

# Federal Budget & Election Report

PSMFC Annual Meeting - 2024

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# Federal Budget - Big Picture

## --- Debt & Deficit Continue To Rise

- ▶ CBO FY 2024 Annual Deficit Projection \$1.9 trillion (Outlays \$6.8 trillion; Revenues \$4.9 trillion). \$4.1 trillion Mandatory Spending, \$1.8 trillion Discretionary Spending.
- ▶ National Debt - Interest (\$892 billion - Roughly Equals Defense Spending)
- ▶ Debt Limit Expires Jan 1, 2025. “Extraordinary Measures” by the Treasury Dept Can Extend For A Few Weeks.
- ▶ Debt Limit Gamesmanship Between Parties Likely

# FY 2025 Appropriations



# FY 2025 Federal Appropriations (Play It Again Sam!)



- All Bills Marked Up By The Appropriations Committees (except DHS) But None Enacted
- Short-term CR Until ????
- Omnibus Or Minibusses (Late Q4/Q1 2024)?
- Govt. Shutdown Possible But Unlikely In Election Year

# FY 2025 Approps - House

- Annual Marine Fisheries Funding Support Letter Led By Rep. Huffman (D-CA) + 42 Members
- Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS) Bill Reported By the Appropriations Committee July 9
- Significant Cuts For NMFS. Big Cuts to Habitat, Salmon Management & ESA Salmon Accounts
- Proposed PBR Termination of Funding for IJFA, Prescott, Species Recovery & Bycatch Reduction Engineering Programs Rejected
- \$26 million for the FINS (\$2 million above enacted)
- Directive to increase NMFS staffing for ESA Section 7 consultations in the PNW
- \$16 million for technical assistance to help the Councils with adaptive fisheries management
- \$7 million to address the backlog of hatchery and genetic management plans.

# FY 2025 Approps - Senate

- Annual Funding Support Letter Led By Senator Wyden (D-OR) & 3 West Coast Senators.
- CJS Marked Up July 25
- Much Better “Top-Line” for NMFS (just under a 1 percent increase over enacted level).
- \$24 million for the Fishery Information Networks (level funding)
- \$600,000/\$500,000 for video review of West Coast/Gulf of AK electronic monitoring data
- Offshore wind level funding
- \$34 million for Mitchell Act hatcheries (15 percent cap on NMFS administrative costs)
- North Pacific Observers level funding. +\$1 million for Western Pacific Observers
- Surveys - 4 vessels WC groundfish; at least 6 for AK trawl fisheries. \$15 million increase nationally
- \$4 million Bycatch Reduction Engineering Program
- \$1 million Pinniped Removals
- \$1.5 million European Green Crab mitigation
- \$200,000 cetacean desk in the Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service
- \$7 million to address the backlog of hatchery and genetic management plans
- \$1 million for a National Academy of Public Administration study on establishing a Federal fisheries disaster insurance program

# FY 2025 Approps - USFWS

- \$5.1 M (Senate) for Washington Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups, \$1.285 million (House)
- \$5.1 million for Klamath Habitat Restoration (Senate), \$4.9 million (House). Separate \$2.9 million (House) Klamath restoration in hatchery account, \$3.8 million (Senate) plus \$11.8 million Klamath Basin Agreement.
- \$7.8 million (House) Tribal Rights Implementation - PST & Columbia River Basin Agreement. Level Funding PST (Senate). \$6 million (Senate) Columbia River Basin Ecosystem Restoration Infrastructure
- \$1.5 million (House) Washington State Mass Marking
- \$2.2 million (House) PST Mitigation
- \$643,000 (House) Salmon Recovery
- Continuation funding -- Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement and Long Live the Kings (Senate)
- 6PPD-quinone Salmon Research Report (Senate - actually USGS)

# FY 2025 Appropriations

NMFS Funding Lines	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2024 Budget Req	FY 2024 Senate CJS	FY 2024 House CJS
Regional Councils/Commissions	44,297,000	45,715,000	46,000,000	45,715,000
IJFA	3,377,000	0	4,000,000	3,377,000
Fisheries Data, Coll, Surv, Assess	205,851,000	205,712,000	220,851,000	205,712,000
Fisheries Management Program & Services	147,250,000	138,296,000	139,876,000	138,296,000
Salmon Management	65,250,000	75,470,000	76,650,000	55,000,000
Pacific Coastal Salmon Rec Fund	65,000,000	65,000,000	70,000,000	65,000,000
Habitat Conservation/Restor	56,184,000	50,721,000	56,184,000	40,000,000
ESA Salmon (Pac & Atl)	83,000,000	80,621,000	88,500,000	47,000,000
NMFS	1,113,797,000	1,228,531,000	1,156,999,000	865,000,000



