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House Energy & Water Development Appropriations Passed Out of Committee

The House Appropriations Committee is quickly working its way through the FY2023 appropriations process. Currently, all 12 appropriations bills totaling over \$1T for FY2023 have passed out of the Appropriations Committee and are expected to be taken up quickly by the full House of Representatives. By contrast, the Senate is much further behind and the Senate Appropriations Committee has yet to pass any appropriations bills. It is likely the Senate bills will be very different from the House and could lead to a longer conference between the two chambers. Given the appropriations workload, tenuous negotiations, battles over other policy issues, upcoming elections, and since FY2023 is fast approaching, it is highly likely we will see a Continuing Resolution that will take us past the elections in November. Depending on the outcome of the elections, it is anticipated that we could see appropriations passed by the end of the calendar year or in early 2023.

On June 28, the House Appropriations Committee passed the FY2023 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies bill, which includes proposed funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022. The bill will move on to the full House of Representatives next.

The bill allocates \$8.889B for the Corps. This is an increase of \$545M above the FY2022 enacted level and \$2.288B above the Administration's FY2023 budget request. Account level funding includes:

- \$160M – Investigations
- \$2.475B – Construction
- \$5.15B – Operation and Maintenance (O & M)
- \$213M – Regulatory Program

Additional Discretionary Funding

The House Appropriations Committee has allocated additional discretionary funding pots for the Corps, as in past years. If included in a final bill, the Corps would have 60 days after enactment to provide an FY2023 work plan to Congress for how they plan to spend the following dollars:

- \$40M – Navigation Maintenance
- \$463.83M – Navigation Deep Draft Harbors
- \$45M – Navigation Small, Remote or Subsistence
- \$56M – Donor & Energy Transfer Ports
- \$40M – Inland Waterways

Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF)

HMTF spending in the bill is proposed at \$2.318B, an increase of \$269M above the FY2022 enacted level. This is in line with adjustments made to the HMTF in the CARES Act and Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2020. The FY2023 balance in the HMTF is estimated to be approximately \$9.312B.

PNWA Supported Projects fared well in the bill and are proposed to receive the following funding:

Investigations:

- \$900K – Columbia River Turning Basin Navigation Improvements

Construction:

- \$29.175M – Columbia River Fish Mitigation
- \$3M – Mount St. Helens Sediment Control

O & M:

Washington

- \$1.857M – Swinomish Channel (Port of Skagit and Port of Anacortes)
- \$3.11M – Everett Harbor and Swinomish River (Port of Everett)
- \$10.564M – Lake Washington Ship Canal
- \$1.985M – Seattle Harbor (Port of Seattle)
- \$315K – Port Townsend (Port of Port Townsend)
- \$17.91M – Grays Harbor (Port of Grays Harbor)
- \$5.251M – Howard Hanson Dam
- \$8.861M – Mud Mountain Dam
- \$1.249M – Columbia River at Baker Bay (Port of Ilwaco)
- \$1.209M – Columbia River between Chinook & Sand Island (Port of Chinook)

Columbia River

- \$20.687M – Columbia River at the Mouth
- \$81.076M – Columbia & Lower Willamette Rivers
- \$1.129M – Columbia River between Vancouver, WA and The Dalles, OR
- \$856K – Mount St. Helens Sediment Control
- \$10.417M - Columbia River Treaty (\$10.352M for Oregon and \$65K for Washington)

Columbia and Snake River Dams

- \$8.9M – Bonneville Lock & Dam
- \$5.353M – The Dalles Lock & Dam

- \$7.533M – John Day Lock & Dam
- \$14.362M – McNary Lock & Dam
- \$23.485M – Ice Harbor Lock & Dam
- \$13.948M – Little Goose Lock & Dam
- \$10.494M – Lower Monumental Lock & Dam
- \$15.061M – Lower Granite Lock & Dam

Oregon

- \$9K – Skipanon Channel (Port of Astoria)
- \$59K – Tillamook Bay & Bar (Port of Garibaldi)
- \$4.529M – Yaquina Bay & Harbor (Port of Newport)
- \$47K – Yaquina River (Port of Toledo)
- \$1.059M – Siuslaw River (Port of Siuslaw)
- \$1.278 – Umpqua River (Port of Umpqua)
- \$8.048M – Coos Bay
- \$574K – Coquille River (Port of Bandon)
- \$1.531M – Rogue River (Port of Gold Beach)
- \$176K – Willamette River at Willamette Falls (Willamette Falls Locks)

Community Project Funding in the Pacific Northwest Included:

- \$900,000 for the Columbia River Turning Basin Navigation Improvements – Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R, WA-3)
- \$856,000 for Mount St. Helens Sediment Control – Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R, WA-3)

Bill Report Language of Interest:

- “The Committee remains concerned that the Administration has implied, either implicitly or explicitly, to non-federal sponsors that chances of being included in a budget request or work plan increase with the amount of funding a non-federal sponsor can bring to a project. Therefore, the Administration is reminded that voluntary funding in excess of legally required cost shares for studies and projects is acceptable but shall not be used as a criterion for inclusion in the budget request, or for allocating the additional funding provided.”
- “Mount St. Helens Sediment Monitoring —Yearly sediment monitoring at Mt. St. Helens is an important federal responsibility to ensure that water levels on the Lower Cowlitz River do not threaten downstream communities of Cowlitz County, Washington. The Committee is aware that in previous years, a lack of federal funding led local communities to fund sediment monitoring. The Committee is encouraged that funding for sediment monitoring activities is included in the budget request and encourages the Corps to include appropriate funding for these activities in future budget submissions.”

