

Agenda: Noxious Weed Advisory Committee (NWAC)

Date: September 23, 2025

Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: Online and in person at the MnDOT Training Facility Room 3 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 and risk assessments are in the Google Drive folder [Meeting Materials](#).

Topic: Introductions, 10:00 – 10:15

Membership update

- Sadly, Alan Perish with Minnesota Farmer's Union passed away in May 2025. Please see [Alan Perish Obituary](#) and [Alan Perish's Passion for Local Democracy](#) by Land Stewardship Project.
- Roger Becker and Dave Hanson retired.
- Fawad Shaw is no longer with Minnesota Crop Improvement.
- Kelsey Taylor was the committee chair and represented the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. She is now with Barr Engineering. Kelsey will continue to participate in NWAC.
- Raining White is the current vice chair and will become the NWAC chair.
- We gained a new Fond du Lac representative named Elizabeth Zingg.
- We gained a new Minnesota Forest Industries representative named Matt Widen.
- We gained a new U of M Landscape Arboretum representative named Laura Irish-Hanson.
- We gained a new U of M Horticultural Science representative named Seth Wannemuehler.
- We gained a new U of M Agronomy and Plant Genetics representative named Debalin Sarangi.

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 will be presented today.

- Midwest Invasive Plant Network Cultivar Committee
 - Developing a list of questions for evaluating fecundity
- Spring Meadow sent a cultivar exemption request for Ron Williams Fine Line Buckthorn that was received on 08/04/25.

Management and Policy Subcommittee Updates - Emilie

- County Agricultural Inspector funding

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

Elect a New Vice Chair - Monika

The Vice Chair Shall

- Perform the duties of the Chair in their absence.
- Provide assistance to the Chair when requested.
- Assist the Chair with appointing a new Chair and Vice Chair.
 - May choose to assemble a Nominations Committee to assist with selection of a new chair.

Petitions Including Creeping Bellflower – Emilie and Monika

- We have 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 dame's rocket, *Hesperis matronalis*, and one for Siberian squill, *Scilla siberica*.
- Petitions are available on our [SharePoint site](#)

Risk Assessment Presentations

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](#).

- 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
- 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
- Yellow archangel has not been reviewed by the Listing Subcommittee and may be moved to next year.

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

Next meeting date

- November 25, 2025
 - Determine new species to assess in 2026 and 2027.
 - Determine cultivar exemptions requests to assess in 2026.

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