PACIFIC NORTHWEST ECONOMIC REGION

GLOBAL CHALLENGES | REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

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WDFW State Near-Term Actions

- Invasive mussels are an imminent threat to Washington and the Pacific Northwest
- There is a lot at risk
 - Billions of dollars in water infrastructure, hydropower, irrigation systems, drinking water systems, locks, hatcheries, fish passage, legacy data centers, etc.
 - Billions of dollars in fish and wildlife recovery
- But there are many partners working together on prevention, response planning and readiness
- And we have policy makers who understand the risks and are strong ambassadors
- We hope invasive mussels don't show up in Washington but are proceeding with the assumption they will arrive. Together, we will be ready for that future.



AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

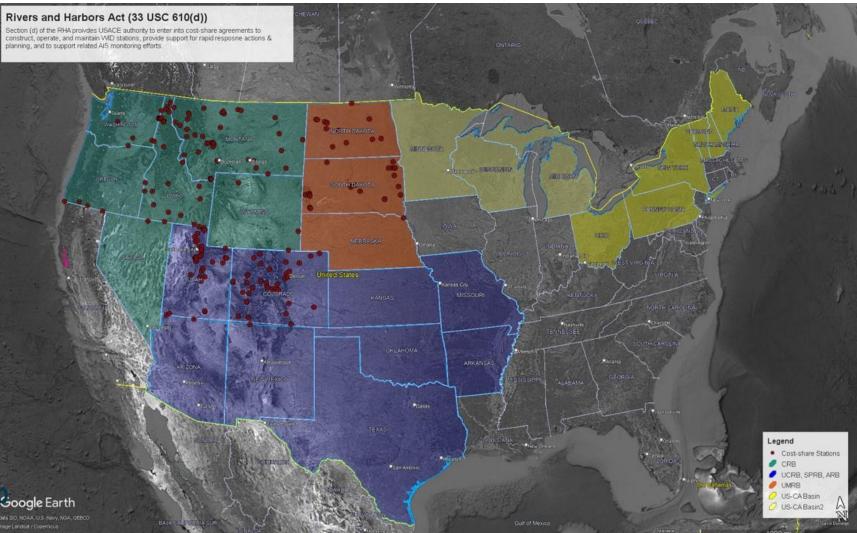
Initially Authorized WRDA 2014 Columbia River Basin

Basins Added-WRDA 2018 Upper Missouri River Basin Upper Colorado River Basin South Platte River Basin Arkansas River Basin

Added-WRDA 2020

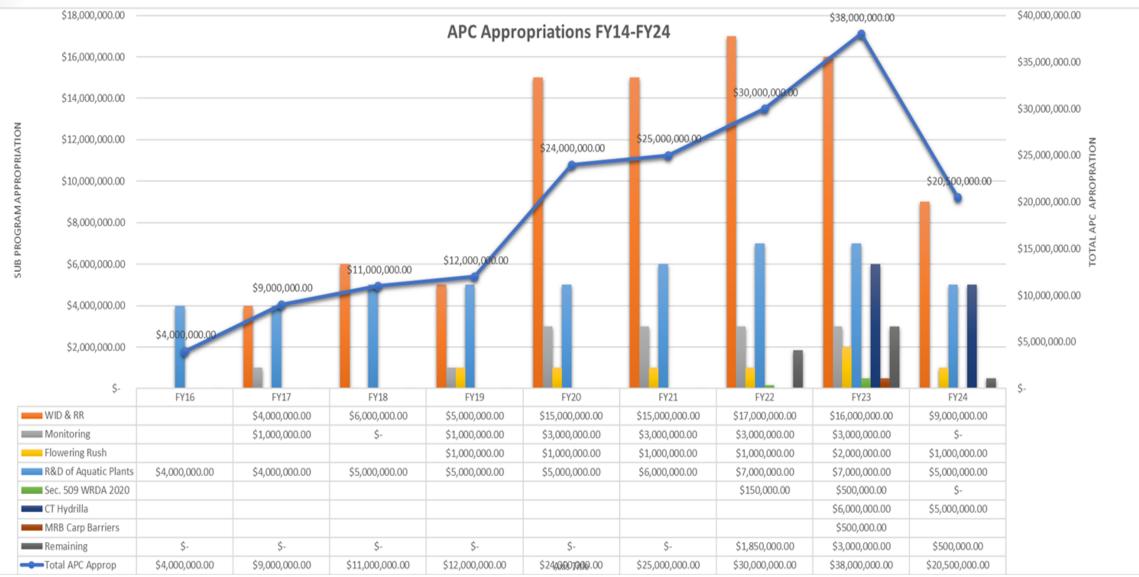
Russian River Basin United States – Canada International Border Basins

*Match Changes to 2024 WRDA 50/5 will now be 35/65



courtesy USACE

APPROPRIATIONS: FY16-FY24





Discussion

- 1. How do we increase watercraft interceptions?:
 - •Expand stations days and time to 365 Days 24 hour coverage?
 - Require all out-of-state boaters to be inspected before launching similar to Wyoming and Montana ?
- 2. Funding: State match is limited (currently 50/50)
 - WRDA 2024 Reauthorization we are seeking 75/25
 - Senate (S.4367): 65/35; House (H.R.8812): Petition to change cost share
 - Increase Appropriation (FY 25 Senate = \$0; House = \$13M)
- 3. Golden Mussels (California Bay Delta, October 2024)
 - Freshwater and Marine vectors