



## Invasive Species Awareness Week

February 25 – March 3, 2018

**WHEREAS**, invasive aquatic and terrestrial species, including noxious weeds damage our land and water, harm our wildlife and the productivity of our natural resources; and inhibit those resources in Skamania County; and

**WHEREAS**, every year, the costs to prevent, monitor, and control invasive species, combined with the costs from damage to crops, fisheries, forests, and other resources cost the nation an estimated \$137 billion per year; and

**WHEREAS**, invasive species are recognized to be the second greatest threat to biodiversity worldwide, after habitat destruction from human development; and

**WHEREAS**, invasive species threaten the survival of native plants and animals, and are a significant threat to almost half of the native species listed as federally endangered, including salmon; and

**WHEREAS**, invasive species interfere with ecosystem services by changing natural processes such as fire, nutrient flow, water availability, and flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, invasive species impede industry, threaten agriculture, endanger human health, and are becoming increasingly harder to prevent and control as a result of global commercialization and human travel; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention is far less expensive than trying to remove species once they arrive and an educated and aware public is highly effective at detecting introduced species early;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, WE, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of SKAMANIA COUNTY, do hereby proclaim February 25 – March 3, 2018 as

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In SKAMANIA COUNTY, and encourage all people in SKAMANIA COUNTY to learn more about preventing invasive species by visiting <https://wise.wa.gov>.

DATED: February 21, 2018

SKAMANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

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Chairman

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Prosecuting Attorney

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

