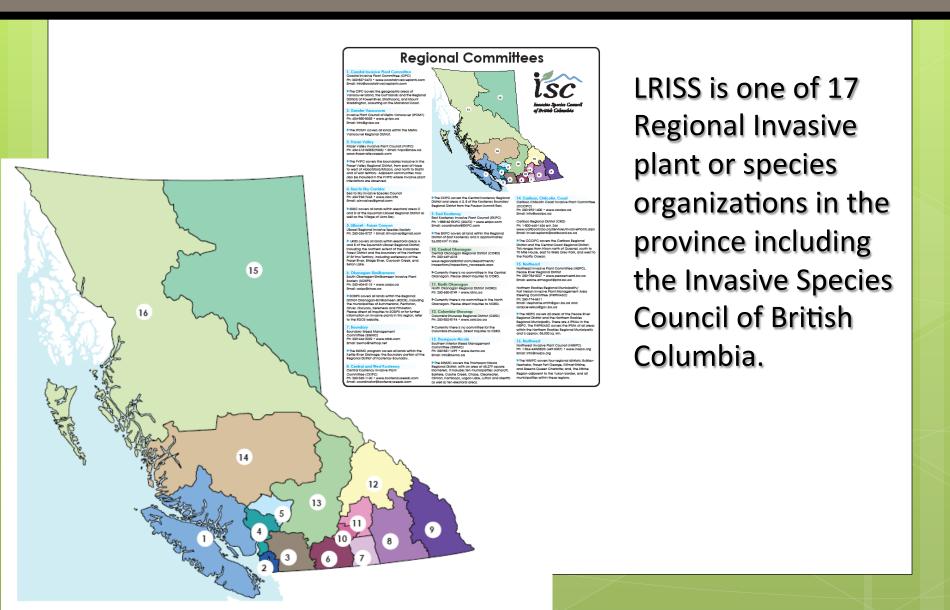
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# What is LRISS?



# Who is the Inter-Ministry Working Group?

### **BC** INTER-MINISTRY INVASIVE SPECIES WORKING GROUP

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#### **Invasive Species Strategic Plan**

DECEMBER 2014





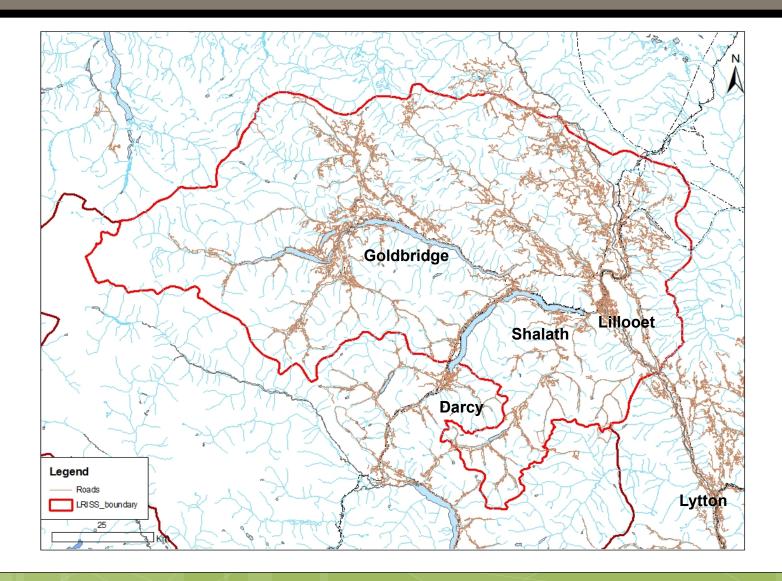
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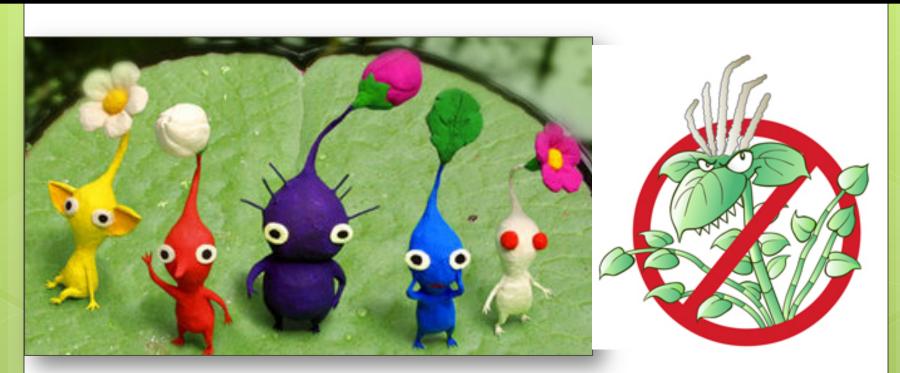


