



# Invasive Species

The Pacific Northwest remains the only region in the U.S. and Canada without invasive quagga and zebra mussels.

## \$500mil

Annual cost to PNW if mussels are established

PNWER and partners worked with the NW Congressional delegation to incorporate new legislative language to allow for funds to be used outside the the Columbia River Basin and to include early detection, rapid response, inspection, decontamination, and monitoring. More details at [www.pnwer.org/invasive-species.html](http://www.pnwer.org/invasive-species.html)

## \$21mil

Federal funds obtained by PNWER & Partners to protect the region

These federal funds are a result of years of concerted efforts by PNWER and partners to work with Congressional delegations and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to secure funding, beginning with \$4 million in the 2014 WRRDA bill. PNWER was instrumental in obtaining an additional \$5 million through the 2016 WIIN Act and the 2019 WRDA act includes an addition \$6 million in funding.

## \$6mil

Funding included in 2019 WRDA

The federal funding was instrumental following a invasive mussel scare in Montana in October 2016. Thanks to a strong response by the State of Montana, the threat was contained, and the infestation has not spread.

### Federal and Jurisdictional Advocacy

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Interior
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Canadian Ministries
- Northwest U.S. Congressional delegation
- State legislative committees

### NORTHERN PIKE

PNWER coordinated the first Pacific Northwest Northern Pike Forum at the Summit with the Washington Invasive Species Council to form the Pacific Northwest Northern Pike Coordinating Group, a cross-border committee focused on working as a region to combat the spread of non-native northern pike, which pose serious risks to the region's native fisheries, including salmon.

### INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION IN CANADA

PNWER has also pushed the Canadian federal government to develop a program within Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to provide funding or educational resources to western provinces for for their mussel prevention efforts, and has held several conferences promoting a Western Canadian framework for invasive mussels which included public and private