

1 Proposal for a Joint Resolution from the Oregon Legislature by the Oregon Invasive Species  
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4 TO THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
5 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
6 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO SECRETARIES OF THE ARMY AND  
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:  
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10 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of the Representatives of the state of Oregon,  
11 in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent and petition as follows:

12 WHEREAS, maintaining a healthy suite of economic, environmental and social ecosystem  
13 services in aquatic systems is integral to the quality of life in the State of Oregon.

14 WHEREAS, healthy aquatic habitats provide clean drinking water, flood control,  
15 transportation, recreation, purification of human and industrial wastes, power generation,  
16 habitat for native plants and animals, production of fish and other foods, marketable goods, and  
17 cultural benefits.

18 WHEREAS, aquatic invasive species, including Dreissenid mussels (quagga mussels  
19 (*Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*) and zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*), are invasive species  
20 that cause irreparable ecological damage to many waters in the United States.

21 WHEREAS, Dreissenids have not yet been detected in the Pacific Northwest. The estimated  
22 annual cost to address established populations of dreissenids in the Pacific Northwest Economic  
23 Region is almost \$0.5 billion annually.

24 WHEREAS, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act was signed in June 2014. It  
25 authorizes \$20 million for Columbia River Basin watercraft inspection stations to prevent  
26 introduction of Dreissenid mussels and other aquatic invasive species through the Secretary of  
27 the Army.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialists respectfully request that Congress expedite  
29 appropriation of these funds to significantly enhance aquatic invasive species monitoring and  
30 prevention efforts and to implement the intent of the Act.

31 BE IT RESOLVED, that copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the President  
32 of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate,  
33 each member of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, and the Secretaries  
34 of the Army and Interior.

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