# LRISS Operating Area





# What is an Alien Invasive Species?



An invasive plant can be defined as "a <u>species that is non-native</u> to the ecosystem under consideration and whose introduction causes, or is likely to cause, economic or environmental harm or harm to human health".

# Why should we care? Impacts

Invasive plants pose undesirable or

detrimental impacts on humans,

animals or ecosystems.



"As native plants are replaced by invasives, biodiversity declines and habitats change."

~ Alberta Invasive Plant Council

Alien invasive species are recognized globally as the second largest threat to biological diversity and native species.

Blueweed

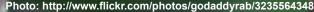
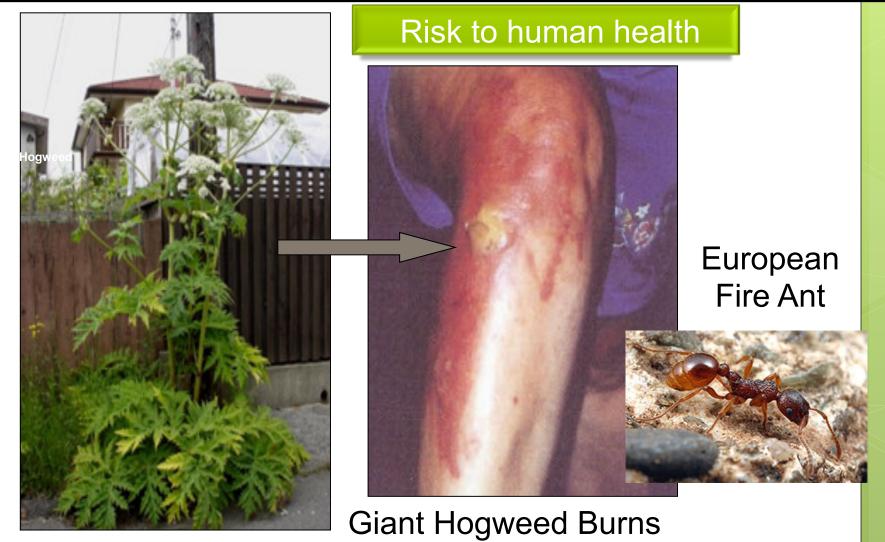


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# Why Manage Invasive Plants? Impacts







