



Aquatic Invasive Species News

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RECOMMENDED READING

[Idaho has had no new detection of an invasive mussel. How long until an infestation?](#)

In September 2023, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture reported the first detection in Idaho of quagga mussels, an invasive species, in the Snake River in Twin Falls. If the species isn't eliminated, it can affect agriculture, power generation, and wildlife, clogging up irrigation systems and even hydroelectric plants. But Idaho officials remain optimistic that the state can prevent a full infestation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

[Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment for Release of *Bagous nodulosus* for Biological Control of Flowering Rush in the Continental United States](#)

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared an environmental assessment relative to permitting the release of the insect, *Bagous nodulosus*, for the biological control of flowering rush (*Butomus umbellatus*) in the continental United States. Based on the environmental assessment and other relevant data, we have reached a preliminary determination that the release of this control agent within the continental United States will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. We are making the environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or **before October 3, 2024.**

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NEW SPECIES & SIGHTINGS

Want to get more new species alerts?

USGS NAS: <https://nas.er.usgs.gov/AlertSystem/default.aspx>

IMAP INVASIVES: <https://www.imapinvasives.org>

Dreissenids:

[Colorado] [*Dreissena polymorpha* \(zebra mussel\)](#) has raised special interest in Colorado River upstream of Grand Valley Water Users Canal diversion, near De Beque [[USGS NAS](#)]

[Minnesota]

[Zebra mussels confirmed in Freeborn Lake in Douglas County \(8/23/24\)](#)

[Zebra mussels confirmed in Big Carnelian Lake in Washington County \(8/23/24\)](#)

[Zebra mussels confirmed in East Twin Lake in Lyon County \(8/23/24\)](#)

[Video] [35 years since first zebra mussels discovered in Minnesota, where are we now?](#)

[North Dakota]

[Zebra Mussels Discovered in South Golden Lake \(9/3/24\)](#) The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has confirmed the presence of invasive zebra mussels in South Golden Lake, Steele County, after detecting zebra mussel veligers in routine net samples. Department aquatic nuisance species coordinator Ben Holen said subsequent follow-up sampling found additional adult mussels in the lake. The 331-acre lake is a popular recreation destination located 13 miles southwest of Hatton.

[Oklahoma]

[Dreissena polymorpha \(zebra mussel\)](#) was found in Fort Supply Lake [[USGS NAS](#)] and in Dave Boyer Lake [[USGS NAS](#)]

[Wisconsin]

[Wisconsin DNR identifies quagga mussels in Geneva Lake \(8/28/24\)](#)

Other:

[Texas]

[Monopterus cuchia \(cuchia\)](#) was found in Lake Houston, TX [[USGS NAS](#)]

[Washington]

[Fundulus diaphanus \(Banded Killifish\)](#) was found in Yakima River, left bank just downstream of I-182 bridges [[USGS NAS](#)]

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WATCH LIST

- Alaska: Report your sightings via the [ADF&G Invasive Species Reporter](#) or by calling the Invasive Species Hotline: 877-INVASIV (877-468-2748). If you locate invasive green crab on Annette Islands Reserve, you can call 907-886-FISH to make a report.
- British Columbia: Take a photo, put it back where you found it, and email the information about where you saw it and when to: AISPACIoFIC@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
- Washington: Take a photo, put it back where you found it, and report suspect crabs here <http://wdfw.wa.gov/greencrab>
- Oregon: Retain green crab caught in your gear - it is illegal to return them to state waters. They are part of your "Other Shellfish" daily catch limit. Try them as food with the rest of your catch. Do not mutilate or kill any crab while you are crabbing

DREISSENIID MUSSELS

[So far, Idaho officials have not discovered more invasive quagga mussels \(8/14/24\)](#) State officials have not detected viable quagga mussels since resuming water sampling this spring, Idaho State Department of Agriculture Director Chanel Tewalt said.

[Idaho Confirms the Presence of Non-Living Zebra Mussels in Aquarium Product \(08/19/24\)](#) ISDA staff will continue inspections at local pet and aquarium stores to ensure product being sold is clean.

[Experts sound alarm after finding invasive species capable of wiping out ecosystem in major US river: 'The ramifications cannot be underestimated or overstated' \(8/19/24\)](#) "Having our canal and the Colorado River test positive increases the threat of this invasive species. From irrigation to drinking water, the ramifications cannot be underestimated or overstated," as Tina Bergonzini, general manager of the Grand Valley Water Users Association.

[Gavins Point Dam: Protecting the environment, zebra mussel mitigation a priority \(8/28/24\)](#) In 2017, the powerplant installed two mitigation systems to help keep zebra mussels at bay. The invasive species can clog water intakes at power plants and cause millions in damages. The two systems, installed at each end of the powerplant, help eradicate the zebra mussels as the water enters the powerplant.

[Underwater curtain at Clear Lake dislodged days after completion, zebra mussels still not contained \(9/4/24\)](#) Wasagaming cottagers fear Parks Canada missed early window to slow or stop spread of invasive species

BOAT INSPECTION/DECON

[Parks Canada advocates for Clean Drain and Dry \(8/14/24\)](#) Clean Drain Dry is a preventative process recreational boat users are asked to diligently perform when moving their boats between waterbodies, lakes, rivers to prevent infestation of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), particularly Zebra and Quagga Mussels, entering Prince Albert National Park and Saskatchewan waterways, lakes and rivers.

[Alberta campaigns against potential mussel invasion \(8/22/24\)](#) Alberta, Minister Schulz said, is currently zebra and quagga mussel free, but more and more detections are being reported across Canada and the U.S. and eight such contaminated water crops have been intercepted this year already. That, Minister Schulz stated, is why Alberta is setting the highest fines in North America to protect the province from these dangerous invasive species.

[Threat of invasive mussels means all boats will be inspected at 2 SLO County lakes \(8/28/24\)](#) To combat the threat of invasive shellfish, the San Luis Obispo County Parks and Recreation Department is strengthening its boat inspection protocols at Lopez Lake and Santa Margarita Lake.

[Lake host catches invasive Zebra Mussels on boat before launching at Conway Lake \(video\)](#)

[Over 9,500 boats inspected for quagga mussels during Labor Day weekend in Utah \(9/3/24\)](#)

BALLAST WATER/BIOFOULING

[Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement on Type-Approval Testing Methods for Ballast Water Management Systems That Render Organisms Nonviable in Ballast Water \(8/28/24\)](#)

[US Congress mandates transparency in ballast water data \(8/30/24\)](#) New legislation requires the US Coast Guard to provide detailed data on ballast water treatment systems to enhance environmental oversight

Gehret, C.A., Bubser, C., Miller, W. *et al.* Carryover effects of salinity impact propagule release by a common marine biofouling species. *Biol Invasions* **26**, 3329–3340 (2024).
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10530-024-03380-9>

MARINE

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[TPWD encourages eating lionfish after one was found snacking \(8/23/24\)](#) The state agency is encouraging Texans to eat more red lionfish after a member of the highly invasive species was caught snacking on a juvenile cocoa damselfish, native to the Gulf of Mexico, at an artificial reef site off of the state's coastline. While strikingly beautiful, the large, venomous fish indigenous to the West Pacific are a threat to local marine systems, gorging themselves on native species at a highly alarming rate.

Griffen, B.D., Bolander, M., Fletcher, L.S. *et al.* Factors influencing variation in reproduction in invasive species: a case study of the Asian shore crab *Hemigrapsus sanguineus*. *Biol Invasions* **26**, 3243–3255 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10530-024-03382-7>

GREEN (5-SPINED) CRAB

[Petersburg Mobilizes Against Invasive Green Crabs on Alaska's Shores \(8/26/24\)](#) The European Green Crab, a small but formidable invasive species, has recently made its way into the waters of Southeast Alaska. In response, Petersburg residents are increasing their efforts to track and combat this unwelcome visitor.

[European green crabs detected in Quillayute River estuary near La Push \(8/19/24\)](#) The week of Aug. 5-8, the Quileute Tribe, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC), and Washington Sea Grant conducted a joint survey for EGC near the port of La Push. Trap sites included the Quileute Marina on the Quileute Reservation, as well as nearby areas within the Quillayute River estuary.

