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THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

Resolution 01-2024

Resolution on Harmonizing State and Provincial Approaches to Invasive Species Management

WHEREAS invasive species, such as zebra and quagga mussels, are a major threat to jurisdictions across western North America, with the potential to cause severe economic damage to water infrastructure, hydro facilities, irrigation and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS control options for zebra and quagga mussels are expensive and challenging once introduced; prevention is priority to avoid significant impacts to our vital freshwater resources, water infrastructure and overall water quality; and

WHEREAS infestation remains absent or low in many western states and provinces and that jurisdictions in both the U.S. and Canada have a mutual interest in preventing the further spread of invasive mussels; and

WHEREAS state and provincial governments are the primary jurisdictions to action prevention, educate the public and monitor waterbodies to ensure measures are taken against invasive mussels.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CSG West member jurisdictions support continued harmonizing control practices for aquatic invasive species, including watercraft inspections, decontamination, public education campaigns, waterbody monitoring, rapid response planning, and policy and legislation; and

RESOLVED, that CSG West members support the continued rapid sharing of information regarding the movement of fouled watercraft and newly observed infestations of invasive species; and

RESOLVED, that CSG West member jurisdictions encourage their federal counterparts to invest more on enhancing and coordinating prevention efforts for invasive aquatic invasive species, including the implementation of mandatory inspections at international border crossings; and

RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted to appropriate provincial, territorial, state, and federal officials.

Adopted by the CSG West Executive Committee on July 12, 2024, during the CSG West Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon.