

Oregon and Washington Invasive Mussel Near-Term Action Working Group

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Working Group Participants

Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

Northwest Power and Conservation Council

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

State Legislative Representatives

Oregon Invasive Species Council

Washington Invasive Species Council

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. Forest Service

U.S. Geological Survey

Portland State University

Washington State University

Oregon Water Resources Congress

Washington State Water Resources Association

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Findings and Near-Term Action Recommendations



Oregon Department
of Fish and Wildlife

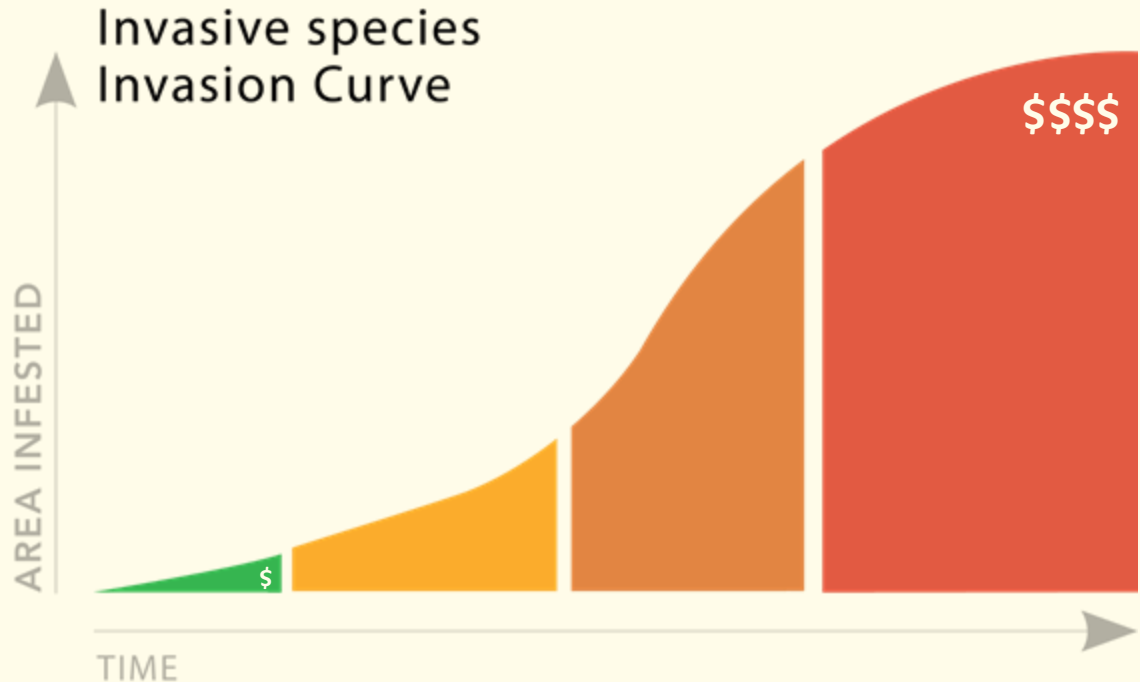


Recommended Actions

Prevention

Early Detection

Preparedness



Enhance Prevention & Early Detection Efforts

Watercraft & Vessel Inspections

Create new & expand existing,
mandatory inspection capacity

Early Detection Monitoring

Expand early detection monitoring
efforts

Update and expand waterbody
risk assessment maps

HB2981 appropriates \$175,000 to DEQ for vessel inspections, \$800,000 to PSU to expand early detection monitoring and \$200,000 to ODFW to update Oregon's waterbody vulnerability assessment. HB2170 and HB2982 address inspection stations, partnerships and capacity.

Ensure Rapid Response Preparedness

Capacity, Resources and Clear Roles for Rapid Response

Clarify and document roles, responsibilities and decision-making authorities

Develop a process for declaring an invasive mussel state of emergency

Hold regular response exercises, training workshops and drills

HB2981 appropriates \$150,000 to the OISC for facilitating interagency rapid response exercises and \$20,000 leading an interagency group in the collaborative development of a framework for emergency declarations, and clarification of roles and responsibilities.

Roles & Responsibilities

Washington
Department of Fish &
Wildlife

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife

Oregon Marine Board

Oregon State Patrol

Portland State University

Key Takeaways



Prevention is paramount

Rapid response is essential

Partnerships are powerful

Research and innovation are crucial

*Everyone has a role in protecting
Oregon from invasive species*

Thank you!



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