

# INVASIVE SPECIES WORKING GROUP 2017

## Action Items



Pacific NorthWest  
Economic Region

The Invasive Species Council is a recent outgrowth of the PNWER working group formed to further increase awareness regarding invasive species in the ten states, provinces, and territories that comprise PNWER. Its task is to address the regional economic and environmental impact of invasive species and promote regional collaboration and sharing of best practices.

Action Items		Status
1	Continue to work with Congress and partners on WRDA federal funding for invasive mussels, including future funding and allowing funding for early detection and rapid response.	Working on 2018 appropriations. Regularly correspond and meet w/ Congressional offices in DC, National Invasive Species Council, DOI Invasive Mussel Working Group, and hold regular calls with PSMFC, and ACE.
2	Identify CBP and CBSA locations that have received aquatic invasive species training. Prioritize the training of border locations that have not yet been trained.	NW States are working to develop materials to educate and help border agents identify and flag high-risk boats entering US
3	Encourage consideration of a regional emergency response fund.	Discussed at 2017 Winter Meeting
4	PNWER should form an Advisory Council formed by bi-partisan delegates from the legislatures of the 4 states, appropriate state agency(s) directors, PSMFC, US ACE, to review the mussel prevention efforts from a regional perspective, advise on key priorities for the next season, and educate legislators on needs region. Utilize group to facilitate regional tabletop on rapid response.	Engaged on robust discussion of this at 2017 Winter Meeting with PNWER delegate state legislators, and with congressional representatives, state legislators, etc. In process of drafting document creating council.
5	Increase research on impacts of invasive species, including invasive mussels, on species at risk and salmon population.	In discussion with WGA to make this part of their work plan
6	Build a coordinated joint request from Western Canada partners to federal government for increased funding and prevention tools.	PNWER working with partners to update Western Canada Invasive Mussel Framework through stakeholder input process
7	Hold a mock detection drill focusing on AIS detection outside of the Columbia River Basin at a border crossing. Test communication and response protocols and identify gaps to address.	In Progress
8	PNWER-scale (regional) economic analysis of native fisheries and salmon/steelhead recovery investments at threat from northern pike.	Partnering with WA Invasive Species Council and partners to convene meeting at PNWER Annual Summit to discuss northern pike
9	Form PNWER cross-border northern pike committee.	Partnering with WA Invasive Species Council and partners to convene meeting at PNWER Annual Summit to discuss
10	Increase focus on funding for northern pike suppression programs, where the species is invasive.	Letter written encouraging Canadian funding for Okanagan Nation Alliance northern pike suppression program