

# RIVERS AND HARBORS ACT OF 1958, AS AMENDED

## WATERCRAFT INSPECTION & DECONTAMINATION, MONITORING, AND RAPID RESPONSE

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## Columbia River Basin

- Active cost-shares
- WA, OR, ID, MT, WY, NV

## Upper Missouri River Basin

- LR/PEA Signed
- PPA Signed\* w/ ND, SD

## Upper Colorado River Basin

- LR/PEA Signed
- PPA Signed w/ CO, UT

## South Platte River Basin\*

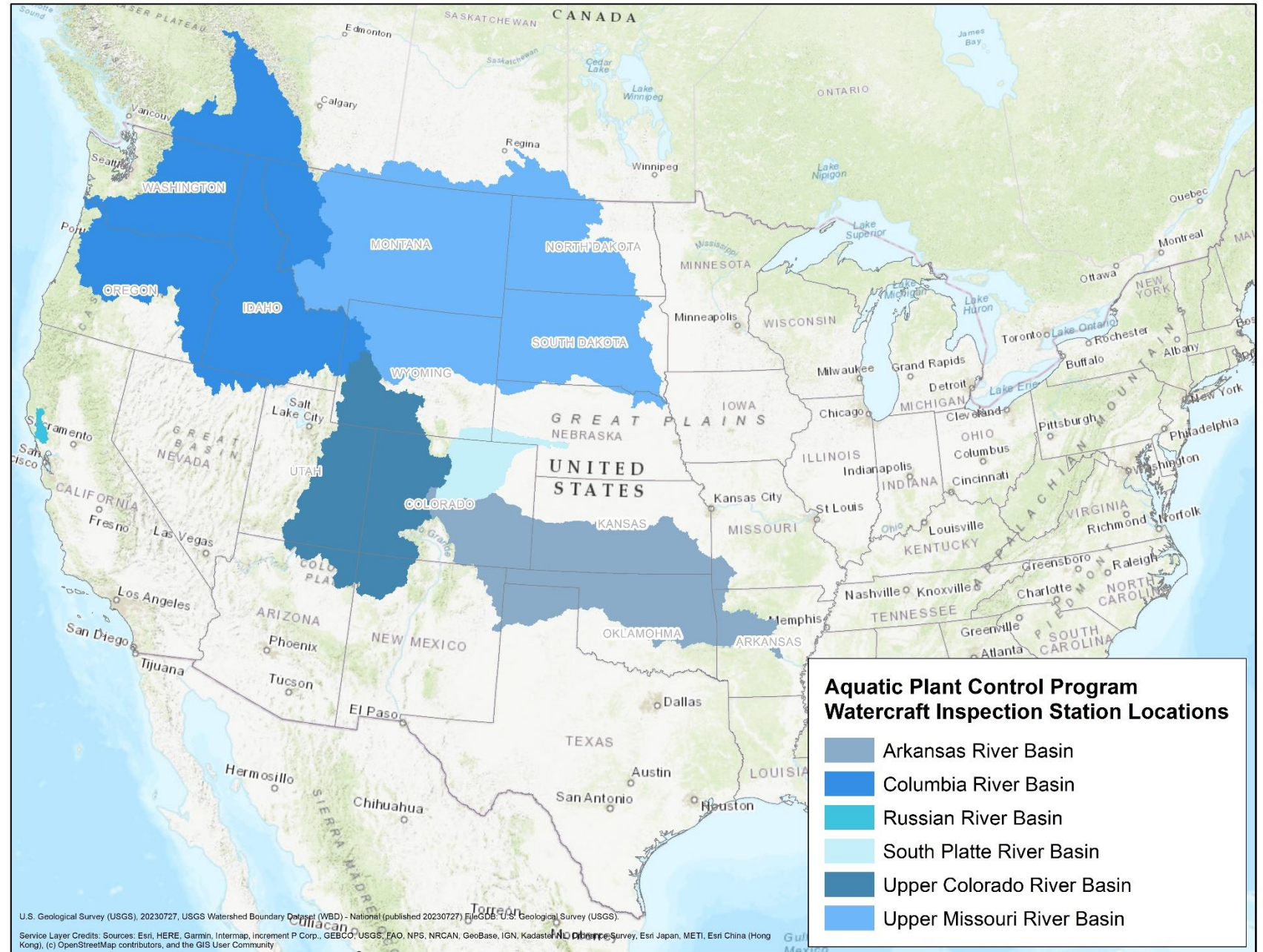
- LR/PEA Signed

## Arkansas River Basin

- LR/PEA in ATR/Public Review

## Russian River Basin

- Lessons Learned incorporated
- DQC Review



## U.S. Canada Border Region

### Midwest WID

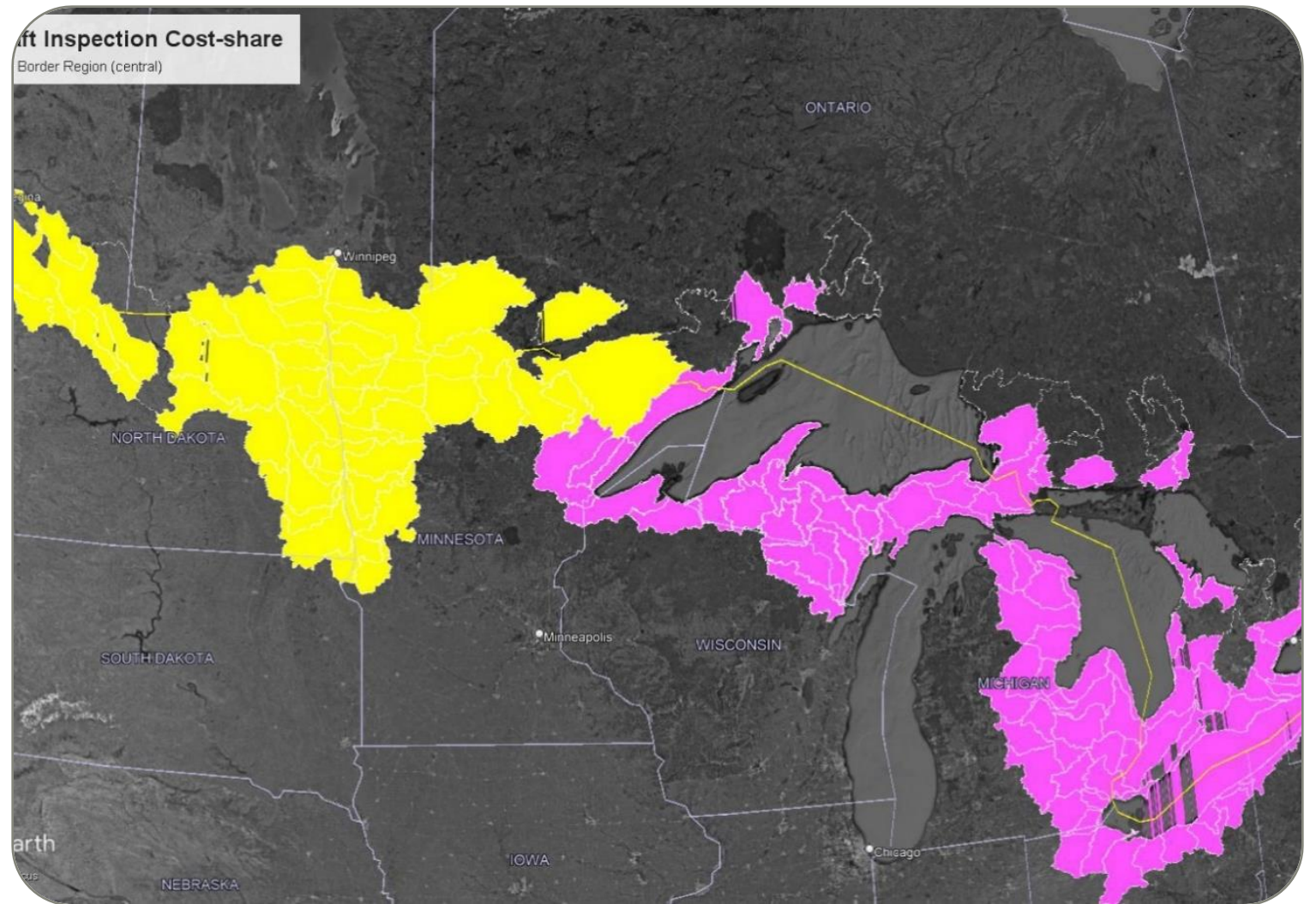
- MVD/MVP likely taking lead
- MN, WI, MI

