

**RESOLUTION #5—2023
Regular Winter Session**

Submitted by
Board of Directors

**CONSOLIDATED POLICY ON HARMONIZED APPROACH TO VOLUNTARY AND
REGULATED AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH PROGRAMS**

RESOLVED that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the consolidated policy on Harmonized Approach to Voluntary and Regulated Aquatic Animal Health Programs ([attachment 1](#)), which will supersede the following policies: Uniform Jurisdiction for Aquatic Veterinary and Animal Health Programs, Harmonization of Aquatic Health Programs, Aquatic Animal Health and Disease Regulations, and National Aquatic Animal Health Plan Implementation.

Statement about the Resolution

The Aquatic Veterinary Medicine Committee (AqVMC) worked to consolidate some of the AVMA policies related to aquatic animal medicine. The proposed consolidated policy provides a better understanding of alignment among state aquatic veterinary medicine oversight entities in addition to endorsing federal programs. There is no substantive change to the language of the several policies in the consolidated policy.

[Attachment 1](#) is a clean copy of the consolidated policy.

[Attachment 2](#) is a color-coded copy of the consolidated policy that shows where text from the other policies that will be superseded comes from.

Financial Impact: None

| | Board of Directors | House Advisory Committee | Reference Committee #4 | House of Delegates |
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| Recommend Approval | X | X | X (amended as noted below*) | X (amended as noted below*) |
| Recommend Disapproval | | | | |
| Recommend Referral to... | | | | |
| No Recommendation | | | | |
| Recommend Postpone Indefinitely | | | | |

(use this space for additional narrative, if needed)

***Consolidated Policy on Harmonized Approach to Voluntary and Regulated Aquatic Animal Health Programs**

1 – Insert “introduction of non-native species” between “zoonotic diseases” and “seafood safety” in section 2b.

2 – Strike “nurses and” in section 2f.