## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 23-253

## AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT SWMCC05-23 WITH LAKE DEFENSE FORCE CORPORATION FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT DIVING SERVICES

WHEREAS, invasive aquatic species are harming the ecological health and recreational suitability of several lakes in Snohomish County including Lakes Goodwin, Shoecraft, Roesiger, Sunday, Gissberg/Twin and Serene; and

WHEREAS, community members at Lakes Goodwin, Shoecraft and Roesiger currently pay an annual Surface Water Management (SWM) utility surcharge for invasive plant management services; and

WHEREAS, as part of an integrated approach to aquatic invasive species management, the County has determined a need for the specialized skills of a consultant to provide diver services including diver surveys and the removal of invasive aquatic plants by hand-pulling and Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH); and

WHEREAS, Lake Defense Force Corporation responded to Request for Proposal (RFP-23-011TB) and was selected through established Federal, State and County policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, Council's approval of this Agreement will allow SWM to utilize Lake Defense Force Corporation for invasive aquatic plant services through 2026 or as extended;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council approves and authorizes the Snohomish County Executive to sign and execute Professional Services Agreement SWMCC05-23 with Lake Defense Force Corporation in the amount of \$373,000 and further authorizes the Director of Conservation and Natural Resources to approve and sign contract amendments that in aggregate increase the original contract amount by no more than 20%.

PASSED this 28th day of June, 2023.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

<u>Jared Mead</u> Council Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of the Council