#### Impacts to the Economy: Agriculture

Cow photo source: newtonsapple.org.uk

Hoary Cress taking over a winter feeding pasture near Lillooet

Impacts to the Economy: Property Values

Photo Top Right Source: www.tpknotweed.com

Knotweed can crack concrete foundations



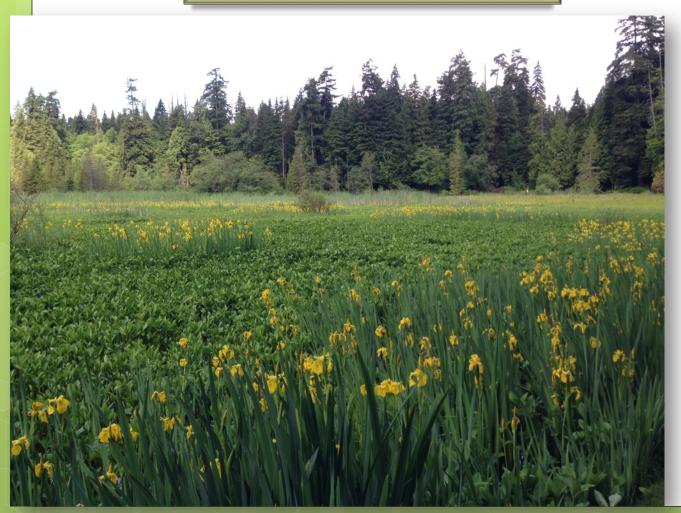
#### Safety: Sightlines on Roads



Photo courtesy of Drinkwater & Associates



#### Impacts to Biodiversity



Yellow Flag Iris Infestation at Beaver Lake in Stanley Park.

LRISS is removing this iris from Tyaughton Lake







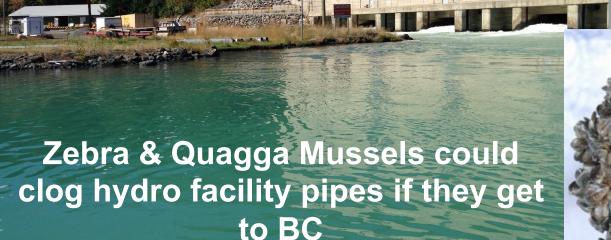
#### Impacts to Wildlife



Photo sources: Dr. Ian Routley (Bat in burdock); Jacquie Rasmussen Bear



#### Impacts to the Economy: Hydro and Energy costs







Impacts to Recreational Activities



# Why Manage Invasives?

# It's the Law

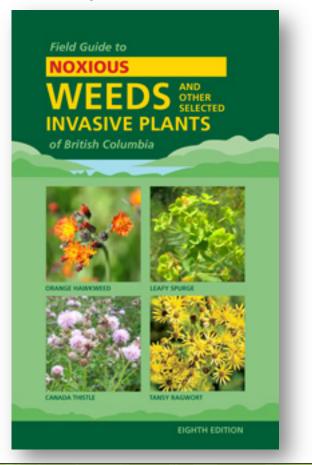


Forest and Range Practices Act
BC Weed Control Act

Integrated Pest Management Act Seeds Act Local Government Act Community Charter Act Municipal By-laws

### What can you do?

# Identify Invasive Plants & Report Them!



#### Stop the Spread....



# LRISS's Top Invasive Plants



\*Photo sources include Bugwood.org, wikiphotos, Jacquie Rasmussen, BC Government

### LRISS's Top Invasive Plants

#### Orange Hawkweed





#### Hoary Alyssum

#### Spotted Knapweed





#### Commo<mark>n</mark> Tansy



### Common Bugloss





#### \*Photo sources include Bugwood.org, wikiphotos, Jacquie Rasmussen, BC Government, Himalayan Blackberry: Eric Coombs, Oregon Department of Agriculture.

#### Tansy Ragwort



Himalayan Blackberry

# Leafy Spurge



# Blueweed

### Other Species Common to our Area

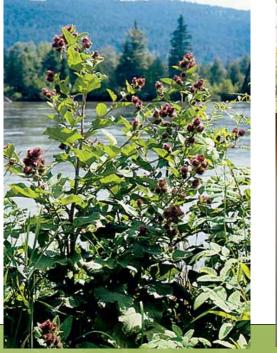
#### Dalmatian Toadflax

Photo Source: BC Ministry of Agriculture



Burdock

Photo Source: BC Ministry of Agriculture





#### Russian Olive Tree

Photo by Lisa Scott

> European Collared Dove

Source: All About Birds

# Blueweed (Echium vulgare)

- Biennial to short-lived taprooted perennial growing to 1 metre high.
- Stems covered in stiff hairs with swollen reddish to black bases where attached to stem.
- Produces 500 to 2,000 seeds per plant.



