 and 2027 – Monika and Laura

The committee needs to determine which species will have risk assessments written for them in 2026 and 2027. The focus of these years are species that have not previously had risk assessments written for them.

Monika and Laura maintain a list of potential species for risk assessment. They will give a presentation highlighting potential species. The spreadsheet of potential species and presentation on are in the Google Drive folder [Meeting Materials](#) for members review. After the meeting, members will vote on which species they would like to see assessed.

Determine Cultivar Exemptions to Assess in 2026 and 2027

- An exemption request was received for the cultivar *Rhamnus frangula* ‘Ron Williams’ Fine Line®. [Link to request](#)
- Callery pear cultivar ‘Chastity pear’ (*Pyrus x triploda*) was discussed in the potential species presentation.

Topic: Next Meeting Date and Goals, 1:45 – 2:00

Next meeting date

- December 16, 2025
 - Vote on regulatory recommendations.

Future meeting goals

- Assisted migration - Superior National Forest’s plan was recommended by a committee member
- Presentation from a township about weed management
- Presentation about goats and buckthorn control research

Adjourn