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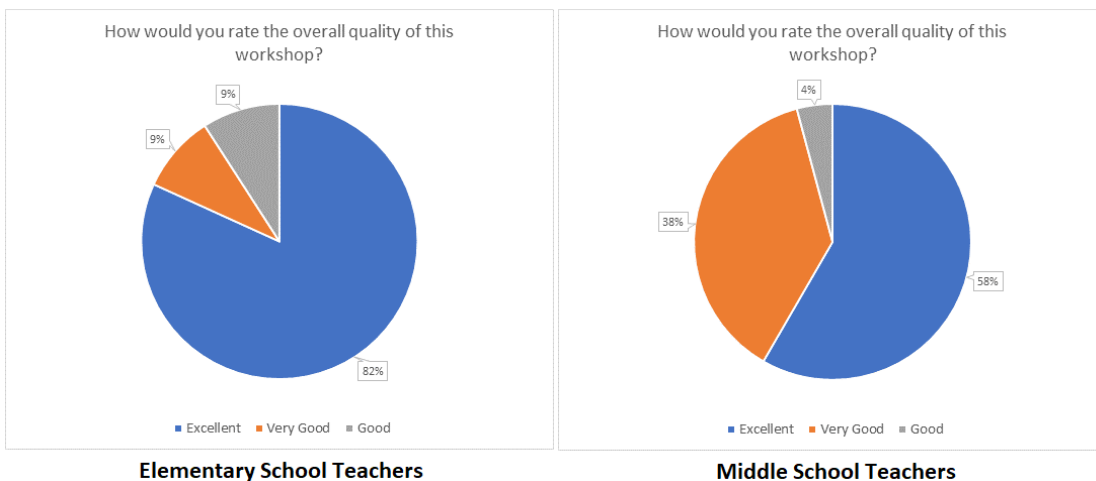
Washington Invasive Species Council

September 2021 Newsletter

Work of the Council

Mobilizing Youth Through Teacher Workshops and Invasive Species Curriculum

In 2020, the council released six middle school lesson plans that met new generation science standards. This August, the Washington Invasive Species Council and Pacific Education Institute welcomed 54 educators for a teach-the-teacher workshop that walked participants through the invasive species middle school curriculum. A post-workshop survey was well rated. These teachers now will deploy the lessons teaching youth statewide to prevent and stop invasive species.



Are you an educator who would like to attend a future workshop? More workshops are coming! Contact InvasiveSpecies@rco.wa.gov to receive future notification.

To enhance the lesson plans, the council has supply kits for teachers to borrow in eastern and western Washington. The kits contain specimens and fact sheets. Any formal or informal educator may borrow the supply kit on demand.

[Invasive Species School Curriculum and Supply Kit Request Form](#)

[Eastern Washington Kit Inventory](#)

[Western Washington Kit Inventory](#)

[Monitoring for New Tree-Killing Insects in August | First Eradicated Asian Giant Hornet Nest in 2021](#)

The Washington Invasive Species Council, Washington State Department of Agriculture, and Washington State Department of Natural Resources asked the public to check trees, lights,

outdoor equipment, and standing water in yards for harmful bugs as part of National Tree Check Month in August. Residents who found a suspected invasive insect took pictures and reported them via the Washington Invasive Species Council mobile app or Web site. The council then worked with state and federal agencies to identify the insect, confirm that it was a problem, and connect residents with organizations that could help. The event received widespread news coverage statewide and encouraged the public to actively engage in efforts to detect and report invasive species. Most notably, a member of the public in Whatcom County spotted an Asian giant hornet (*Vespa mandarinia*) attacking a paper wasp nest in August and reported it to authorities. Ultimately, this led to the first eradicated nest of Asian giant hornets in 2021.

[Tree Check Month News Release](#)

[Asian Giant Hornet Nest News Release](#)

[Asian Giant Hornet Nest Eradication News Release](#)

[Pacific Northwest Citizen Science Summit](#)

Calling all citizen scientists and program managers! Several regional organizations have partnered to convene the first-ever Pacific Northwest Citizen Science Summit.

Do you participate or manage a project or program that engages community members to collect and analyze information? Whether it is a small or large effort, and no matter the focus, we want you to attend an event to discover opportunities to collaborate and amplify your project.

The overall objective of the summit is to connect citizen science practitioners and managers to create partnerships and synergies between projects. Specifically, the summit has the following goals:

- Bring awareness of programs and share successes.
- Enhance communication and collaboration between programs.
- Identify opportunities between researchers and community engagement/volunteer programs.
- Share strategies and tools for participant retention and the benefit of new programs.
- Highlight best practices and data standards.
- Facilitate a discussion about formalizing PNWCitSci.org as an organization to host future summits.

The event will be held between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on October 26-27, 2021 via Zoom Webinar.

[Pacific Northwest Citizen Science Web site](#)

[Summit Registration](#)

[Pacific Northwest Citizen Science Listserv Registration](#)

[Northwest Regional Invasive Species and Climate Change Symposium](#)

Several regional agencies and organizations have partnered to create the Northwest Regional Invasive Species and Climate Change Network, to help practitioners address the nexus of climate change and invasive species, including plants, animals, and pathogens. The objective is

to help practitioners in federal, tribal, state, and local agencies and conservation organizations integrate climate change science and adaptation with invasive species prevention, early detection, control, monitoring, and research activities.

