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Pacific Ballast Water Group
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AIS LEGISLATION/APPROPS

118th Congress



APPROPRIATIONS/VIDA

- 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)]
 - 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?? Duh?

- Recovering America's Wildlife Act -- Provide state and territorial wildlife agencies with up to \$1.4B annually so they can implement their federally-approved Wildlife Action Plans.
 - Failed in 2022...soclose
 - About to be re-introduced
- "America's Outdoor Recreation Act." Sens. Manchin (D-WV) Barrasso (R-WY)
 - Reintroduced but modified from 2022/21 version
 - BOR 75/25 Cost Share for VESSEL INSPECTION AND DECONTAMINATION STATIONS.—

DISCUSSION

- NOAA Office of Invasive Species
- Litigation
- Future Meetings
- PBWG and “Biofouling”