AQUACULTURE

[NOAA and State of Alaska Release Summary Report for Aquaculture Opportunity Area Spatial Planning Workshops \(8/14/24\)](#) Summary report presents key outputs from a two-part workshop series focused on Aquaculture Opportunity Area spatial planning in Alaska state waters.

[BC salmon farmers cite fresh sea lice data to fight net-pen ban \(8/14/24\)](#) A recently released review of data from the Norwegian salmon-farming industry is renewing calls from salmon farmers in British Columbia, Canada, for officials to take a closer look at the relationship between farmed and wild salmon before the ban on open net-pen farming in the province comes into effect.

FRESHWATER

[Officials enact largest-of-its-kind invasive species removal project in iconic US lake: 'We'll know by the end of the season' \(8/28/24\)](#) Lake Tahoe is one of the top tourist destinations in the United States, and officials are working to keep it that way. As with other bodies of water, invasive species are a constant threat, and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and U.S. Forest Service are funding management projects, 2 News Nevada reported. Public enemy No. 1 is the New Zealand mud snail, which last year was the first invasive species found in the lake since at least 2008.

Gerber, A.L., Mulligan, H., Kaemingk, M.A. et al. Angler knowledge of live bait regulations and invasive species: insights for invasive species prevention. *Biol Invasions* 26, 3219–3226 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10530-024-03378-3>

FISH

[Beautiful but highly destructive: On the hunt to kill elusive, invasive lionfish on Florida's reefs \(9/3/24\)](#) All told, hundreds of divers across Florida captured more than 30,000 fish during more than 900 trips last year.

[Snakehead fish: The invasive species disaster that wasn't | Video](#)

[Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly, AG Kris Kobach send joint letter opposing Nebraska plan to redirect water \(8/16/24\)](#) Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly and Attorney General Kris Kobach joined forces Friday to oppose Nebraska's planned Platte-Republican interbasin transfer, which they argue would introduce invasive carp that could bring significant harm to Kansas waterways.

[Iowa DNR says uptick in invasive carp due to high water levels \(8/15/24\)](#)

AQUATIC PLANTS

CLIMATE CHANGE

[Rafts of garbage, kelp and other debris could transport alien invaders to a warming Antarctica \(8/22/24\)](#) Antarctica's coastal waters are extremely cold and mostly covered by sea ice. Yet these waters are also home to a surprisingly wide range of unique species...

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

[Citizen Science Data Inform Park Managers of Ecological Threats \(8/24\)](#) National park visitors are using mobile-friendly platforms like iNaturalist to collect valuable data on biodiversity. Their observations help park managers monitor and respond to emerging threats, from stinknet in Saguaro National Park to the hemlock woolly adelgid in Acadia.

[Pacific invasive species battlers embrace traditional knowledge \(8/23/24\)](#) Regional participants attending the sixth Pacific Invasive Learning Network (PILN) meeting reaffirmed the importance of applying Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) and traditional knowledge (TK) principles, to enable invasive species management programmes and activities to become more inclusive, equitable, and effective, ultimately leading to better conservation outcomes in the region.

[Here's what's missing from the invasive species narrative \(8/28/24\)](#) "Shipping, transports, commerce, trade ... it's typically through some kind of economic means," Pfingsten says. To get at the root of the problem, Reo says we humans have to take a concerted look in the mirror — even if it means being slower and stricter about the flow of commerce.

OTHER

[National Aquatic Environmental DNA Strategy: A Report by The eDNA Task Team of The Interagency Working Group on Biodiversity of The Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology Committee on Environment of The National Science & Technology Council 2024](#)

[Building a Market for Invasive Species \(9/4/24\)](#) Across the United States, chefs are seeking out invasive species for restaurant menus, hoping to build up ecological resilience while creating new income streams for vendors, and educating people about the impact of food choices.