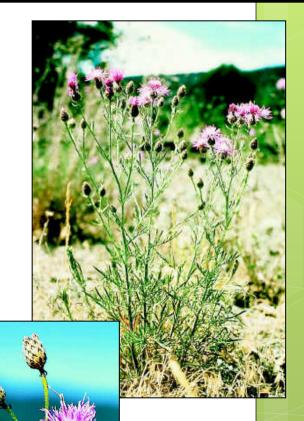
# Knapweed (Centaurea spp.)

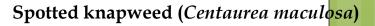


- Perennial that can produce up to 25,000 seeds per plant!
- Typically, it distributes seeds by breaking off at the base and tumbling...



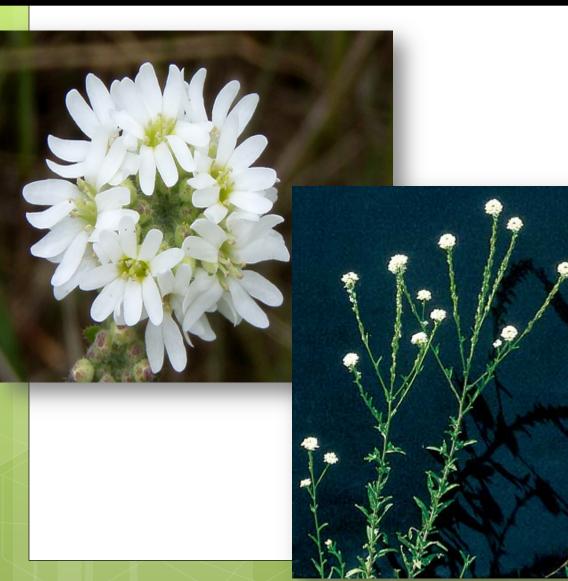
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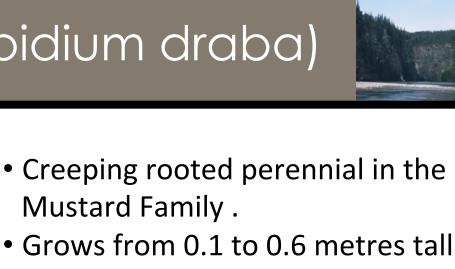
Diffuse knapweed (*Centaura diffusa*)

# Hoary alyssum (Berteroa incana)



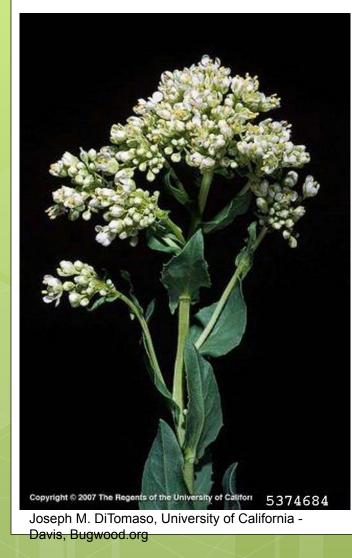
- Usually biennial (can behave as annual or short lived perennial)
- .3-1.1m (1-3')tall, has a taproot.
- Long continuous flowering and seed production June to October.
- 6-14 seeds per pod.
- Can be toxic to horses.

# Hoary Cress (Lepidium draba)



 Numerous white flowers produced at the top of the plant give rise to its other common name of "whitetop".





# Knotweed (Polygonum spp.)





- Introduced from
  Asia as an
  ornamental
  Bamboo. It is
  highly invasive
  and is found along
  roadsides and
  wetland areas.
- Reproduces through long creeping rhizomes or by root fragments.

# Orange Hawkweed (Hieracleum aurantiacum)





- European introduction, garden ornamental, wildflower seed mixes.
- Orange-red flowers clustered atop leafless stem, milky juice when broken.
- Grows .3-1.2m tall (1-4 ft.), Flowers June-Aug Seeds July-August. Basal leaves covered in stiff hairs.
- Vegetative spread rapid by above ground runners (stolons) and below ground rhizomes can form dense mats quickly.

