

TANSY RAGWORT ALERT:

Tansy Ragwort has been an ongoing issue for Herron Island landowners for many years. The State of Washington has listed this toxic, invasive plant as a noxious weed, making control mandatory for all Pierce County residents. Due to the efforts and cooperation of Herron Island property owners, we are making progress at controlling this aggressive weed.

During the last week of May, Field Inspectors from the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board will be conducting Noxious Weed inspections. This is to alert all Herron Island landowners of the possible presence of Tansy Ragwort on their property. **It is the responsibility of each owner/agent to control all noxious weed(s) growing on their property by the due date of June 15th, 2015.**

Noxious Weed Control Specialists from the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board will re-inspect the island following the June 15th due date. To avoid a costly violation, landowners must control all Tansy Ragwort on their property by the 15th of June.

Control methods for Tansy Ragwort include:

- Digging up the plant with the roots.
- Applying appropriate herbicide.
- Bagging flowers and throwing them in the garbage.
- Maintaining a healthy, vigorous cover of desirable plants.



Methods that *do not* work:

- Mowing is not an effective form of control, as Tansy will re-flower.
- Do not leave flowers on the ground. They can still go to seed.

For details on Tansy Ragwort, or any other noxious weed and control options available, visit our website at www.PierceCountyWeedBoard.org or you may call the Noxious Weed Control Center at 253-798-7263.

