

DEPARTMENT: AGRICULTURE

STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Office Memorandum

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TO: David Frederickson, Commissioner 

THROUGH: Charlie Poster, Assistant Commissioner 

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SUBJECT: Commissioner's Order for Approval of Statewide Listed Noxious Weeds and Specially Regulated Plants

Approval of the attached Commissioner's Order is requested. This order is pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapters 18.79, Subdivision 13, and 18.91, Subdivisions 1 and 3, which states that the commissioner, in consultation with the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee (NWAC), shall determine which plants are noxious weeds subject to control under sections 18.76 – 18.91. M.S. 18.79 also states that the commissioner shall prepare, publish, and revise as necessary a list of noxious weeds and their designated classification for the public.

The attached Commissioner's Order provides recommendations from NWAC for **additions** to the current noxious weed list for enforcement beginning in 2013. NWAC reviewed ten invasive plant species that were petitioned to the MDA by several MN organizations to be reviewed for potential regulation in Minnesota as noxious weeds. After careful and extensive risk assessment and discussion by NWAC, four of those species were determined to fit the criteria of Prohibited and Restricted Noxious Weed as defined by the MDA and Minnesota Statute 18.77, Subdivision 8. Three species are being recommended by NWAC to be added to the Prohibited – Eradicate list and one species is being recommended to be added to the Restricted Noxious Weed list. Attached, you will find a document explaining MDA's definitions for each noxious weed category and the current listing of Minnesota Noxious Weeds.

Once these species are approved as noxious weeds in Minnesota, pursuant to the commissioner's approval, county agricultural inspectors or county designated employees and local weed inspectors will have the authority to enforce statutes 18.76 – 18.91 as authorized agents of the commissioner when dealing with any of the listed species.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me with any questions concerning this request.

Attachments: Commissioner's Order for Noxious Weed Listing Approval; Noxious Weed Categories; Current Noxious Weed List



**2013 COMMISSIONER'S ORDER FOR NOXIOUS WEED LISTING AND APPROVAL**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, under Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 18.79, Subd. 13 and 18.91, Subds. 1 and 3, and after the thorough review by the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee, I approve the addition of the following species as prohibited and restricted noxious weeds in the state of Minnesota.

**Prohibited Noxious Weeds**

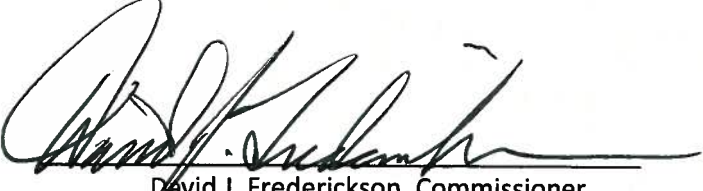
**Eradicate List**

Common Name	Genus	Species
Meadow Knapweed	<i>Centaurea</i>	<i>x moncktonii</i> C.E. Britton
Brown Knapweed	<i>Centaurea</i>	<i>Jacea</i> L.
Black Swallow-wort	<i>Cynanchum</i>	<i>Louiseae</i> Kartesz & Gandhi

**Restricted Noxious Weeds**

Common Name	Genus	Species
Common Reed (non native)	<i>Phragmites</i>	<i>australis</i> (Cav.) Trin. Ex Steud subsp. <i>australis</i>

Date 1/14/13

  
 David J. Frederickson, Commissioner  
 Department of Agriculture