

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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**PROPOSED 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 (COG) 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 has a vested interest in the control of SAV in the Potomac River and is an active members of the Potomac Aquatic Plant Control Committee (PAPCC); and

**WHEREAS**, COG 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. No COG matching funds are required. This contract is for a period of one year.