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TO: House Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources Committee  
FR: Steve Ryder, State Weed Coordinator  
RE: Duties and Activities of the State Noxious Weed Advisory Committee

For the last ten years, the state's Noxious Weed Advisory Committee has served as an important access point for the public to bring noxious weed issues to the attention of the Department. By virtue of its variety of expertise and geographical representation, the Committee also serves as a sounding board for the noxious weed program and for regulatory changes proposed by the Department to further the control of noxious weeds in the state.

The Committee was established in 2003 with the last major amendment of the Noxious Weed Act. It is currently comprised of 15 members who represent the following interests:

- Agricultural producers – 4 positions
- Resource specialists or industries – 3 positions
- Weed management professionals – 2 positions
- Local governing bodies – 2 positions
- Private and public landowners or land managers – 1 position
- Weed scientist – 1 position
- At-large – 2 positions

Members are also selected to reflect the different geographical areas of the state.

Members represent their areas of expertise and region of the state, and solicit comments and concerns which are then communicated to the Committee and Department. They also communicate the Committee's recommendations back to stakeholders and citizens in their regions.

The Committee makes recommendations on the following:

- Designation and classification of state noxious weeds;
- Development and implementation of state noxious weed plans for List A and List B noxious weeds; and
- Prescribed control techniques

The Committee may also periodically assess progress being made to control noxious weeds across the state.