

# Legislative Proposals for Reform

The Federal Regulatory  
Framework for Controlling the Movement of Invasive Species  
And Updates on National Coordination Efforts



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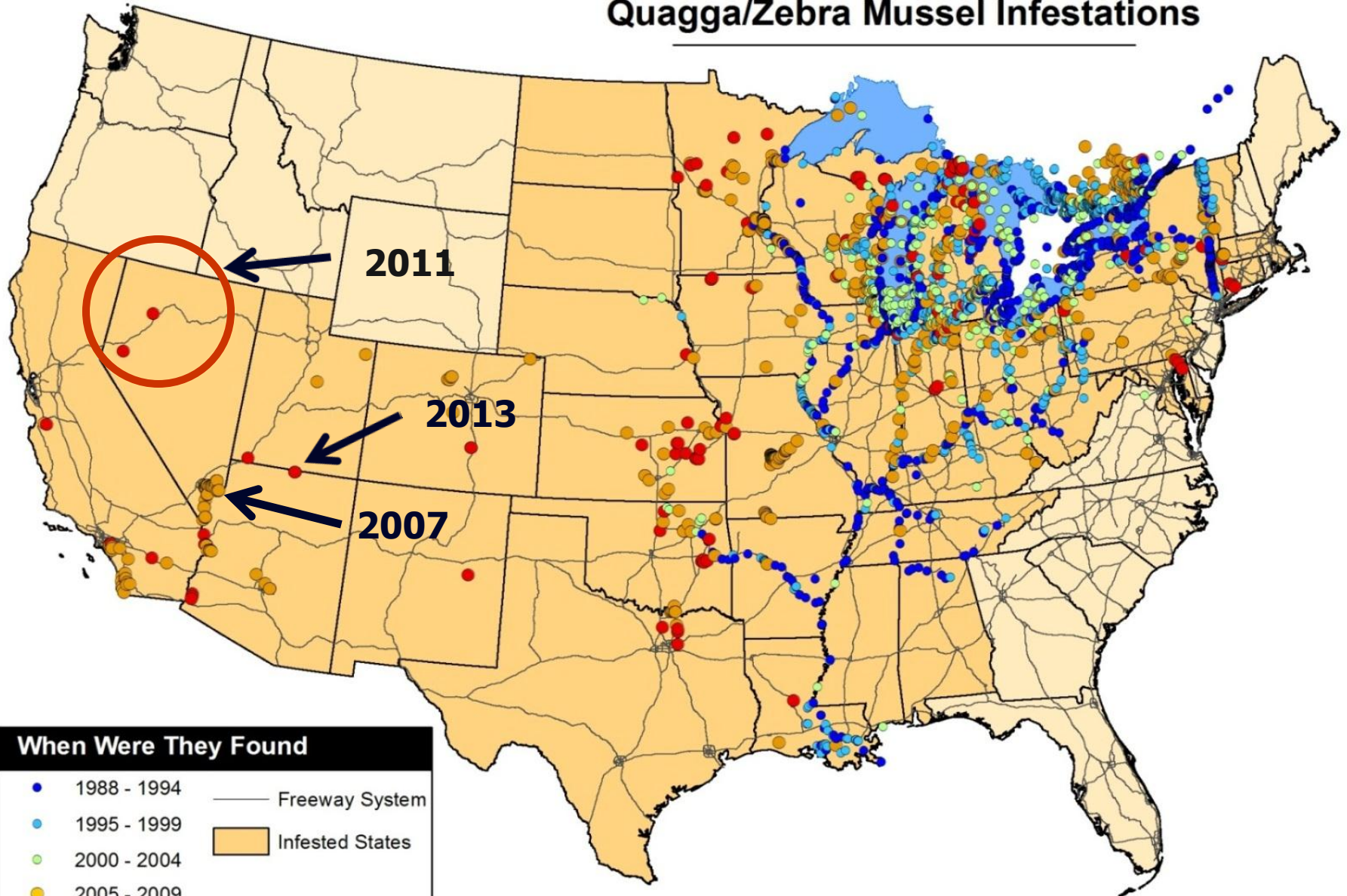
**Authorized by Congress in 1947, the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) is one of three U.S. marine interstate commissions dedicated to resolving fishery issues.**

**Member States: California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska**

**PSMFC's Aquatic Nuisance Species Program started in 1999 as a response to the threat ANS pose to fisheries resources and habitat.**

