

# INVENTORY OF WASHINGTON CRM/CWMA GROUPS

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**GROUP NAME:** Nooksack Basin Knotweed Working Group

**YEAR FORMED:** 2003

**REGION:** Nooksack Watershed, specifically WRIA #1 – Upper Nooksack fork includes the south, middle and north forks.

**COUNTIES:** Whatcom

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**SIZE (Acres):** approx. 12,000 acres

**LANDOWNERS** (to include estimates of acres or percentage of managed lands):  
Private landowners - 82%  
USFS, Nooksack Tribe, Washington State (DOT, DNR, Schools, Forest Board),  
Whatcom County (Parks, Public Works), Lummi Nation - 18%

**OTHER PARTICIPANTS, STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS:**  
Whatcom Noxious Weed Board, WSDA, City of Bellingham, Whatcom Conservation District, Whatcom Land Trust, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association, USFS, private landowners

**NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES:** knotweed

**STATUS OF PLAN:** (Please underline your choices)

|         |                                    |                   |                    |
|---------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| No plan | Help needed                        | <u>In Process</u> | <u>Not Written</u> |
| Written | <u>Implemented and functioning</u> |                   | Completed          |

**CWMA STATUS:** (Please underline your choices)

Brand new group, potential new group, or resurrected group.  
Mission accomplished and disbanded.  
Unable to overcome obstacles, disbanded.  
Reason?  
Plans to regroup?  
Self-sufficient and functioning for foreseeable future.  
Some need for assistance, or resources need as indicated below.  
Moderate need for assistance, as indicated below.  
Immediate or major need for assistance or additional resources.

**ASSISTANCE OR RESOURCES NEEDED:**  
Implementation Needs: Funding determines what projects will be implemented.  
Facilitation Needs: Absolutely need help with this.  
Technical Needs:  
Administrative Needs:  
Help to Develop or Produce a Written Plan:

**2008 MEETINGS:** No official meetings. The Whatcom Co. Weed Board was leading this group in the past, now they network with whom they need to work with. In the past things were written, and meetings were called, but there was not much of a turn out. Now there are strategy discussions of this enormous area, deciding what to prioritize with limited resources. Maps are used to find out what is doing well.

**COMMENTS:** No official paperwork to call this a CWMA. Implementation needs:

- Currently use \$10,000 out of the Weed Board budget for this group. This money will only be used to re-treat. There area good control results in the treated areas. Projects are scattered over all three forks.
- More staff. When you take on knotweed you leave the other weeds behind. This weed program cannot do that. We could be the 'knotweed control board'.
- The CWMA group tends to fall apart when the Weed Board works on other projects, and coordination falls to who is left.
- Noah Booker – knotweed coordinator for 3 years prioritized the following:
  - o \$10,000 needed for town of Glacier on the north fork of the Nooksack. There is a lot of knotweed in town, through the Glacier Creek System.
  - o \$10,000 to 15,000 for the stretch of river between Glacier and Maple Falls.