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Simberloff, D. Anguished appraisal of eradicating non-native species. *Biol Invasions* 26, 3543–3545 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10530-024-03393-4> [\$]

[Researchers predict the invasive 'ManhattAnt' could make its way up north, including to Connecticut \(8/16/24\)](#)

JOBS/GRANTS

New:

- *The Office of Personnel Management launched a [new portal](#) as part of USAJOBS for students interested in applying for internships at federal agencies, billed as a “one-stop shop” for those interested in exploring a career in government.*
- *Are you ready to make a contribution to fisheries on the West Coast? Begin your job search and application process by searching for [specific jobs at PSMFC](#)*

Jobs

[Invasive Species Program Support Specialist](#)

Sheridan County Weed and Pest (County) | <https://www.scweeds.com/>

Posting: <https://www.scweeds.com/program-support-specialist>

Application Deadline: **open until filled**

Location: Sheridan, WY 82801, USA

Description

Sheridan County Weed and Pest (SCWP) is seeking an enthusiastic and driven invasive species program support specialist to assist the district in implementation of district programs in accordance with local, state, and federal guidelines.

The Invasive Species Program Support Specialist will participate in the following district programs: mosquito mitigation, grasshopper mitigation, leafy spurge biocontrol, weed-free hay certification, and right-of-way weed control. The successful applicant, under the direction of the district supervisor, shall assist with collection and identification of weed and insect specimens, testing of mosquitoes for presence of West Nile virus, distribution and monitoring of leafy spurge beetles, equipment maintenance and repair, public interaction and education, and more. Other duties include, but are not limited to, reports, grant applications, and data compilation. Duties will be highly variable depending on season and need. Most field activities occur during the summer and mid-winter, and office duties in the autumn and spring. Specific training in invasive species programs will be provided by SCWP.

[Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Employment Job Posting](#)

AGFC Invasive Carp Biologist - Biologist II POSITION NO: 22183303

Advertisement Closes: Sept. 13, 2024

Full Time: Yes

Salary: \$54,860.00 - \$80,624.00 Annually

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The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) Biologist II is responsible for supervising wildlife or fisheries management areas. This position is governed by state and federal laws and agency policy.

Typical Functions:

Plans and conducts various biological surveys to investigate population, habitat, and ecology of game and fish species and conducts studies of game and fish propagation, cultivation, and harvest.

Analyzes and evaluates survey and sampling data and writes reports describing the results of the data and makes recommendations on game and fish populations.

Directs the development of various wildlife management areas or fish propagation and cultivation and treatment plans based on district management plans. Assists supervisor with districts' annual budgetary projections, prepares various reports and purchase orders, requisitions for equipment, supplies, and parts, and prepares monthly activity reports.

[Education + Outreach Coordinator](#) - East Kootenay Invasive Species Council

Are you passionate about education, the environment, and making a real impact? Join the East Kootenay Invasive Species Council as our new Education + Outreach Coordinator! The Education + Outreach Coordinator is a KEY role at EKISC, leading exciting initiatives to raise awareness about invasive species, coordinating dynamic outreach programs, and guiding a small team of enthusiastic summer students. If you're a creative, organized, and social media-savvy with a love for the natural world, we want you! This is a flexible, home-based position in the beautiful East Kootenay region with great benefits, including health and dental, and opportunities for professional growth.

Closing date: September 13th, 2024

Position start date: October 1, 2024

[PhD Assistantship: YY Bullfrogs for Invasive Species Management](#)

[Department of Watershed Sciences](#)

Utah State University, Logan UT

Project Description: We are recruiting a PhD Student to assess innovative methods for invasive population control of American Bullfrog *Lithobates catesbeianus* through the development of YY individuals and modeling their ability to extirpate nuisance populations. Effective management methods to control invasive bullfrogs are lacking and previous examples of successful landscape-scale bullfrog eradication efforts have been incredibly costly in time and resources. The development and release of YY individuals (frogs that are homozygous for the male-coding chromosome) may provide managers an additional tool in the control of invasive bullfrog populations.

Support: Starting annual stipend of \$26,000; plus tuition, fees, and health insurance will be covered.

Closing date: September 27, 2024

Grants

[Rapid Response Fund for Aquatic Invasive Species](#)

Department of the Interior

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Fish and Wildlife Service

This Notice of Funding Opportunity requests proposals for projects that support efforts to plan a response or deploy response measures to a new detection of a potentially invasive species. Response efforts must target an aquatic invasive species, defined as non-native plants or animals that reside in fresh, wetland, estuarine, or marine waters.

