

Salt Spring Island Conservancy Policy on Managing Nuisance and Invasive Plants and Animals

A major goal of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy is to preserve natural habitats on Salt Spring Island. Introduced invasive species and nuisance species (native species whose numbers are out of balance because of the lack of predators) are major threats to native plant and animal communities on Salt Spring.

It is the policy of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy:

- To determine the status of a plant or animal as “invasive or nuisance” using the best scientific information available;
- Upon the advice of the Stewardship Committee, to decide whether action on the part of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy is desirable, feasible, and likely to be productive;
- To educate the public on identification of invasive/nuisance species, their effects on biodiversity, ways to prevent their establishment and population growth, and methods to reduce their negative impacts;
- To develop management options based on the best scientific information available;
- To include the option of culling animals, humanely and legally, as a last resort when other tactics are inadequate or cost-prohibitive.

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