# FY 2025 Community/CDS Projects

## House

- Marine Mammal Center - Ocean Ambassadors (\$273 K)
- NORCAL Indian Development Council - Offshore Wind Tribal Engagement (\$1.17 M)
- WADFW - Sea Lion Mitigation & Salmon Protection (\$5 M)
- AK Ocean Observing System - HABs Detection (\$310 K)
- Bristol Bay Science & Research Institute - In Season Chum Salmon Bycatch Genetic Analysis (\$1.18 M. Note: \$3.5 M in Senate)
- AK Sustainable Fisheries Trust - AK Seafood Distribution Hubs (\$565 K)
- Hubbs SeaWorld Research Institute - Center of Excellence In Marine Aquaculture (\$1.18 M)



# FY 2025 Community/CDS Projects - Cont.

## Senate

- WADFW - Kelp & Eelgrass Recovery Project (\$3 M)
- Maritime Blue - SRKW Tracking (\$395 K)
- Lummi Indian Business Council - European Green Crab Trapping (\$1 M)
- ADF&G - SE AK Harbor Porpoise Assessment (\$1.9 M)
- AK Seafood Marketing Institute - Wild-Caught AK Seafood Promotion (\$3 M)
- AK Fisheries Development Foundation - Alaska Seafood Modernization Initiative (\$2 M)
- Bering Sea Fishermen's Association - Capacity Building for Cooperating Agency Status for AK Tribes and Tribal Organizations (\$500 K)
- Univ of AK - Salmon Counting with Drone Maritime Lidar (\$1.99 M)
- Oregon Dept of Land Conservation and Development - Offshore Wind Road Map (\$1.5 M)
- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission - Fishing Access Site Construction (\$5.25 M - BIA)
- South Umpqua Rural Community Partnership - Fish Habitat Restoration (\$1.55 M - USFWS)
- Nestucca, Neskowin & Sand Lake Watersheds Council - Fish Passage Improvements (\$500 K - USFWS)



# 2024 West Coast Fisheries Disaster Relief



## Recent Secretarial Declarations

- 2023-2024 Bering Sea snow crab
- Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe's 2021 Puget Sound fall chum and coho salmon
- 2022 Kuskokwim River salmon
- 2022 Chignik salmon
- 2021-2022 Upper Cook Inlet East Side setnet salmon
- 2020 Squaxin Island Tribe Puget Sound fall chum salmon
- 2023 Oregon Ocean Commercial Salmon Fisheries

## Requests Under Secretarial Review

- 2023 North Alaska Peninsula Drift Gillnet Salmon Fishery
- 2023 Pulikla Tribe of Yurok Klamath River & Ocean Salmon
- 2024 California Sacramento River Fall Chinook and Klamath River Fall Chinook Salmon
- 2023-2024 Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Smith River Chinook Salmon Fishery,



# Aquatic Invasive Species - FY 2025 Funding

## FY 2025 House Appropriations

- \$48.6 M USFWS AIS (includes Asian Carp)
- \$16.7 M USFWS Invasive Strike Teams
- \$6 M Lake Tahoe
- \$3.5 M Western Zebra/Quagga Mussel
- \$4.43 M NISA State Plans
- \$5 M USFWS Alpine Lakes AIS Pilot Program
- European Green Crab - Research & Control Report Language.
- \$13 M ACOE Columbia River Watercraft Inspection (includes AIS Monitoring)

## FY 2025 Senate Appropriations

- \$50.5 M USFWS AIS
- \$5 M Lake Tahoe
- \$3.5 M USFWS Zebra/Quagga Mussels (plus Columbia River Basin Report Language - 90 Day Briefing)
- \$6.5 M NPS Zebra/Quaggas
- \$4.4 M NISA State Plans
- \$2 M BIA European Green Crab Control Puget Sound
- \$300 K USFWS European Green Crab @ NWR
- \$800 K USGS European Green Crab Research
- \$1.5 M NOAA European Green Crab Control - Coordinate With BIA & USFWS
- ACOE Columbia River Watercraft Inspection (includes AIS monitoring) - Use Prior Year Carry Over Funding

# Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)