**Zebra/Quagga Mussels are the primary species of concern**

# Quagga/Zebra Mussel Infestations



## When Were They Found

- 1988 - 1994
  - 1995 - 1999
  - 2000 - 2004
  - 2005 - 2009
  - 2010 - 2013
- Freeway System  
■ Infested States

**Columbia River Basin (CRB) prevention efforts focus on watercraft interception stations**

**The 4 CRB states combined spend ~ \$ 2 million/yr on watercraft interception programs**

**WA, OR, and ID have a boater sticker /registration fee to pay for watercraft inspection programs, MT & BC general funds**

**Minimal federal funds support state watercraft inspection program**



# Watercraft Inspection Stations



**Samuels, Idaho**



**Ridgefield, Washington**



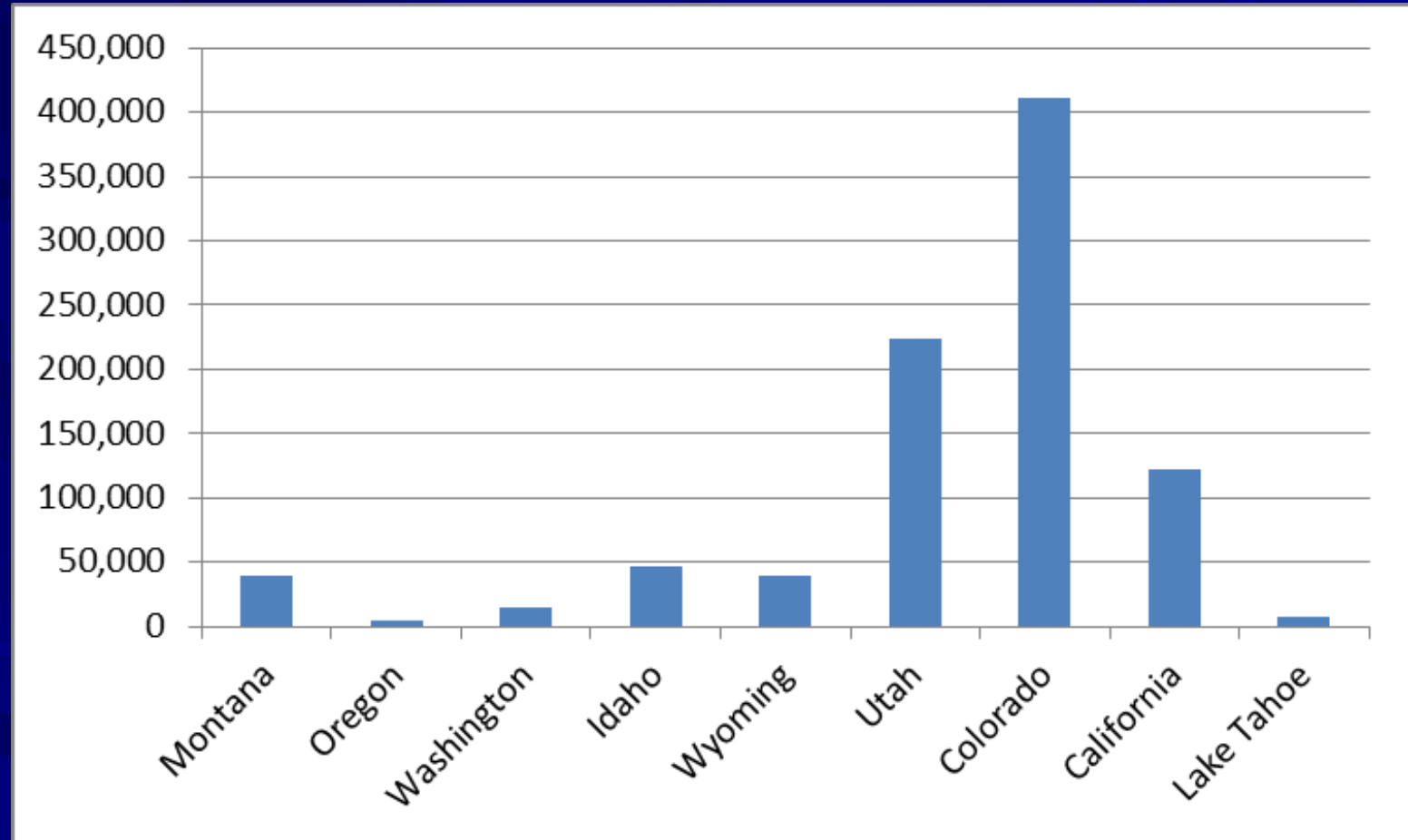
**Oregon**



**Canyon Ferry, Montana**

# 2012 Watercraft Inspections by State

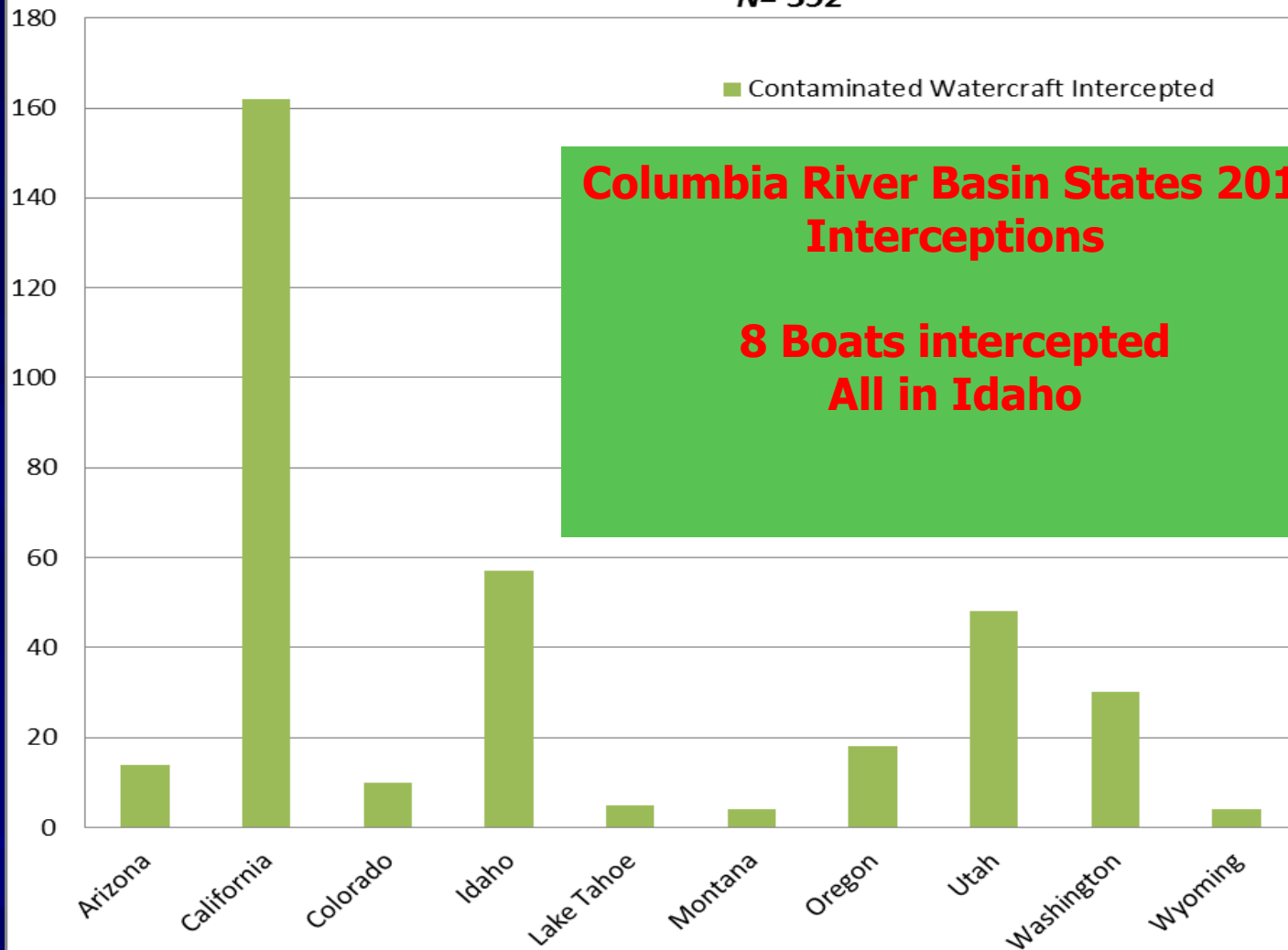
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# Contaminated Dreissenid Watercraft Intercepted by State 2012

