

# AIS Legislative Report



CRB Team Meeting

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# S. 1149 , Recovering Americas Wildlife Act (RAWA) (3/31/23) Heinrich (D-N.M.) and Tillis (R-N.C.) .

Funds conservation efforts for more than 12,000 species of wildlife and plants in need of assistance by providing **\$1.4 billion** in dedicated annual funding

Provides Tribal nations \$97.5 million annually to fund proactive wildlife conservation efforts

Ensures wildlife recovery efforts will be guided by the Congressionally-mandated State Wildlife Action Plans, which identify strategies to restore .. species of greatest conservation need.

Accelerates the recovery of approximately 1,600 U.S. species already listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act.

Includes improvements to ensure funds are appropriately targeted to the areas of greatest need and facilitate additional investments in protecting at-risk plant species.

RAWA is supported by over 60 Tribes/1,500 organizations representing state fish and wildlife agencies, sportsmen/women, conservation groups, and industry associations and businesses.

**NOTES:** (d) WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.—(E) To manage, control, and prevent invasive species as well as diseases and other risks to wildlife.

*House companion bill coming, still working on funding mechanism*

# H.R.1452 - To amend the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 to direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to provide certain data related to water quality, and for other purposes. (3/8/23), Garamendi (D-CA)

“The Commandant of the Coast Guard shall, upon request by any State, the District of Columbia, or territory of the United States, provide all data possessed by the Coast Guard pertaining to challenge water quality characteristics, challenge water biological organism concentrations, post-treatment water quality characteristics, and post-treatment biological organism concentrations data for a ballast water management system with a type approval certificate approved by the Coast Guard pursuant to subpart 162.060 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor Federal regulations).

**NOTES:** Re-introduced from last year, didn't make final in 2022 coast guard re-authorization

# S.873 America's Outdoor Recreation Act of 2023 (3/20/23)

## Barrasso (WY) and Manchin (D-WV)

(b) AUTHORITY OF BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, AND FOREST SERVICE WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN AQUATIC RESOURCE ACTIVITIES ON FEDERAL LAND AND WATER.

- 1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries **may** inspect and decontaminate vessels entering or leaving Federal land and water located within a river basin that contains a Bureau of Reclamation water project.



## S.873 (Cont'd)

### (c) GRANT PROGRAM FOR RECLAMATION STATES FOR VESSEL INSPECTION AND DECONTAMINATION STATIONS.

(1) VESSELS INSPECTIONS IN RECLAMATION STATES.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, shall establish a competitive grant program to provide grants to partners to conduct inspections and decontamination of vessels operating in reservoirs operated and maintained by the Secretary, including to purchase, establish, operate, or maintain a vessel inspection and decontamination station.

(2) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a grant under paragraph (1), including personnel costs, shall not exceed **75%**

***(4) LIMITATION.—The Secretaries shall not prohibit access to Federal land and water for vessels under this subsection in the absence of an inspector.***



**Now What: Passed out of Committee on Energy and Natural Resources 5/17/23. No House companion.**

**Notes:** Reintroduced, Another similar bill introduced last congress by Bennet/Daines “Stop the Spread of Invasive Mussels Act”..will that be re-introduced?

# H.R.210 - Stamp Out Invasive Species Act (Stefanik, R-NY, 1/19/23)

This bill would direct the United States Postal Service to issue a “Combating Invasive Species Semipostal Stamp.” Net proceeds from the sale of this stamp would be directed to the United States Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior for programs that combat invasive species.

**Notes:** Re-introduced. Additionally on 3/17/23 Stefanik, Thompson (D-CA) Call on USPS to Issue Stamp to Combat Invasive Species

**S.773// H.R.1560 —Public Water Supply Invasive Species Compliance Act** (Cruz (R-TX) (03/09/23) - exempts certain interstate water transfers from prohibitions on the illegal trade of wildlife, fish, or plants. Re-introduced

**S.771// H.R.1558 — Saving America's Vulnerable and Endangered Species Act or the (SAVES) Act.** (Cruz R-TX, 03/09/23) This bill prohibits a living nonnative species from being listed as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Re-introduced

**H.R. 866:** Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1], Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act..marine debris

**H.R.2881: : Hawai'i Invasive Species Protection Act Reps, Ed Case (HI-01), and Congresswoman Jill Tokuda (HI-02):** a bill to require that baggage and cargo transporting into the State of Hawai'i by air or sea be pre-inspected for invasive species and high-risk agricultural materials, in the same manner as similar baggage and cargo transported to the U.S. mainland must be inspected pre-departure.

**S.1238: Invasive Species Prevention and Forest Restoration Act—Welch, Peter** [Sen.-D-VT] (Introduced 04/20/2023)

# APPROPRIATIONS

- ‘Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023’ (H.R. 3746, “Debt Deal”): Top-line spending numbers set for the next two years
- Appropriators from both sides of the aisle said they would work to pass the spending bills on time [**By 10/1/23**], getting them to the floor in order to avoid a 1 percent spending cut, mandated by the debt limit agreement,
- NOAA FY2023 BUDGET : Coastal Aquatic Invasive Species Mitigation Grant Program [authorized by Public Law 115 - 282 - Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (S.140)]
  - FY 2023 Approps: The agreement modifies House language regarding the "Coastal Aquatic Invasive Species Mitigation Grant Program," to encourage NOAA to establish the program within available funds. [**NFWF**]
    - Fund state ballast water programs
    - **NOW WHAT: DOA because of Debt Deal?**
- European Green Crab .. FY 2024 appropriation/earmark Request
  - Rep Petlota (D-AK) European Green Crab Control and Eradication Project  
Recipient: Metlakatla Indian Community, 900 Milton St., Box 532, Metlakatla, AK 99926. Amount Requested: \$500,000



# DISCUSSION

- NOAA Office of Invasive Species ..language being drafted by congressional staff
- WRDA APC-WID 50/50 match requirement, change to 75/25 (2024)
- [AIS Leg Tracker](https://www.westernais.org/) -- <https://www.westernais.org/> “Legislation and Regulations” and then “Federal and State Regulations

**Thank You!**

**Questions?**

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