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### **SPRAYING IN THE DELTA WILL FINALLY BEGIN**

SACRAMENTO-Water Hyacinth has wreaked havoc on those that rely on the Delta for their livelihood and recreation. This non-native floating plant has caused headaches for marina owners who have had an almost daily battle to keep the channel and waterways open for boaters.

As chair of the Senate Sub-Committee on Invasive Species, Cathleen Galgiani has been a driving force in bringing all the parties to the table to cut the bureaucratic red tape and get the needed spraying program back on track.

Today's announcement that the California Department of Boating and Waterways has obtained the necessary permits for this early season's spraying is good news for the Delta. Spraying is expected to start as early as next week. "I am pleased that we were able to work together to secure the necessary permits to begin spraying in the Delta. Protecting the Delta is one of my highest priorities and I applaud all that were involved to help get rid of this floating menace", said Senator Galgiani upon hearing the news that the spraying will finally begin.

To underscore the effect this problem has had on local business Stockton Chamber of Commerce CEO Doug W. Wilhoit Jr. had this to say, "This long and frustrating process of getting the 'ugly hyacinth weed' sprayed early enough to make sure our Delta and marinas, including the Downtown Stockton Marina, has been a team effort lead by Senator Cathleen Galgiani! A big thanks to her and all who worked hard on this issue and now those responsible MUST stay ahead of it!".

A public notice and map of treatment sites will be posted on the website of the Department of Boating and Waterways later on today at <http://www.dbw.ca.gov/>.

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*Senator Cathleen Galgiani represents the 5<sup>th</sup> Senate District which includes all of San Joaquin County and portions of both Stanislaus County and Sacramento County.*