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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board Vacancies

The Mason County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants to fill three positions on the Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board.

The Board of County Commissioners appoints Noxious Weed Control Board members for four year terms. The Noxious Weed Control Board consists of five voting members, each representing one of the five designated weed control districts in the county. Four of the five members must be producers of an agricultural product, such as livestock, crops, shellfish, timber or Christmas trees. The Weed Board currently has three openings, which include District 1, covering Shelton, Matlock, and the southern portion of the County; District 3, which includes the Skokomish Valley and Union areas; and District 4, covering Belfair and the North Mason area.

The Board has the mission of working to protect the citizens, natural resources (including lakes, shellfish and timber), livestock and agricultural resources of Mason County from the degrading effects of noxious weed invasions. The Board works to identify priority weed issues and develops a strategy to control noxious weeds with the cooperation of residents and agencies in the county. The Mason County Noxious Weed Control Program works to educate residents on noxious weed identification, control methods and works cooperatively with landowners who have noxious weed infestations.

All persons interested in applying should complete an application that includes the signature of at least ten registered voters residing in the district supporting the nomination. To obtain an application please contact the Commissioners' Office at 427-9670 ext. 419 or 275-4467 ext. 419 or visit our website at <a href="https://www.co.mason.wa.us">www.co.mason.wa.us</a>. You may also pick up an application at the Mason County Commissioners' Office at 411 N 5th Street in Shelton.

Applications can be submitted to the Mason County Commissioners, 411 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Shelton, WA 98584.

For more information, interested individuals may contact the Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board coordinator, Pat Grover, at 427-9670 or 275-4467 ext. 592.

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