We invite you to our upcoming virtual symposium on September 15-16, 2021. The symposium will discuss the nexus of climate change, extreme events such as wildfires and droughts, and invasive species management in the Northwest.

[Symposium Web page](#)

[Regional Invasive Species and Climate Survey Results](#)

[Preview of September Council Meeting](#)

The Washington Invasive Species Council will meet online September 16. Topics will include the following:

- Spotted Lanternfly Risk to Agriculture and Proposed Action Plan
- Flowering Rush Cost-Share Program
- Improving Response Preparedness for Aquatic Invasive Species
- The Nexus Between Invasive Species and Environmental Justice
- and much more!

The public is encouraged to join this meeting and may [register online](#). Meeting information is posted on the [InvasiveSpecies.wa.gov meetings Web page](#).

Upcoming Events

Washington Invasive Species Council Meetings

- [September 16, 2021](#)
- [December 9, 2021](#)

Council Events

- September 15-16, 2021 | [Northwest Regional Invasive Species and Climate Change Symposium](#)
- September 22, 2021 | [Update for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board](#)
- September 27, 2021 | [Transboundary Feral Swine Working Group Virtual Meeting](#)
- October 20-22, 2021 | [Washington State Lake Protection Association Annual Conference](#)
- October 26-27, 2021 | [Pacific Northwest Citizen Science Summit](#)

Other Events

- September 16, 2021 | [African Swine Fever and the Feral Swine Factor Webinar](#)
- September 21-24, 2021 | [Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species Annual Meeting](#)
- September 27-30, 2021 | [North American Invasive Species Management Association Conference](#)
- Various Dates | [Level 1 Watercraft Inspection Training](#), [Level 2 Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Training](#), and [Level 3 Trainer Training](#)
- October 6-7, 2021 | [2021 Invasive Species Research Conference](#)
- October 21-November 3, 2021 | [Entomological Society of America Annual Conference](#)
- November 3-5, 2021 | [Washington State Weed Association Annual Weed Conference](#)
- November 29-December 3, 2021 | [Innovations in Invasive Species Management Conference Training](#)

Invasive Species News

State News

- [State Entomologists Confirm the First Live Asian Giant Hornet Sighting of 2021](#)
- [\[Washington State Department of Agriculture\] Attempts to Track Two Asian Giant](#)

[Hornets](#)

- [Amazing': Young Scientist Alerts King County Officials to Invasive Aquatic Plant in Lake Rasmussen](#)
- [State Traps Hundreds of Japanese Beetles; Asks Public to Help by Reporting and Trapping](#)
- [Washington State Department of Agriculture Japanese Beetle Quarantine Rulemaking](#)
- [Washington State Department of Agriculture Dreissenid Mussel Quarantine Rulemaking](#)
- [Help Identify Invasive Insects in Washington](#)
- [35 Western Pond Turtles are Released in Lakewood Pond, Bolstering Endangered Population](#)
- [Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Testing Bats for White-Nose Syndrome Video](#)

Regional News

- [Columbia River Basin Aquatic Invasive Species Team Moss Ball Incident Action Report Recommendations and Key Findings](#)
- [Study Identifies Areas in U.S. Most Suitable for Invasive Giant Hornet](#)
- [Wildlife Forever Releases "Battle of the Bads" Report on Aquatic Invasive Species](#)
- [Wyoming Game and Fish Department Focuses on Preventing Invasive Zebra and Quagga Mussels from Reaching State's Waters](#)
- [\[Montana\] Department of Livestock Asks Montanans to Stay Alert \[for Feral Swine\]](#)
- [\[Hawai'i Department of Agriculture\] Rogg Appointment Administrator of Plant Industry Division](#)
- [\[Montana\] Mussel Boat Number 50 Intercepted](#)
- [Study Highlights Habitat Vulnerable to Invasive \[Northern\] Pike](#)
- [\[British Columbia \(B.C.\)\] Government Funding Creates More Jobs to Help Protect B.C. Parks from Invasive Species](#)

[National and International News

- [Entomological Society of America Better Common Names Project](#)
- [Scientists are Renaming the 'Gypsy Moth' as Part of Broader Push to Root Out Offensive Monikers](#)
- [\[U.S. Department of Agriculture\] Statement on Confirmation of African Swine Fever in the Dominican Republic](#)
- [\[U.S. Department of Agriculture\] Steps Up Efforts to Combat African Swine Fever](#)
- [New Research Provides Guidance for Effective Public Messaging About Invasive Species Prevention](#)
- [The Climate Impact of \[Feral Swine\] Greater than a Million Cars](#)
- [\[U.S. Department of Agriculture Plant Protection and Quarantine\] Staff Delivers Cutting-Edge Work to Safeguard Agriculture and Facilitate Trade](#)
- [Turning Off the Genes That Allow Invasive Mussels to Spread and Survive](#)
- [\[U.S. Customs and Border Protection\] Agriculture Specialists in Pharr Intercept Rare Pest, a First in the Nation Discovery](#)

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