

IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 104

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, THE SECRE-
3 TARY OF THE INTERIOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE
4 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CONGRESS, AND THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
5 REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

6 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and the House of Representatives of
7 the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-third
8 Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

9 WHEREAS, maintaining a healthy suite of economic, environmental and so-
10 cial ecosystem services in aquatic systems is integral to the quality of life
11 in the State of Idaho; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Dreissenid mussels, specifically quagga mussels (*Dreis-*
17 *sena rostriformis bugensis*) and zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*), are
18 aquatic invasive species that cause irreparable ecological damage to many
19 waters in the United States; and

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

24 WHEREAS, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act was signed in
25 June 2014. Section 1039 of the act authorizes \$20 million for Columbia River
26 Basin watercraft inspection stations to prevent introduction of Dreissenid
27 mussels and other aquatic invasive species through the Secretary of the
28 Army; and

29 WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2016 budget for the United States Army Corps
30 of Engineers includes \$4 million in funding for watercraft inspection sta-
31 tions as authorized by the Water Resources Reform and Development Act, and
32 the State of Idaho and Pacific Northwest Economic Region are grateful for the
33 Corps' recognition of the severity of the threat of aquatic invasive species
34 to the region and dedication to assist the region in enhancing prevention ef-
35 forts.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
37 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-
38 resentatives concurring therein, that we respectfully request that Congress
39 ensure the continued appropriation of these funds in the fiscal year 2017
40 budget to significantly enhance aquatic invasive species prevention efforts
41 and to implement the intent of the Water Resources Reform and Development
42 Act.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is
2 hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the
3 President of the United States, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of
4 the Interior, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing
6 the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.