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The Honourable Doug Donaldson
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
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Via e-mail: FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Donaldson:

RE: REQUESTED UPDATE TO THE WEED CONTROL REGULATION – SCHEDULE A

On behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board, I am writing to request an update to the BC Weed Control Regulation Schedule A to include additional provincial invasive species in Part 1 for all areas of the province and to designate high priority invasive species within the capital region in Part 2 as outlined in Appendix A.

The CRD established a Regional Invasive Species Program to bring together local governments, First Nations and land managers across the capital region to pursue a coordinated approach to invasive species education, communication and actions. The program received an FLNR Range Branch Grant to assist with program implementation. The program is aligned with the provincial model of regional coordination for the management of invasive species.

Our request for the Province to update Schedule A of the Weed Control Regulation will strengthen our concurrent jurisdiction to manage these invasive plants, improve coordinated management of Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) species, and support ongoing local government efforts to manage provincially-listed species in our region.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Glenn Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection Division (gharris@crd.bc.ca; 250-360-3090). Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Colin Plant
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

Attachment: Schedule A - Weed Control Regulation

cc: CRD Board Members
Robert Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD
Larisa Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks & Environmental Services, CRD
Glenn Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection, CRD

WEED CONTROL REGULATION**SCHEDULE A**

Schedule A of the Weed Control Regulation identifies noxious weeds that must be controlled in BC. Part 1 designates noxious weeds for all regions of the province, while Part 2 designates noxious weeds within the boundaries of regional districts.

The Capital Regional District requests that the following updates to Schedule A of the Weed Control Regulation be considered:

A. Part 1: Provincial Noxious Weeds

The following noxious weeds occur in many areas of the province and are legislated invasive plants through the Invasive Plant Regulations and/or Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction – Environment and Wildlife Regulation and should be included in the Schedule A, Part 1 of the Weed Control Regulation:

1. **Shiny Geranium (*Geranium lucidum*)** – provincial EDRR species
2. **Policeman's Helmet (*Impatiens glandulifera*)**
3. **Black Knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*)**

These three noxious weeds are found in the capital region and have been identified as high priority EDRR species.

B. Part 2: Regional Noxious Weeds

The capital region is currently not listed in Schedule A, Part 2 for any of the noxious weeds listed, although many of these invasive plants occur in the capital region.

The following noxious weeds are considered high priority invasive plants in the capital region and should be listed as regional weeds in Schedule A, Part 2 of the Weed Control Regulations:

1. **Orange Hawkweed (*Hieracium aurantiacum*)**
2. **Scotch Thistle (*Onopordum acanthium*)**
3. **Wild Chervil (*Anthriscus sylvestris*)**

Note: If the three noxious weeds identified in A are included in Schedule A, Part 1 of the BC Weed Control Regulation, then they should also be listed as regional noxious weeds for the capital region in Schedule A, Part 2.