# Leafy spurge (Euphorbia esula)





- Leafy spurge produces a milky latex that can cause skin irritation in humans and is toxic to some grazing animals.
- Its deep creeping root system makes controlling it quite challenging!
- Roots can extend up to 4.5 meters laterally and up to 9 meters deep.
- Seven biocontrol species.





Aphthona nigriscutis flea beetle feeding on leafy spurge.

Biocontrol: Apthona nigricutis

# Dalmatian toadflax (Linaria dalmatica)







- A perennial from southern Europe with waxy leaves and vibrant yellow 'snap-dragon' flowers.
- Be sure to remove ALL the roots because it can reproduce both by seed and the creeping root system!

Five bioagents have been released. Mecinus janthinus beetle has had success in reducing the infestation populations.

# Common Tansy (Tanacetum vulgare)





- Aromatic perennial growing to 1.8 metres tall; deeply divided dark green leaves.
- Yellow "button" flowers in cluster at top of plant.
- No ray flowers
- Often confused with tansy ragwort (Senecio jacobaea) that has ray flowers.



# Yellow Flag Iris (Iris pseudacorus)



- Introduced as a garden.
- Dense stands exclude native wetland species, threatening plant and animal diversity.
- Seed pods can float for up to a month in water.

### More invasives.....







**European Fire Ant** 

**Eastern Gray Squirrel** 

Source: oldislandpestcontrol.com

#### American Bullfrog

Photo: Rylee Murray



Zebra & Quagga Mussels

Red Eared Slider Turtle source: Wiki



# What is EDRR?

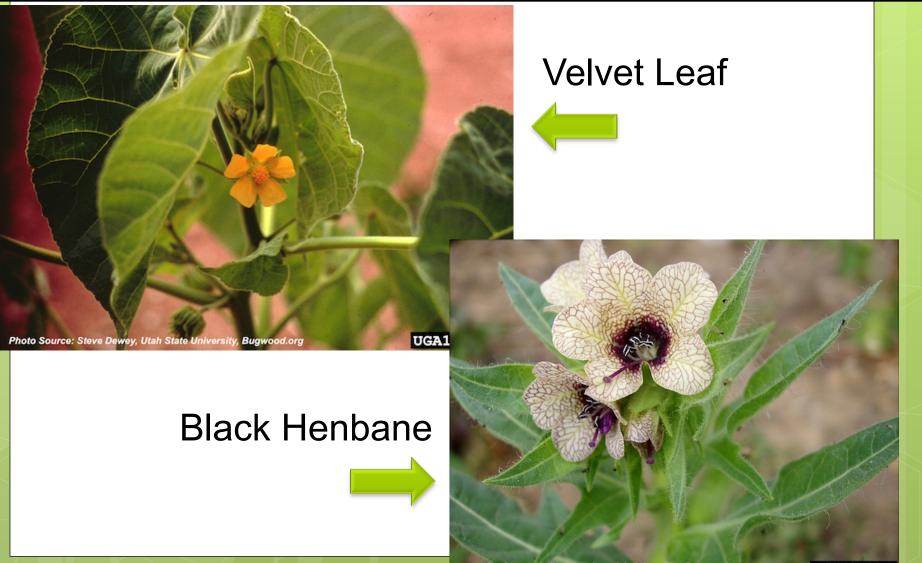
# Early Detection Rapid Response

### Common Reed: Phragmites spp.



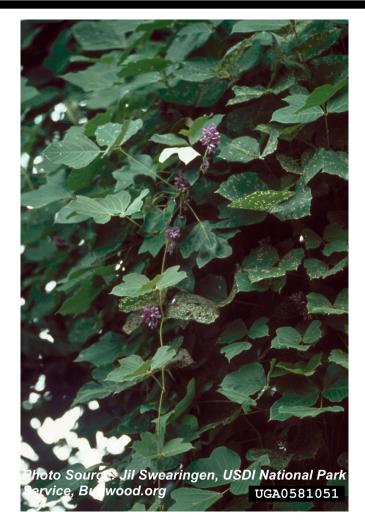


# **BC EDRR Species**





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**Garlic Mustard** 



# **BC EDRR Species**



#### Yellow Nutsedge



Purple Nutsedge





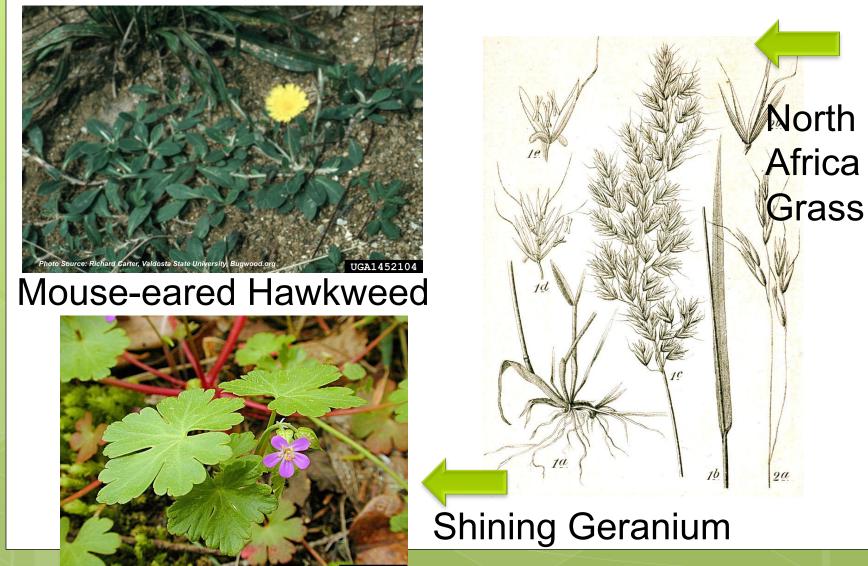


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### **Perennial Pepperweed**

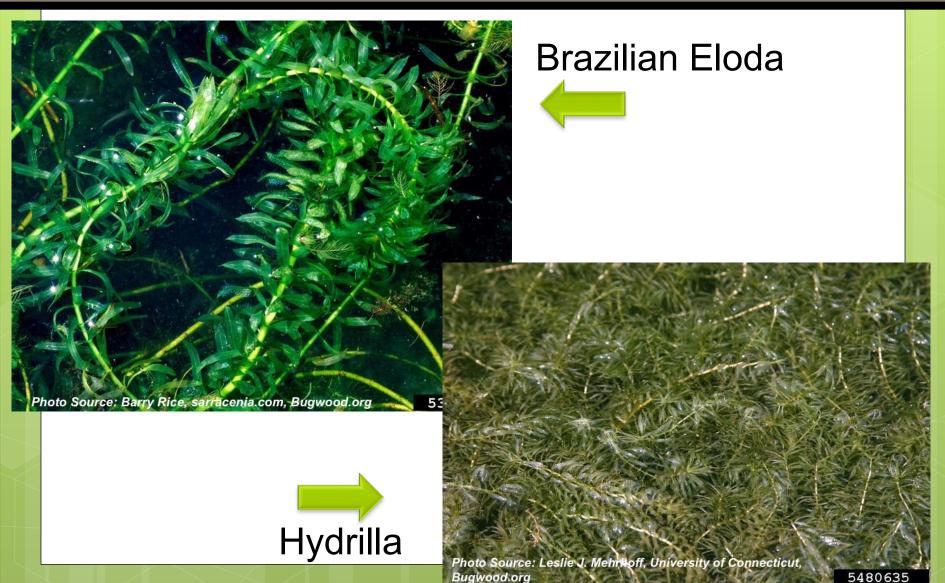
### Flowering Rush



### Meadow clary







## Yellow star thistle (Centaurea solstitialis)





## **HIGH ALERT**

This species is currently not in our province.