### Other Regions

- Scoping potentials for eastern states

### International

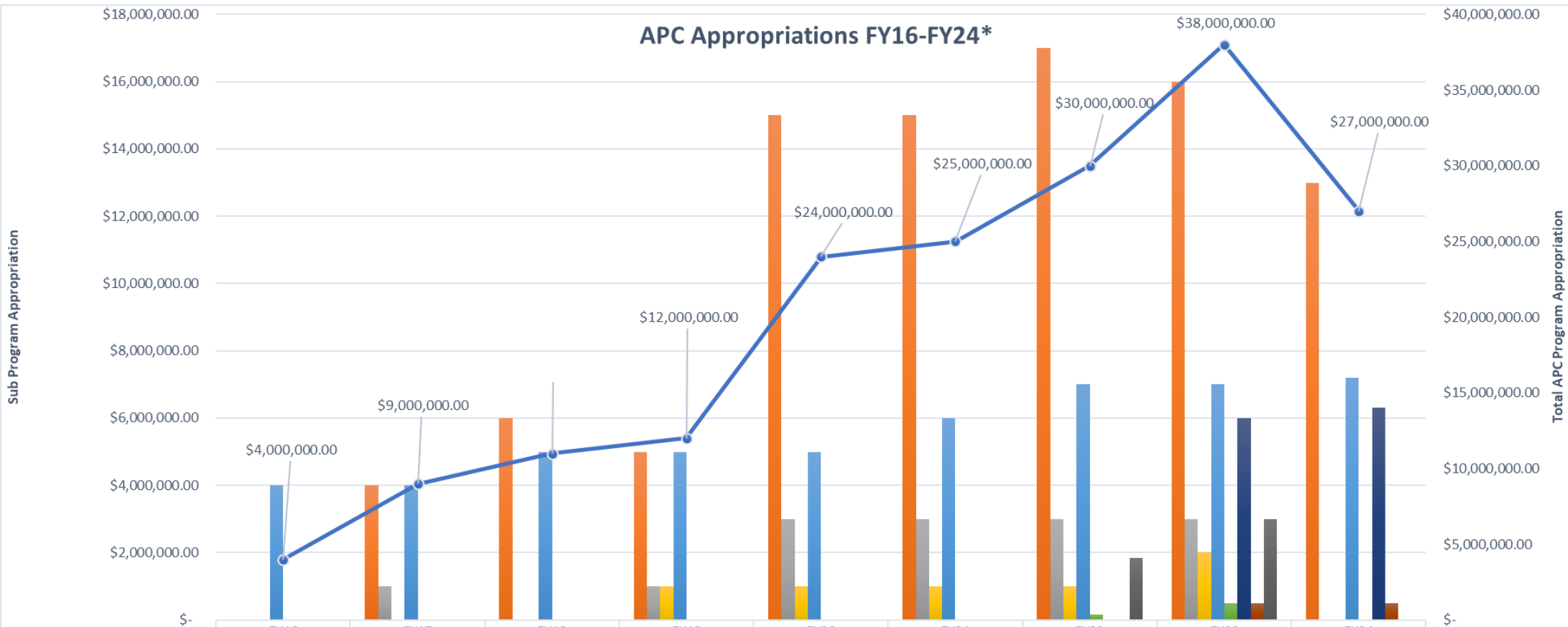
- Working international MOU for AIS cooperation



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### APC Appropriations FY16-FY24\*



	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
WID & RR		\$4,000,000.00	\$6,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00	\$17,000,000.00	\$16,000,000.00	\$13,000,000.00
Monitoring		\$1,000,000.00	\$-	\$1,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$-
Flowering Rush				\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	
R&D of Aquatic Plants	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$6,000,000.00	\$7,000,000.00	\$7,000,000.00	\$7,200,000.00
Sec. 509 WRDA 2020							\$150,000.00	\$500,000.00	
CT Hydrilla								\$6,000,000.00	\$6,300,000.00
MRB Carp Barriers								\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
Remaining	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,850,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$-
<b>Total APC Approp</b>	<b>\$4,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$9,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$11,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$12,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$24,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$25,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$30,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$38,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$27,000,000.00</b>

\* FY24 is from Senate Appropriations Bill. FY24 final appropriations have not passed.



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# GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (GAO) WID PROGRAM CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW

- **Status and Steps**

- GAO Released Final Report on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-24-105960>
- USACE - Finalize Review of Report and Draft Corrective Action Plan
- Assistant Secretary of the Army - Prepare Official Response and Acknowledgement
- Washington Headquarters Services – Review and Submission to GAO

**GAO Review is Good for the Program!**

**USACE was already tracking most GAO findings.**

**Provides supporting justification to make improvements.**

## **Recommendation 1**

*...develop a system, in consultation with states, to collect timely, accurate, and consistent watercraft inspection and decontamination-related data from states in an effective and efficient manner.*

## **Recommendation 2**

*...update the Corps' internal guidance to better meet statutory requirements, including placing watercraft inspection and decontamination stations at locations with the highest likelihood of preventing the introduction or spread of aquatic invasive species*

## **Recommendation 3**

*...develop a strategic plan that incorporates all basins and waters the Corps is directed to protect under the Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Program and that includes clear goals and objectives, measurable targets, and accountable milestones.*



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