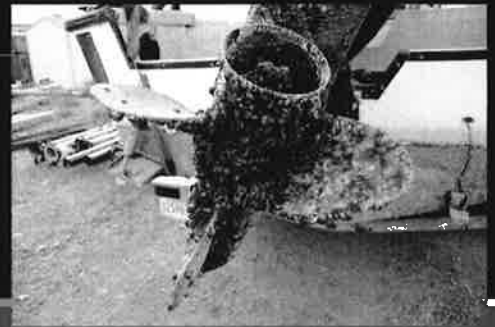


Preventing the Spread of Invasive Mussels: A regional perimeter defense strategy



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Zebra and Quagga Mussels: An invasive threat to the region's economy and environment

Advancing a Regional Defense Against Invasive Mussels

A REPORT PREPARED BY THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST ECONOMIC REGION AND PACIFIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

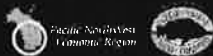


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- The Pacific Northwest is the last major region in North America that does not have these invasive species

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Summary

I. Support the continued appropriation of the \$4 million in WRRDA funds in the fiscal year 2017 budget for the four states

- See Draft resolution

II. Continue to support and grow the program in the state of Idaho

- WRRDA funds require a one-to-one match