Additional Funding Needs:

PNWA staff worked with the all three Corps Districts to understand their additional capabilities and funding needs. We will continue to advocate for the additional funding needs during upcoming advocacy trips in July and September. We are still very early in the appropriations process and should these needs not be funded in the appropriations bill, we will continue to advocate for them to be included in the FY23 work plan. We also encourage PNWA members to reach out to your Members of

Congress over the August recess to share your port's needs and offer tours to the Congressional staff and Members of Congress.

Washington

- \$828K - Lake Washington Ship Canal
- \$125K for Columbia River at Baker Bay (Port of Ilwaco)

Columbia River

- \$37.325M - Columbia River Fish Mitigation
- \$4M - Columbia River Channel Improvements (disposal site)
- \$15.558M - Columbia River at the Mouth
- \$4.391M - Columbia & Lower Willamette
- \$1.5M - Mount St. Helens Sediment Control
- \$374K - Willamette River Environmental Dredging

Columbia and Snake River Dams

- \$1.6M – Bonneville Lock & Dam
- \$280K – The Dalles Lock & Dam
- \$960K – John Day Lock & Dam
- \$396K – McNary Lock & Dam
- \$5.048M – Ice Harbor Lock & Dam
- \$243K – Little Goose Lock & Dam
- \$405K – Lower Monumental Lock & Dam
- \$642K – Lower Granite Lock & Dam

Oregon

- \$50K for Skipanon Channel (Port of Astoria)
- \$780K for Tillamook Bay & Bar (Port of Garibaldi)
- \$2.249M for Yaquina River (Port of Toledo)
- \$10.528M for Coos Bay (Port of Coos Bay)
- \$702K for Umpqua River (Port of Umpqua)
- \$320K for Coquille River (Port of Bandon)

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To see the Community Project Funding included, click [here](#).

House Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Passed Out of Committee

On June 28, the House Appropriations Committee approved the FY2023 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies bill. The bill will move on to the full House of Representatives next.

Economic Development Administration (EDA)

\$510M which is \$136.5M above FY2022 enacted level and \$7.482M more than the Administration's request.

EDA Programs

\$445M for Economic Development Assistance Programs account for grants to economically distressed areas. Funds are to be distributed as follows:

- \$120.5M – Public Works
- \$36M – Partnership Planning
- \$13M – Technical Assistance
- \$2M – Research and Evaluation
- \$13.5M – Trade Adjustment Assistance
- \$42M – Economic Adjustment Assistance
- \$80.5M – Assistance to Coal Communities
- \$13M – Assistance to Nuclear Closure Communities
- \$50M – Regional Innovation Program Grants
- \$70M – Recompete Pilot Program
- \$4.5M – STEM Apprenticeship Program

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

\$6.786B – NOAA which is \$908.5M above FY2022 enacted level.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

\$1.099B – NMFS Operations, Research, and Facilities which is \$84M above FY2022 enacted level.

- \$65M - Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery
- \$73M - Protected Resources, Science and Management for Pacific Salmon which is \$6M above FY2022 enacted level. The Committee recommends that no less than \$6.5M (which is an increase of \$1.5M) for Pacific Salmon to implement NMFS' Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans (HGMPs) and to continue to address the backlog of HGMPs as directed in previous fiscal years.
- \$65M – Fisheries Science and Management – Salmon Management Activities
- \$39.5M – Salmon Management Activities – Pacific Salmon Treaty activities.
- \$25M – Salmon Management Activities – Mitchell Act Hatcheries.
- \$1M - Young Fishermen's Development Grant Program – This funding is within the Sea Grant program to launch the Young Fisherman's Development Grant Program to "prioritize providing training, education, outreach, and technical assistance for young fishermen, as authorized by the Young Fishermen's Development Act, Public Law 116–289."

Community Project Funding in the Pacific Northwest Included:

- \$1.5M – Regents of the University of Washington for Equity and Ecosystem Health Through Water Column Observation – Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D, WA-7)
- \$1M – University of Washington Tacoma for Center for Urban Waters— Protecting Salmon from Toxic Chemicals – Rep. Marilyn Strickland (D, WA-10)
- \$5M – Upper Columbia United Tribes for Salmon Reintroduction Project – Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R, WA-5)

Bill Language of Interest:

- "In-Water Construction Permitting.—The Committee is disappointed by the continuing delays in the permitting of in-water construction, particularly in the Pacific Northwest. The Committee therefore directs NOAA and NMFS, in collaboration with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to provide timely services to, and proactive communication with, applicants for permits for in-water construction, and to increase outreach to other relevant stakeholders. NOAA

shall continue to provide the Committee with monthly updates on its efforts to clear the permitting backlog.”

- “Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKW).—The Committee provides an increase of not less than \$1,000,000 above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level for the SRKW program for research and monitoring to improve the recovery of the species. The Committee further encourages NMFS to support existing partnerships between Federal and State agencies, Native American tribes, public ports, and nonprofits to monitor and reduce noise impacts on this endangered species.”

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