



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

RESOLUTION 2022-01

SHORT TITLE: Supporting the Recommendations of the HAB Work Group

SPONSOR CD: Whidbey Island CD

AREA: NW SW NC SC NE SE

RESOLUTION TYPE:

- Policy
- Position Statement
- Recognition
- Study

RESOLUTION ACTION AGENCY (check any option that applies):

- WACD
- WSCC
- OTHER STATE AGENCY Dept. of Ecology, Dept. of Health, WDFW, WSDA
- NRCS
- NACD
- NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER Washington Lake Protection Assn

BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT: In 2021, WACD adopted a resolution to organize a work group to study and report back on the growing issue of harmful algae blooms in Washington's freshwaters. This group of interested districts and affiliated technical advisory committee members issued a report with recommended actions that conservation districts could take to reduce the frequency and duration of harmful algae blooms in Washington.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE: That WACD support the recommendations of the Harmful Algae Bloom Work Group and actively pursues their implementation through the state legislature and local, state, and federal agencies.

TYPE OF TEXT OF RESOLUTION (check all boxes that apply):

- Technical (changes address grammar, punctuation, sentence flow and makes **NO** substantive change(s) to the existing policy.
- Substantive change to existing policy. If in doubt, check the box.
- New policy.

ARE WACD RESOURCES (FUNDING, STAFF CAPACITY, ETC.) REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY?

- NO
- YES (briefly explain): WACD's staff and lobbyist time and effort will be necessary to implement the policy.