This Notice of Funding Opportunity will remain open until July 15, 2024, or until the Rapid Response Fund is depleted. Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis; submitted proposals will be evaluated on a quarterly basis: Proposals submitted from **July 15 – September 15** will be evaluated with an anticipated award date of December 1. All proposals submitted for the Rapid Respond fund will be evaluated using the merit criteria.

The [Oregon Invasive Species Council \(OISC\)](#) is excited to announce that \$150,000 in 2024-2025 biennium funds will be available to the OISC to fund education outreach project grants. The OISC will determine priorities and awards, while the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) oversees the fiscal administration of the OISC Education Outreach Grant Program.

“We want to encourage a variety of applicants,” said Sam Chan, aquatic invasive species expert with Oregon Sea Grant and current chair of the Oregon Invasive Species Council. “The Council is interested in collaborative projects that demonstrate large-scale impacts as well as smaller, meaningful opportunities to engage diverse communities.”

The OISC is hoping to solicit a broad array of applications that serve to inform and engage the public and/or specific audiences on invasive species, their impacts, pathways of introduction, prevention, and management relevant to protecting our clean water, working landscapes, food, wildlife, and the unique beauty of our state for future generations.

- Project budgets must be at least \$5,000. Projects over \$20,000 must show a collaborative, larger-scale watershed, community, or statewide education or outreach impact. Project scalability is desirable. Funding requests must align with the projects’ scale and reach.
- Grants will be awarded based on the availability of funds. Who is eligible to apply? A grant applicant must be an eligible legal entity—a local or tribal government, non-profit organization, educational institution, or individual (an individual is not eligible for indirect or administrative costs). Eligible Legal Entities must have a FEIN number. A state or federal agency may apply for funding only as a co-applicant with an eligible entity.

Project goals should relate to understanding the impacts, spread, prevention, detection, or management of invasive species issues in Oregon and be relevant to protecting our clean water, working landscapes, wildlife, and the unique beauty of our state for future generations.

Important Dates **Application window: August 1, 2024 - October 15, 2024**

Grant Awards announced: January 2025

Grant Cycle Dates: January 2025 - June 30, 2026

Grant application and additional information can be found at

<https://www.oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org/grants>

[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service \(USFWS\) Invasive Species Eradication Funding Opportunity](#)

Requesting proposals that support the eradication of a newly introduced or established invasive species in terrestrial or aquatic habitats of the United States, including the U.S. territories (aquatic habitats include freshwater, wetland, riparian, estuarine, and marine environments).

While preference will be given to proposals that result in eradication of invasive species,

research proposals that advance the effectiveness and availability of eradication tools will be considered.

As part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law authorization for ecosystem restoration, the Department of the Interior (DOI) invested \$3 million to establish an Invasive Species Eradication Funding Opportunity. It is administered within the existing authorities of DOI and administered by the USFWS in collaboration with DOI bureaus. The intent of this funding opportunity is to promote and invest in those projects with a high likelihood of achieving eradication success and that have existing partnerships and plans in place.

Please note that projects responding to founding populations of aquatic invasive species within the early detection and rapid response context should instead apply for funding through the [Rapid Response Fund for Aquatic Invasive Species](#). Projects addressing established aquatic invasive species infestations with a high likelihood of eradication can apply for this Eradication Funding Opportunity.

General information about the funding for invasive species eradication can be found [HERE](#). Additional questions may be directed to myself at jarrad_kosa@fws.gov.

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, on behalf of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, is soliciting proposals for interagency agreement funding to support the response to the ongoing [European green crab emergency](#). Please visit <https://rco.wa.gov/about-us/employment-and-contracts/> for more information about the available funding for public agencies. **(Rolling deadline until funds fully allocated)**

For more information on European green crab and the state response, please visit <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/invasive/carcinus-maenas> and <https://wdfw.wa.gov/news/emergency-measures-deployed-control-invasive-european-green-crabs-washington-waters>

NOAA-NOS-ORR-2025-25974

[FY25 NOAA Marine Debris Removal under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#)

Department of Commerce

DOC NOAA - ERA Production

Closing Date: Jan 31, 2025

This funding opportunity requires a Letter of Intent (LOI) to be submitted to grants.marinedebris@noaa.gov for competitive review before a full proposal can be submitted. LOIs must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, **LOI due September 27, 2024**. If invited, full proposals must then be submitted in Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov>) and validated by eRA on or before 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, January 31, 2025.

