

PSMFC Presentation Outline 2021 Annual Meeting

Topic – THE FEDERAL & NMFS BUDGET

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1) “The Big Picture”

- **President’s FY 2022 Budget Request**

- 16.5 percent increase in non-defense appropriations over FY 2021 enacted.
- 1.7 percent increase in defense.
- Republicans oppose. Seek “increase equivalency.”
- Return of earmarks (now called community project funding or congressionally directed spending). <1 percent of appropriations. Greater transparency. SALT govts/non-profit recipients only.
- House Appropriations Bills passing (9 of 12). Senate behind, beginning to mark up. Bills will not pass by Oct. 1.
- Short-term Continuing Resolution likely, then end of year or early 2022 Omnibus. Appropriations Bill. This approach is now “regular order.”
- Statutory debt limit increase to be considered in Fall.
- \$3.5 trillion “human infrastructure” bill. Democrats only. Proceeding on separate track using reconciliation (i.e. no filibuster) with funding spread over 10 years. Budget Resolution setting overall bill spending/revenue limits has passed the Senate, but the implementation legislation has not been drafted yet and will be more difficult to pass. Byrd Amendment will exclude policy changes unless they are budget/revenue related. Legislation to include medical care, education, childcare, immigration, housing, climate change, among other initiatives including coastal resiliency (National Oceans & Coastal Security Fund).
- \$550 billion “new money” Senate bipartisan infrastructure bill. Includes coastal resiliency funding. Total cost \$1.2 trillion over 5 years. Bill partially paid for with spending/revenue offsets (recissions of COVID relief, Strategic Petroleum Reserve sales, changes in health insurance fees, FCC spectrum auctions, extension of existing spending cuts in certain entitlement programs).

2) Bipartisan Public Infrastructure Investment Legislation (“The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act”)

- \$2.6 B to NOAA over 5 years. This is in addition to annual appropriations.
- \$172 M PCSRF. When combined with annual appropriations, brings program to \$100 M/yr for the next 5 years.

- \$492 million is appropriated to NOAA for a partnership with National Fish & Wildlife Foundation for the National Coastal Resilience Fund to support ecosystem restoration projects that have flood protection and coastal erosion benefits.
- \$491 million is appropriated to NOAA for community-based projects focused on shoreline protection.
- \$200 million over the 5 year period is provided to NOAA's marine debris programs.
- Fish Passage Culverts, In-Stream Barrier and Dam Removal Funding:
 - New program (Sen. Cantwell) authorized at \$800 million/yr over the next 5 years for USFWS grants to SALT governments for anadromous fish culverts/passageways (\$200 M/yr appropriated).
 - Army Corps -- \$115 M one-time appropriations.
 - NOAA -- \$400 M appropriations over 5 years.
 - USFWS - \$200 M appropriated for National Fish Passage Program over 5 years.
 - \$75 million appropriated to FEMA for dam removal projects.
- Columbia River Basin -- \$79 M.
- Klamath Basin -- \$162 M.
- Lake Tahoe -- \$17 M AIS Inspection Stations.

3) Fisheries – FY 2022

- **NMFS – President's FY 2022 Budget Request**
 - President seeking almost \$1.2 billion for FY 2022 (see table on next page). First time over a billion \$.
 - 24 percent above FY 2021.
 - Major themes – Climate-ready fisheries (\$70 million -- \$40 M Habitat, \$20 M Fisheries, \$10 M OPR), Wind Energy (\$20 million), and Environmental Equity (\$4 M). Themes consistent with similar initiatives in other Federal agencies & Departments.
 - Flat funding or incremental increases in base fisheries management programs (IJFA, Salmon Management, Councils & Commissions, etc).
 - SEE TABLE ON PAGE 4.
- **NMFS -- House Appropriations Committee FY 2022 Funding**
 - \$1.045 billion, up 8.3 percent over FY 2021.
 - Salmon Management – Increases for Mitchell Act (total funding \$24 M) and Pac Salmon Treaty implementation (\$41.5 M).
 - Steady Base Program Funding.
 - Fully Fund Wind Energy but only partial fund Climate Ready Fisheries (\$20 M – even split Fisheries/OPR, Habitat increase rejected). Report Language included (Rep. Huffman).
 - Video Review -- \$400 K each for video review in GOA and WC groundfish.
 - Southern Resident Killer Whales -- \$2 M for continued research and monitoring. Partnerships encouraged to support efforts to reduce noise impacts.

- ESA Salmon -- \$5 M as part of the Pacific Salmon line to address Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans reviews. Additional language included encouraging use of Civilian Conservation Corps model to carry ESA salmon restoration and habitat projects.
- Pacific Bluefin Tuna -- \$ 2 M plus report language urging stronger conservation posture in international negotiations.
- \$3.5 M for IUU fishing enforcement.
- West Coast Community Project Funding
 - \$892 K to WADFW for Columbia River pinniped removal (Reps. Schrader & Herrera Beutler).
 - \$322 K to the Oceans Initiative for Targeted Acoustic Startle Technology at the Ballard Locks (Rep. Jayapal).
 - \$100 K to ODFW for whale entanglement risk reduction research (Rep. Schrader. Senators Wyden/Merkey submitted in Senate).

- **Other FY 2022 Funding – House Appropriations**

- USFWS AIS -- \$45.3 M
 - \$6.1 M Lake Tahoe
 - \$3.8 M State NISA plans
 - \$3.5 M zebra/quaggas mussel prevention in the West
- Army Corps AIS -- \$17 M watercraft inspections plus \$3M monitoring
- Maritime Admin AIS -- \$1.5 M BWT technology research & testing
- \$10 M NOAA Sea Grant coastal tribal relocation & mitigation
- \$2 M NOAA Sea Grant local and regional seafood systems (LRSS)
- \$1 M NAS study on environmental impact of deep seabed mining
- \$1 M NOS regional pilot program on removal of derelict fishing gear
- \$30 M NOS sea level rise
- \$4.7 M USFWS Pac Salmon Treaty implementation
- USFWS Mass Marking
- BOEM -- \$7 M stakeholder engagement for OCS wind.
- \$35 M – Columbia River Fish Mitigation in Senate bill (Wyden/Merkley CDS – Army Corps)

NMFS Funding Lines	FY 2020 Conf Report	FY 2021 Budget Req	FY 2021 Consolidated App	FY 2022 Budget Req	FY 2022 House CJS
Regional Councils/Commissions	40,247,000	44,577,000	41,500,000	42,902,000	43,000,000
IJFA	3,365,000	0	3,365,000	3,372,000	3,372,000
Fisheries Data, Coll, Surv, Assess	173,709,000	164,052,000	175,927,000	197,645,000	192,500,000
Salmon Management	58,043,000	36,708,000	62,050,000	62,447,000	66,000,000
Pacific Coastal Salmon Rec Fund	65,000,000	0	65,000,000	65,000,000	65,000,000
Habitat Conservation/Restor	57,125,000	39,048,000	57,625,000	99,704,000	61,500,000
ESA Salmon (Pac & Atl)	71,500,000	70,623,000	73,500,000	77,158,000	77,000,000
NMFS	947,657,000	869,750,000	964,862,000	1,197,458,000	1,044,590,000