

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE POTOMAC AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROGRAM
(HYDRILLA) WHICH ENSURES THE ACCESS OF PUBLIC NAVIGATIONAL CHANNELS TO
THE POTOMAC RIVER FROM THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TO THE MOUTH OF THE
POTOMAC**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments has a continuing interest in the management and protection of the Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, the Board considers the proper management of submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) within the Potomac River system to be a priority issue of regional concern, and has resolved accordingly to act as a clearinghouse for local management activities, and in this capacity has met with and discussed the issue with the involved federal, state and regional agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Board prefers the use of mechanical and/or biological controls for SAV management over chemical control methods and recognizes the importance of SAV to the water quality of the Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, Submerged Aquatic Vegetation in the Potomac River plays a vital role the ecological health of the Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has been designated the lead federal agency charged with administering federal studies and actions related to the Potomac SAV conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the state of Maryland have a direct and continuing interest in the control of SAV in the Potomac River and are active members of the Potomac Aquatic Plant Control Committee (PAPCC); and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments has provided coordination, management, and administrative support for the PAPCC since 1986;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to execute a contract to manage, inspect and control SAV in the Potomac River. The contract will not exceed the amount of \$100,000 with funding provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Commonwealth of Virginia. There is no local match required. This contract is for a period of one year.