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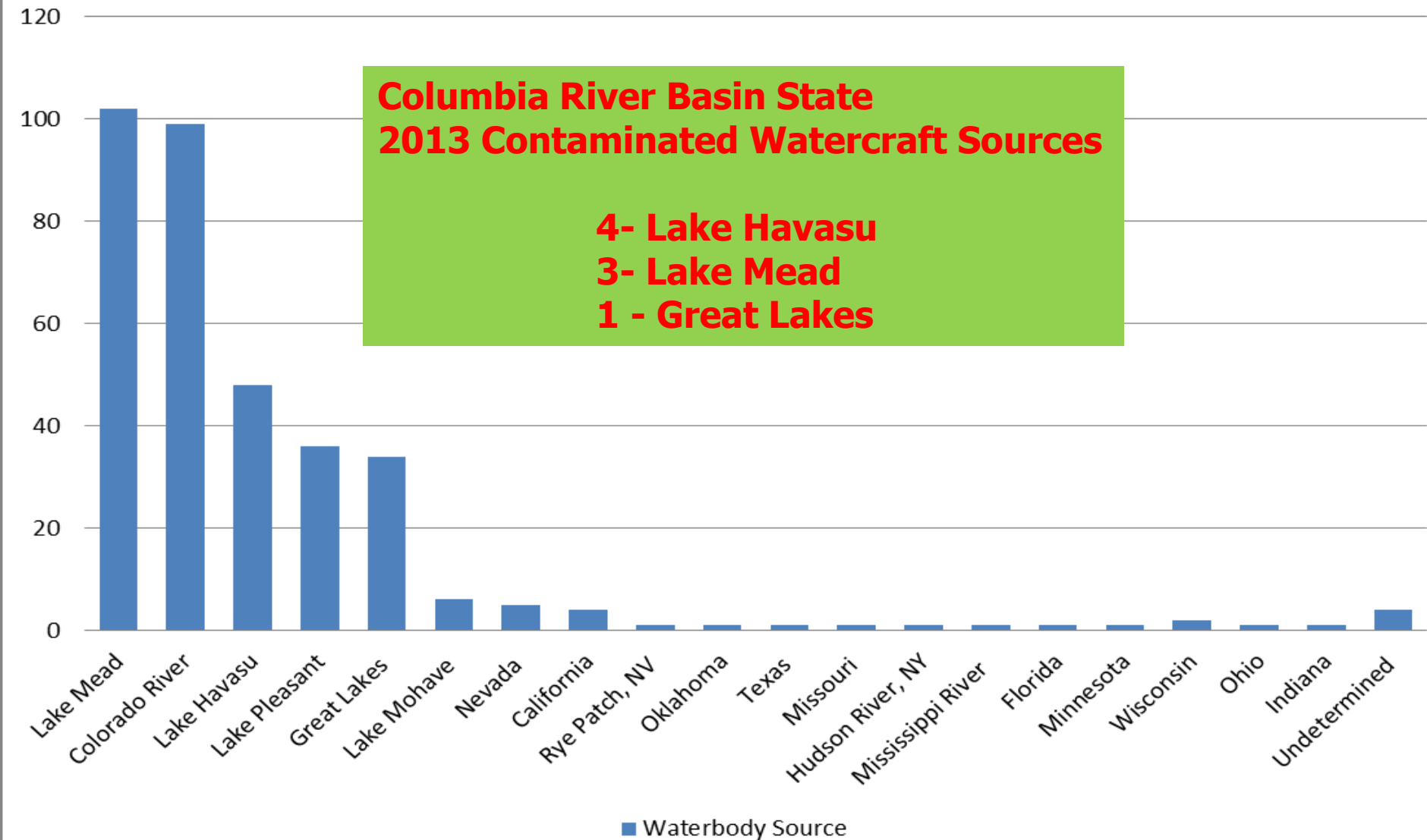