## FY 2025 House Appropriations

- Report Language – NRCS Nutrient Loading/NIFA Antimicrobial Research; NASA Satellite Imaging & Remote Sensing; NOAA IOOS
- USGS -- \$4.75 M Mycrocystin Toxin Research; \$7.5 M Health Effects Research (University Grants)
- \$6 M EPA Toxins Exposure Effects: \$15 M Great Lakes HABs Reduction
- \$15 M ACOE Research, Control, Demonstration & Modeling

## FY 2025 Senate Appropriations

- \$5 M NOAA GOM Mapping & HABs Observing Network
- \$10 M ACOE Ecological Modeling & University Partnerships
- \$3.3 M EPA Everglades/Florida Bay/Okeechobee Monitoring
- EPA Research Grant Report Language





# 2024 Election Analysis



# Presidential



Real Clear Politics National Average (8/5-8/30)

Harris (48.1 Percent), Trump (46.2 Percent), +1.9 Percent Harris Up

Trump +3.1 Percent At Time Of Biden Withdrawal

## RCP Average (end Oct/early Nov) Versus Actual Outcome (Popular Vote)

- ❑ 2020 – Biden + 7.2 percent Versus + 4.5 percent
- ❑ 2016 – Clinton + 3.2 percent Versus + 2.1 percent
- ❑ 2012 – Obama +.7 percent Versus +3.9 percent
- ❑ 2008 – Obama + 7.6 percent Versus +7.3 percent
- ❑ 2004 – Bush + 1.5 percent Versus + 2.4 percent





# 2024 RCP Electoral College Map



RCP Electoral Map  
State Changes

No Toss Ups Map  
State Changes

RCP Senate Map  
Race Changes

Senate No Toss Ups  
Race Changes

RCP House Map  
Race Changes

RCP Governor Map  
Race Changes

Harris/Walz

208

Toss Ups

111

Trump/Vance

219



270 Electoral Votes Needed To Win ([Create Your Own Map](#))

Recent Elections: 2020 2016 2012 2008 2004 2000 1996 1992 1988 1984 1980 1976 1972

LIKELY HARRIS (52)	LEANS HARRIS (17)	TOSS UP (111)		LEANS TRUMP (88)	LIKELY TRUMP (38)
Colorado (10)	Maine (2)	Arizona (11)	North Carolina (16)	Florida (30)	Alaska (3)
Illinois (19)	Minnesota (10)	Georgia (16)	Pennsylvania (19)	Ohio (17)	Iowa (6)
New Jersey (14)	New Mexico (5)	Michigan (15)	Virginia (13)	Texas (40)	Kansas (6)
Oregon (8)		Nevada (6)	Wisconsin (10)	Maine CD2 (1)	Missouri (10)
Maine CD1 (1)		New Hampshire (4)	Nebraska CD2 (1)		Montana (4)

## KEY POLLS

2024 General Election: Trump vs. Harris

Harris +1.5

2024 Generic Congressional Vote

Democrats +0.9

President Biden Job Approval

Disapprove -14.8

Vice President Harris Favorability

Unfavorable -3.0

Direction of Country

Wrong Track -39.1

## KEY BATTLES



## Seven Swing State RCP Averages

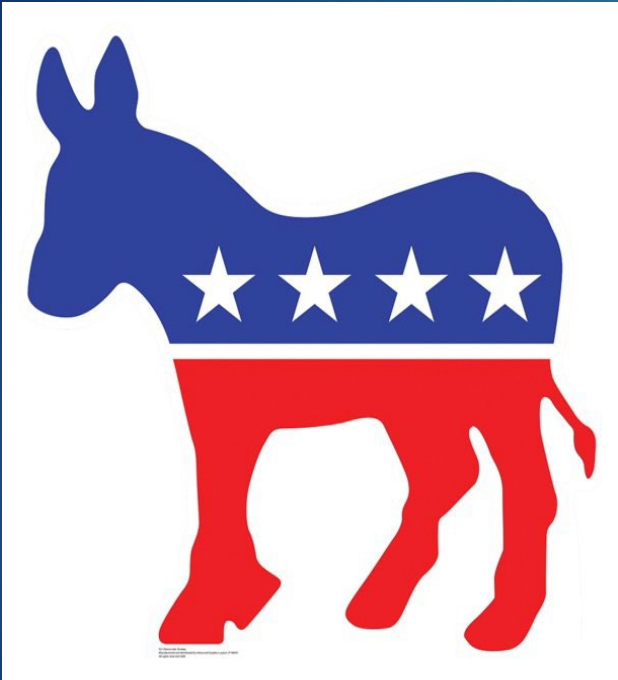
- Arizona (+1.0 Percent Trump)
- Nevada (+0.6 Percent Harris)
- Wisconsin (+1.4 Percent Harris)
- Michigan (+1.1 Percent Harris)
- Pennsylvania (Even)
- North Carolina (+0.7 Percent Trump)
- Georgia (+0.1 Percent Harris)

