

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FISH AND AQUATIC CONSERVATION

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM UPDATE

Columbia River Basin 100th Meridian Working Group Coordination Meeting - December 12-13, 2023

Program Priorities



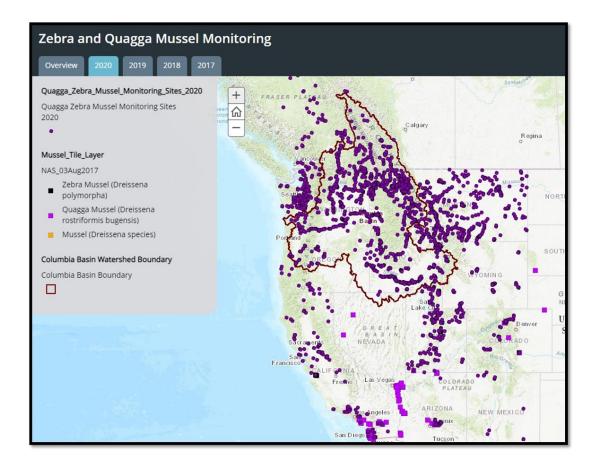


Prevention

- Horizon Scanning
- Risk Assessments (species), HACCP (activities)
- Early Detection
 - Broad Spectrum Monitoring
- Targeted Species Monitoring
- Rapid Response
- Control / Management
 - YY male fish (brook trout) pilot project
- Coordination / Communication

Monitoring

- Visual inspection surveys
- eDNA monitoring
 - Zebra & Quagga mussel
 - Northern pike
 - Common carp
 - New Zealand mudsnail



• FY24 – working to develop validated eDNA primers for high priority AIS for surveillance at NFH

Priority Aquatic Invasive Species

- Mystery snail(s)
- Rusty crayfish
- Marbled crayfish
- Eurasian watermilfoil
- Hydrilla
- American bullfrog
- Spiny waterflea

- Largemouth bass
- Smallmouth bass
- walleye
- Brook trout
- Invasive carp species
- Large scale loach
- Round goby

YY Brook Trout Stocking

- Tyee Springs / Wind River
- Stocking YY Brook Trout
- Annual Brook Trout removal
- PIT array to monitor movement and survival of YY brook trout



European Green Crab

- Ongoing monitoring / removal
 - Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually NWR Complex
 - Washington Maritime NWR Complex (including Dungeness NWR)
 - Willapa Bay NWR Complex
- Puget Sound Federal Task Force
- ANSTF Control Plan



Funding

FY24 State ANS Plan Grants
Quagga / Zebra Mussel Action Plan Funds
Inter-Agency Agreement

- Watercraft Inspection database
- Watercraft Inspection training

Aspects of the Invasion Management Process

