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Regional Framework for Preventing an Introduction of Dreissenids to the Pacific Northwest



Regional Defense

Using resources in a cost-effective, interjurisdictional, coordinated response to prevent mussels from entering unfested areas and to contain AIS at their source

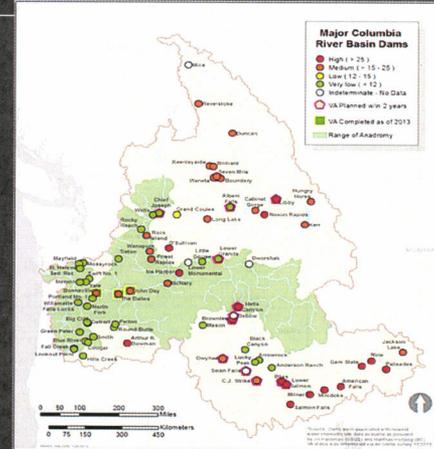


Support appropriation of WRDA funds to Columbia River Basin dreissenid activities

Water Resources Development Act (signed June 2014)

- Section 5007
 - Authorizes the Secretary (of the Army) to establish a program to prevent and manage aquatic invasive species in the Columbia River Basin in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Directs the Secretary to establish watercraft inspection stations in the Basin at locations having the highest likelihood of preventing the spread of such species into reservoirs operated and maintained by the Secretary.”
 - Authorizes the Secretary to conduct monitoring and contingency planning that includes conducting risk assessment of each major public and private water resources facility in the Basin, establishing an AIS monitoring program in the Basin, establishing a Basin watershed-wide plan for expedited response to an AIS infestation, and monitoring water quality at facilities owned or managed by the Secretary in the Basin.
- \$20 million authorized

ISSUE: The funding has not been appropriated to the Basin.



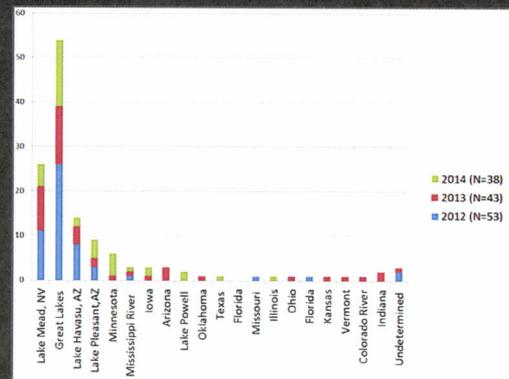
Support mandatory decontamination of fouled watercraft at federally managed waterbodies

Priority One is "Containment at the Source"

- Cost-effective

ISSUE: We need a federally binding decontamination policy for federal waters (excluding the Great Lakes, where source decontamination is unrealistic)

ACTION: Support efforts for the mandatory decontamination of any watercraft/conveyance leaving a federally managed water body.



Support reauthorization of the National Invasive Species Act

Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act (NANPCA) of 1990

- Identify and implement ways to prevent the unintentional introduction and spread of invasive species into waters of the U.S.
- Work toward minimizing economic and ecological impacts of established invasive species
- Establish a program to assist states in the management and removal of invasive species
- NANPCA was reauthorized and amended in 1996 and renamed the National Invasive Species Act (NISA)

ISSUE: Congressional appropriations have never met the amounts authorized in NISA (group of bipartisan legislators wrote the leaders of their respective Appropriations Committees in 2002); other aspects of the legislation need updating to address numerous invasive species issues that have emerged since 1996.

ACTION:

D. Support reauthorization of NISA to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species and minimize the impacts of established invasive species.

Support adding quagga mussels as “Injurious species” under the Lacey Act

The Lacey Act

- Enacted in 1900
- Administered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Prohibits the interstate transport of wildlife killed or taken in violation of state law
- Amended in 1981 and 2008 to extend protections to plants, increase penalties for violations
- Title 16 prohibits wildlife trafficking and the submission of false records
- Title 18 prohibits the importation and interstate transportation of listed injurious species
 - Zebra mussels are listed as injurious species, but quagga mussels are not

ISSUE: The Lacey Act needs to be reformed to include quagga mussels as injurious to make it illegal to transport across state lines quagga mussels

ACTION: Support reforming the Lacey Act to include quagga mussels as injurious

Communicate the economic and environmental effects of dreissenids

Idaho Invasive Species Act of 2008

- Provided policy direction, planning and authority to combat invasive species and prevent new introductions
- Idaho State Department of Agriculture establishes rules, creates the Idaho Invasive Species Fund (2010 sticker legislation provided the source of funding for this fund), and conducts watercraft inspections

Enacting this legislation was visionary – Idaho became a leader for other PNW states

ISSUE: Other states need to develop and fund Invasive Species Funds and elevate awareness and understanding of the economic and environmental effects of invasive species

ACTIONS:

A. Support/encourage other state legislators to develop similar legislation and funding mechanisms to advance individual state protections and create the capacity needed for states and regional entities to collaborate on regional defense and prevention.

B. Discuss the economic and environmental effects of invasive species on Idaho’s agricultural, recreational and other industries with Congressional members.

2014 Montana watercraft inspection/interception program data

Number of boats inspected: 34,121

Contaminated dreissenid boats inspected: 3

| Origin of intercepted contaminated boat | Destination of intercepted contaminated boat |
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| Oakville, Ontario | Bothell, Washington |
| Lake Erie, Ohio | Missoula, Montana |
| Lake Michigan, Indiana | Lima, Montana |



Montana Case Studies “The Hawkeye Boat” - 2013

INCIDENT DETAILS:

Species Found: Zebra Mussels
Alive/Dead: Dead
Date Inspected: June 29, 2013
Date Decon: July 2, 2013
Boat From: Iowa
Destination: Swan Lake, MT
Found by: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks



Dead mussels removed from two through-hull fittings from the Hawkeye Boat

Montana Case Studies “Bound for Washington” - 2014

INCIDENT DETAILS:

Species Found: Zebra Mussels
Alive/Dead: Dead
Date Inspected: June 23, 2014
Date Decon: Week of June 23, 2014
Boat From: Lake Ontario
Destination: State of Washington
Found by: Hardin Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Station



Zebra mussels found on watercraft at Dillon AIS inspection station

Montana Case Studies “Milfoil on the Move” - 2014

INCIDENT DETAILS:

Species Found: Eurasian Watermilfoil
 Alive/Dead: Alive
 Date Inspected: August 16, 2014
 Date Decon: August 16, 2014
 Boat From: Lake Coeur d’ Alene, ID
 Destination: Flathead Lake, MT
 Found by: Ronan Watercraft Inspection and
 Decontamination Station



Eurasian watermilfoil found on watercraft at
Thompson Falls inspection station

Another Success: Thompson Falls Inspection station has been an integral part in preventing the eastern spread of Eurasian watermilfoil and curly-leaf pondweed.

Summary

- I. Support appropriation of WRDA funds to Columbia River Basin dreissenid activities.
- II. Support mandatory decontamination of fouled watercraft at federally managed waterbodies.
- III. Support reauthorization of the National Invasive Species Act.
- IV. Support adding quagga mussels as “Injurious species” under the Lacey Act.
- V. Communicate the economic and environmental effects of dreissenids.