



Legislative Background Brief

for the
Economic Affairs Interim Committee

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Noxious Weed Management Advisory Council

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Administrative Appointments: By Department of Agriculture Director

Statutorily Established - 80-7-805, MCA. Created in 1985.

Purposes:

- advise the department on noxious weed management funding

Council Members: 11 members. Includes director of the Department of Agriculture, a member representing livestock production, a member representing agriculture crop production, a member from a recreationist/wildlife group, a member who is a herbicide dealer or applicator; a consumer group member, a member representing biological research and control, a member of the Montana Weed Control Association, one member representing a western county, one member representing an eastern county, and one at-large member from the agricultural community.

Members/Address	Representing	Term Expires
Ron de Yong, Helena	Director, Dept. of Agriculture	NA
Dan Jackson, Pablo	livestock production	June 30, 2012
Todd Wagner, Glasgow	agriculture crop production	June 30, 2013
Jennifer Anderson, Livingston	recreationist/wildlife group	June 30, 2012
Jim Gordon, Huntley	herbicide dealers/applicators	June 30, 2013
Kurt Myllymaki, Stanford	consumer groups	June 30, 2013
Jim Story, Corvallis	biological research & control	June 30, 2013
Jack Eddie, Dillon	Montana Weed Control Assn.	June 30, 2013
Margie Edsall, Sheridan	a Western county	June 30, 2011
Dick Zoanni, Sidney	an Eastern county	June 30, 2013
Nico Cantalupo, Baker	at-large member	June 30, 2012

Topics of Interest

- Are the Noxious Weed Summit Advisory Council, established by executive order in 2005, and the Noxious Weed Management Advisory Council, established by statute in 1985, both necessary? Are both still meeting? Have new appointments been made?

2011 Legislation Enacted Regarding Noxious Weeds

- HB 133, by Rep. Salomon at request of the Department, to clarify procedures and allow for

court orders to help control noxious weeds.

- HB 166, by Rep. Esp, to generally revise weed control laws
- HB 212, by Rep. Ingraham, as part of a revision of county classification laws allowed county commissioners to appropriate money for a county noxious weed fund from any source "in an amount not less than \$100,000 or an amount equivalent to 1.6 mills levied upon the taxable value of all property" among other changes, including subjecting the tax for weed control to 15-10-420, MCA, limiting taxation.

Audits

None