# Intercepted Dreissenid Contaminated Watercraft by Source 2012

For: CA,OR, ID, MT, WA, WY, UT, CO, AZ, TRPA

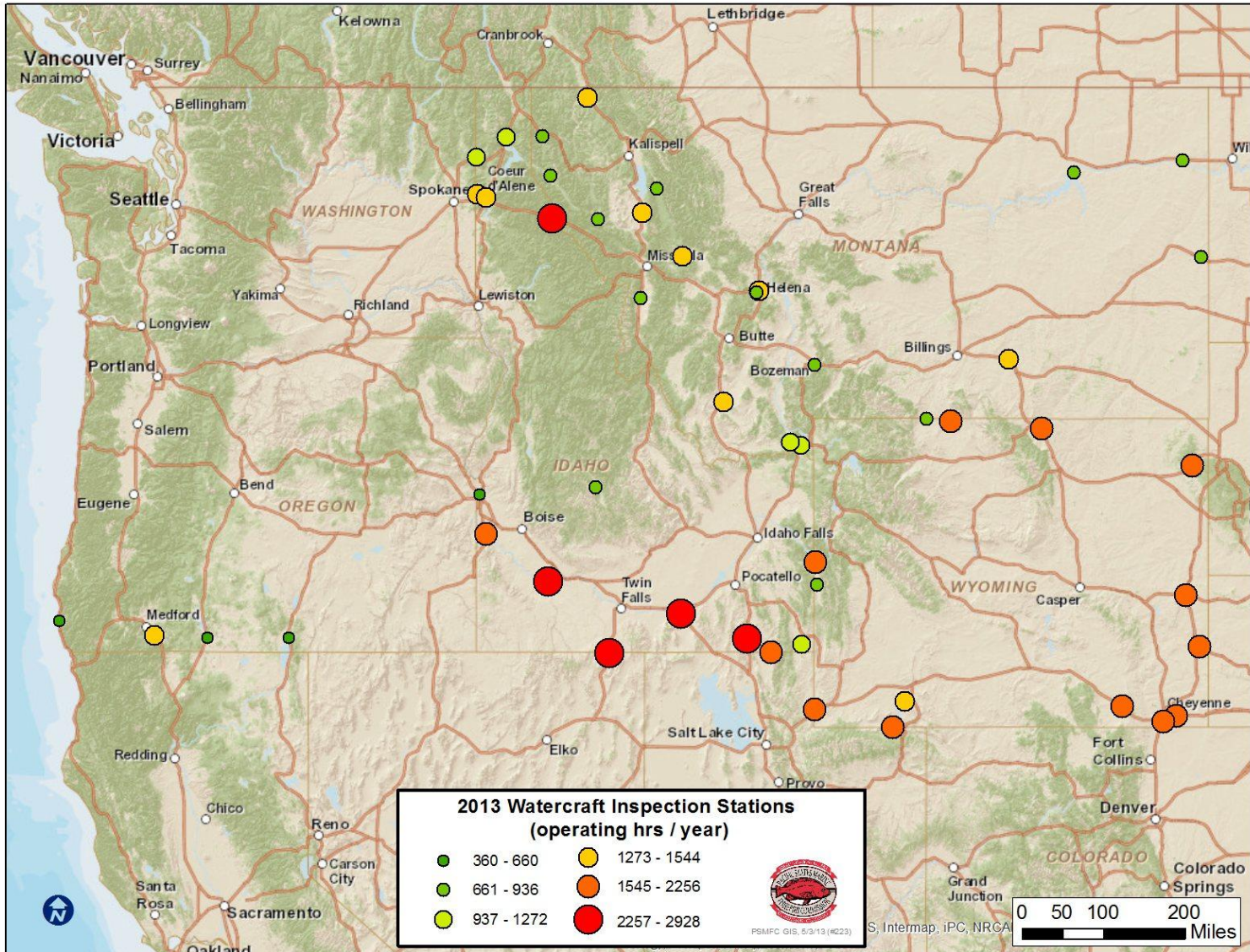
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# 2013 Inspection Station Locations

(Inspection of commercially hauled watercraft at POE's)



# **1. QUAGGA MUSSEL LISTING**

- Quagga Mussels, which we encounter most often in the West, are not on the injurious species list (Lacey Act) ...making law enforcement action more difficult**
- To administratively add Quagga's to injurious list is a lengthy process (5 years)**
- Legislative listing of Quagga Mussel: For rapid addition to injurious species list (Lacey Act) ...**
- On 4/30/13, Rep. Joseph Heck [R-NV3] introduced H.R. 1823: 'Protecting Lakes Against Quaggas Act of 2013' (PLAQ Act of)**

# H. R. 1823

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or exportation of mussels of a certain genus, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
APRIL 30, 2013

Mr. HECK of Nevada (for himself and Mr. AMODEI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## A BILL

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or exportation of mussels of a certain genus, and for other purposes.

This Act may be cited as the "Protecting Lakes Against Quaggas Act of 2013" or as the "PLAQ Act of 2013".

**Section 42(a)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—**

**(1) by striking "of the zebra mussel of the species *Dreissena polymorpha*;" and by inserting after "Hypophthalmichthys nobilis;" the following: "of the species of mussels of the genus *Dreissena*"**