# Independent Candidates



- ❖ Marginal Candidates – But In Close Elections Can Influence Outcome
- ❖ Kennedy Endorses Trump, But His Support Was Already Sinking Fast (Still on MI, WI, NC Ballots)
- ❖ Stein/West – Potential Harris Spoilers. Both on MI, NC & WI Ballots
- ❖ Oliver – On The Ballot In MI, NC, PA, AZ

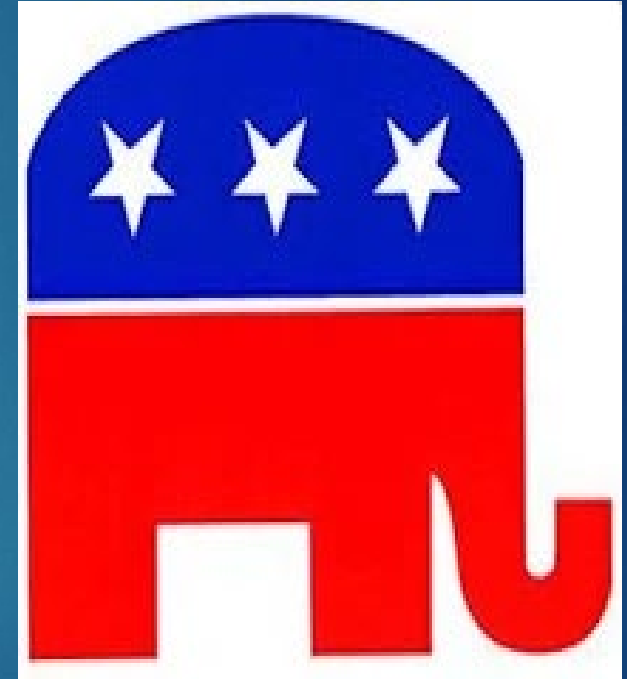
# Senate



51

(includes 4  
Independents)

49







# 2024 Senate Election

- 23 D Seats Open
- 11 R Seats Open

Democratic Seats Expected To Flip – 1 (WV)

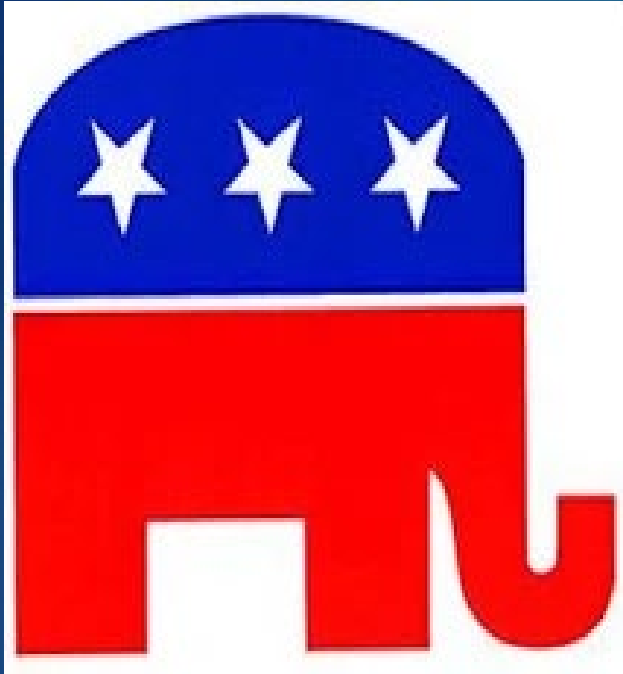
Democratic Seat Strong Possibility Of Flipping – 1 (MT)

Democratic Seats “Toss Up or Leans” – 9 (OH, MI, WI, AZ, NV, PA, MD, NM, WI)

Republican Seats “Leans” – 2 (FL & TX)