The NOAA Marine Debris Program (MDP) is a division of the NOAA Office of Response and Restoration. Authorized in the Marine Debris Act, codified at 33 U.S.C. § 1951 et seq., the NOAA MDP supports the development and implementation of marine debris assessment, removal, and prevention projects that benefit coastal habitat, waterways, and marine and Great Lake resources. Marine debris is defined as "any persistent solid material that is manufactured or processed and directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the marine environment or the Great Lakes" (15 C.F.R. § 909.1). The mission of the NOAA MDP is to investigate and prevent the adverse impacts of marine debris.

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Through this solicitation, NOAA seeks to support large marine debris removal projects with funding available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (PL 117-58). The overall objective of this funding opportunity is to support impactful, large marine debris removal projects that will improve the resilience of the coastal and marine environment. This competition considers impactful projects to be those that will have long-lasting, transformational benefits to marine and coastal NOAA Trust Resources, coastal communities, and/or local economies.

LEGISLATION

Advocacy

State/Provincial

Federal: Executive

[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Announces Almost \\$3 Million to Eradicate Invasive Species, as Part of Investing in America agenda \(8/28/24\)](#) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today announced a \$2.96 million investment from President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for six projects that support eradication of newly introduced or established invasive species in terrestrial or aquatic habitats throughout the United States, including U.S. territories. The projects address a variety of invasive species including plants, rodents and other species that damage ecosystems in Alaska, California, Hawaii, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Washington and other areas nationwide.

Federal: Congressional

[Western Governors advocate for Outdoor Recreation Act and the Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences \(EXPLORE\) Act \(09/03/24\)](#)

In correspondence with Senate leadership and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Western Governors expressed support for provisions within America’s Outdoor Recreation Act and the Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences (EXPLORE) Act. “The West’s world-class outdoor recreation destinations draw increasing numbers of visitors each year,” read the letter of September 3, 2024, signed by Western Governors’ Association Chair, New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, and Vice Chair, Utah Governor Spencer Cox. “However, those areas need support, infrastructure, and tools to manage increasing levels of recreation while maintaining these resources for the enjoyment of all, and for future generations.” [Read the full correspondence for further details.](#)

NOTE: Sec. 128. of [H.R. 6492](#), is entitled “Aquatic resource activities assistance.” Similar to the [S.873](#), America’s Outdoor Recreation Act of 2023 (Sens Manchin (D-WV) and Barrasso (WY)), H.R.6492 establishes a competitive grant program within the Bureau of Reclamation to help non-Federal partners conduct inspections and decontamination of watercraft around reservoirs administered by the DOI, including a 75% federal cost share.

Also see: [Letter Signed by 250 Outdoor Businesses and Organizations Calls on Senate to Pass EXPLORE Act \(6/16/24\)](#)

Now What: According to [E&E News PM \(9/4/24\)](#): *Manchin filed an amendment to the Senate's defense bill under the House title. That legislation appears to reconcile language from both proposals. It's unclear whether the Senate will hold an open amendment process for the fiscal [2025 National Defense Authorization Act](#)*. Supporters say the outdoor bill has enough support to clear the chamber on its own. New Mexico lawmakers on Capitol Hill are among the package's top supporters. The state's Democratic governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham, currently chairs the WGA.*

* **Note:** [S. 4638](#), National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, also contains SEC. 312. INITIATIVE TO CONTROL AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES.