- •Annual.
- Tap rooted
- Heavily branched weed grows from 0.6 to 1 metre tall.
- Stems are winged and covered with fine hair. Yellow flowers are borne on ends of branches and armed with sharp thorns up to 2 cm long.

Over 20 million acres in the north-western US are infested with the toxic **Xellow Starthistle** - and it's

moving north to BC.

## Best Management Practices

## Clean your Equipment and Personal Gear





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## BMP's: Forestry





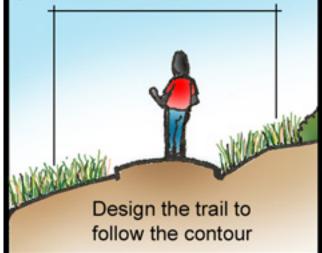
#### Photograph Source: Klaus Johansson Photography 2015





### Re-vegetate or Seed Disturbed Areas

Use disturbance-adapted native plants to out compete weeds





Artwork Source: USDA National Agroforestry Center: www.nac.unl.edu.

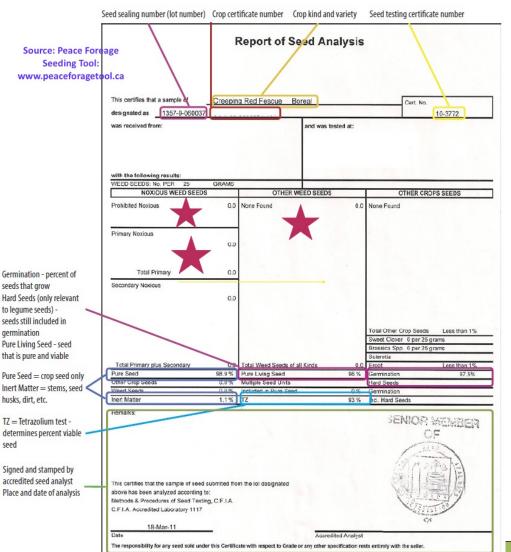
# DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS EED S. 5

Undesirable plants can be introduced through contaminants in seed mixtures!

Before you buy seed, CHECK the Certificate of Seed Analysis to ensure that Invasive Plants are not accidentally introduced to B.C.!

## BMP's





## Play,Clean,Go

## STOP INVASIVE SPECIES IN YOUR TRACKS



### STOP INVASIVE SPECIES IN YOUR TRACKS.

PlayCleanGo.org



Help Prevent The Spread Of Invasive Plants And Animals

**REMOVE** plants, animals & mud from boots, gear, pets & vehicle **CLEAN** your gear before entering & leaving the recreation site **STAY** on designated roads & trails **USE CERTIFIED** or local firewood & hay







## Don't Plant or Grow invasives on your Property

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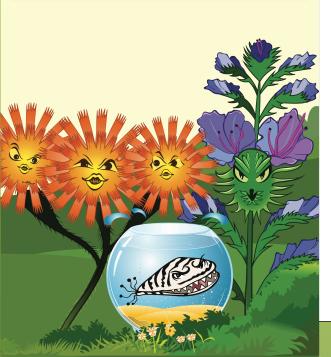
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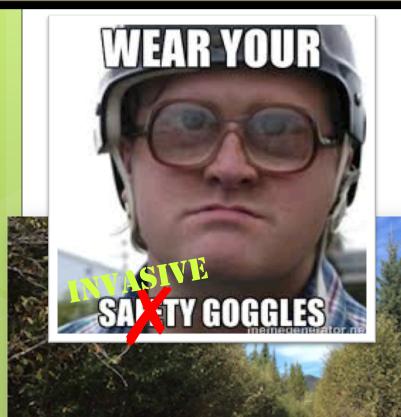






## BMP's





- Report infestations
- Remove small infestations
- Proper Disposal



## Resources



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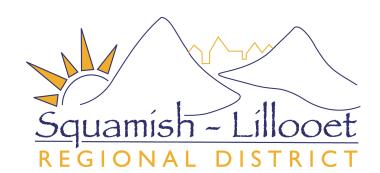
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