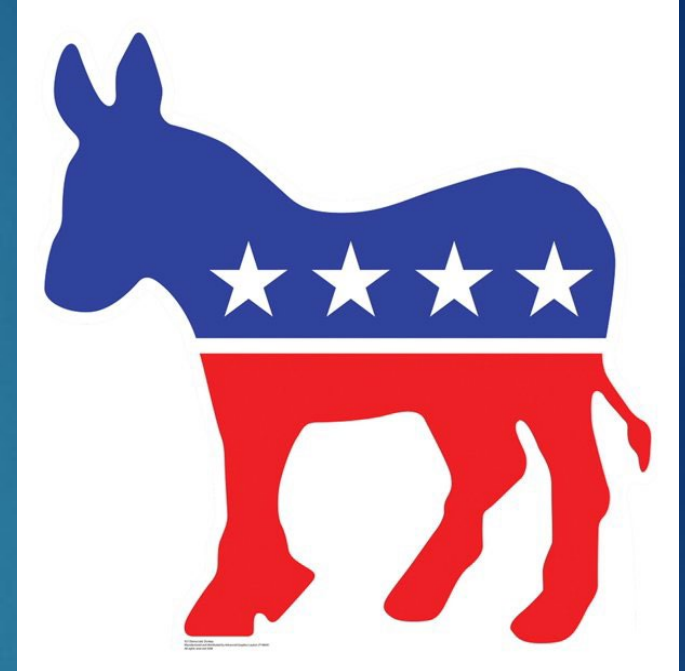
Continued Close Balance Between Parties No Matter Who Controls

# House



220  
1 Vacancy

211  
3 Vacancies





# 2024 House Election

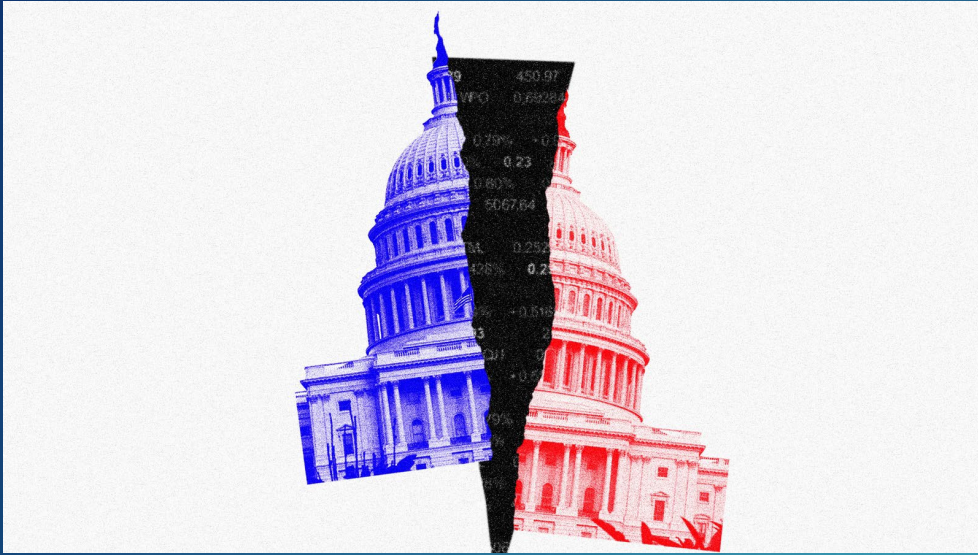
Republican Seats Leaning Democratic – 2 (AL-2 & NY-22)

Democratic Seats Cook Report “Toss Ups” – 11

Republican Seats Cook Report “Toss Ups” – 11

Party Winner Will Have Very Narrow Margin To Operate.





# Divided Government – Presidency & Congress

- \*\* Since 1980, 31.5 years divided govt, 12.5 years same party control (mostly in first 2 years of new Presidency)
- \*\* Last Two Presidential Elections Minimal Coattail Effect
  - 2016 Elections – R Presidency Win but + 2 & + 6 Senate/House Dem Gains
  - 2020 Elections – D Presidency Win & + 3 Senate But – 12 House Loss
- \*\* Regardless of Presidency, Repub Senate & Dem House A Significant Possibility





# Conclusion

- ❑ Election Fundamentals Continue – Turn Out The Base & Sway Remaining Undecideds/Independents. Sept 10 Debate Could Be Pivotal.
- ❑ Razor Close Outcomes & Narrow Governing Margins
- ❑ Divided Government A Strong Possibility
- ❑ Future Bipartisan or Partisan Governance?