Federal: Appropriations

[Opening bid on stopgap funds package readied in House \(9/5/24\)](#)

Speaker Mike Johnson is prepping a stopgap funding extension ahead of this month’s deadline that combines some red meat for conservatives with policies that lawmakers in both parties will likely find attractive. According to sources familiar with the discussions, the Louisiana Republican’s plan would pair a [six-month continuing resolution](#) with House-passed legislation aimed at ensuring noncitizens can’t vote in federal elections. The length of the stopgap measure, if enacted, would ensure that lawmakers won’t get jammed with a lame-duck omnibus package right before Christmas, while punting final spending decisions into the new year and a new Congress — possibly with more GOP leverage to shape the outcome.

[4 things that could complicate Congress’s efforts to avert shutdown \(9/3/24\)](#)

Congress is staring down a deadline this month to prevent a government shutdown, as members on both sides of the aisle have made clear a stopgap of some kind will be needed to keep the lights on. Lawmakers have until Sept. 30 to pass legislation to prevent a funding lapse. And while November’s elections could make the chances of a shutdown less likely, leaders have their work cut out for them amid deep divides on spending.

Related: [House GOP braces for preelection spending drama \(8/29/24\)](#)

EVENTS

Archived Events:

NASA ARSET:

[Introduction to the Monitoring of Invasive Species with Remote Sensing Tools, Part 1/3](#)
[Monitoring of Aquatic Invasive Species with Remote Sensing, Part 2/3](#)

Ongoing Training Opportunities:

Watercraft Inspection Training:

Level 1&2

- [September 10-12](#)
- [October 8-10](#)
- [November 12-14](#)
- [December 10-12](#)

Level 3

- [September 17-19](#)
- [December 17-19](#)

[DOI Invasive Species Training Opportunities Spreadsheet](#)

[PNW IPC Citizen Science Trainings](#)

[InvasivesU – NAISMA](#) - InvasivesU is NAISMA's exclusive online learning library intended to provide professionals, students, and interested individuals with the knowledge and tools necessary to prevent and manage invasive species in North America. NAISMA experts have thoughtfully curated and developed this content, especially for you!

Calendar of Events

2024

September

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[September 12, 2024 Washington Invasive Species Council Meeting, Olympia OR](#)

NAISMA September 18, 2024 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CDT [Webinar: Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease](#)

September 30, 2024 @ 8:00 am - October 3, 2024 @ 5:00 pm CDT
[North American Invasive Species Management Association 32nd Annual Conference](#)

October

NAISMA: October 16, 2024 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CDT [Webinar: White-Nose Syndrome and Bats](#)

This year the [annual WRP meeting](#) will be in Grand Junction, Colorado on October 23-25 and hosted by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

November

[2024 Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference!](#) Duluth, Minnesota
Tuesday, November 12th - Thursday, November 14th, 2024

December

December 5, 2024 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm CST [NAISMA Annual Biocontrol Summit](#)

[December 5, 2024 Washington Invasive Species Council Meeting, Olympia OR](#)

December 10-11, 2024, 100th Meridian CRB AIS Team Meeting - Northern Quest Resort & Casino. Spokane, WA. Please contact [Leah Elwell](#) for agenda questions or [Amy Stark](#) for all other questions.

2025

January

[Conservation Detection & Nosework Seminar 2025](#) Holne Park House - River Dart Country Park
We're thrilled to announce that we are co-hosting the Conservation Detection & Nosework Seminar from 28 - 30 January 2025, in Devon, United Kingdom. This exciting event, held in partnership with Dogs with Jobs, promises to be a unique opportunity for learning and collaboration.

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February

[2025 Wild Spotter Invasive Species Ambassador Training Course](#) Feb 04, 2025 - Feb 06, 2025
Lake Guntersville State Park, Guntersville, Alabama

[2025 33rd USDA Interagency Research Forum on Invasive Species](#) Feb 25, 2025 – Feb 28, 2025
Graduate Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland

April

April 14, 2025 @ 8:00 am - April 17, 2025 @ 5:00 pm CDT
[National Forum on Biological Control Conference](#)

The **2025 Pacific Ballast Water and Biofouling Group Meeting** has been scheduled for April 29 & 30, 2025. It will be held at Hyatt Centric The Pike Long Beach in Long Beach, California. Registration and hotel room block information will be released in early 2025. Contact Amy Stark @ astark@psmfc.org if you have any question.

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