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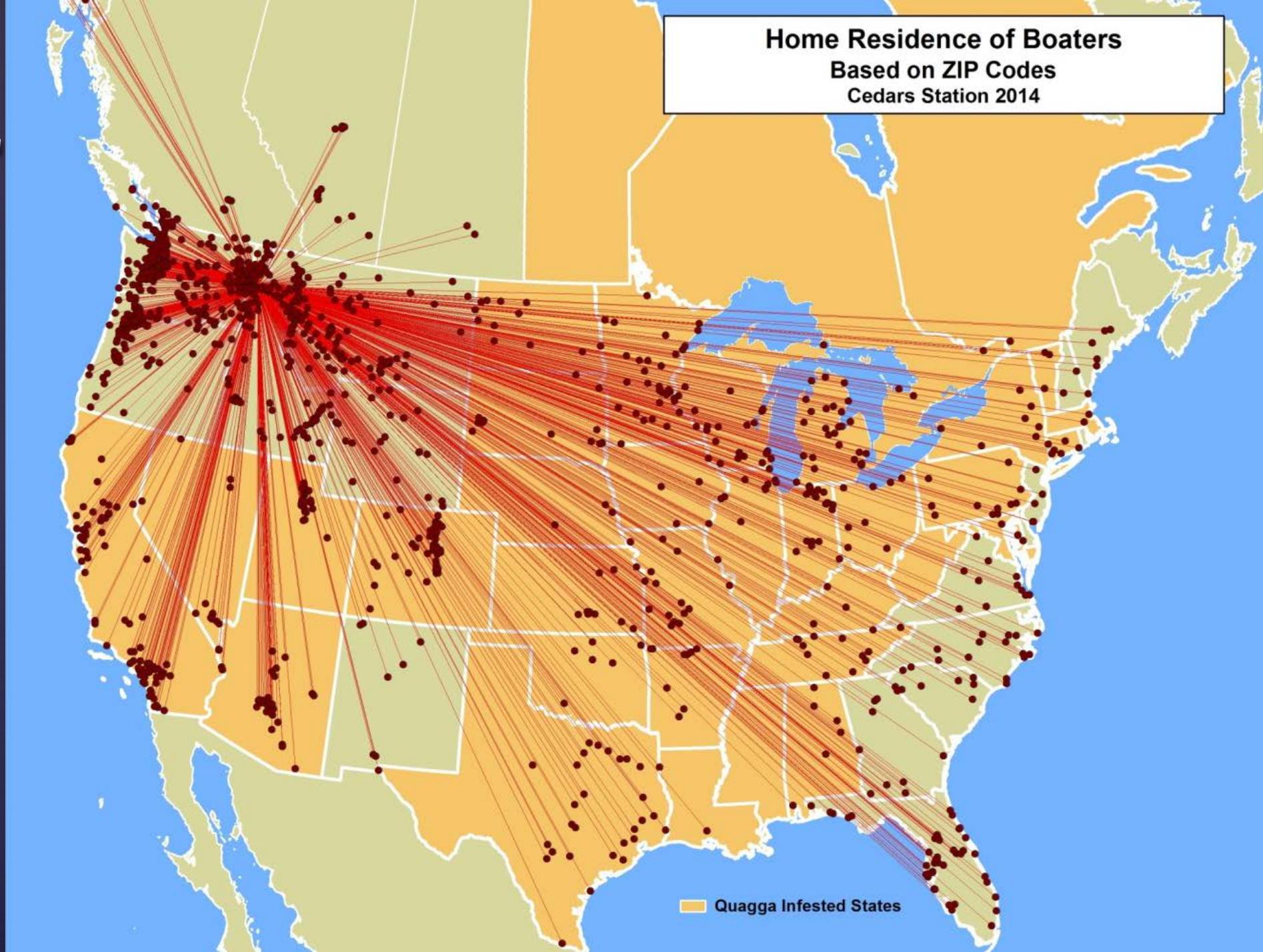
Iowa DNR

# Building Consensus in the West

Joanne Grady, U.S. FWS

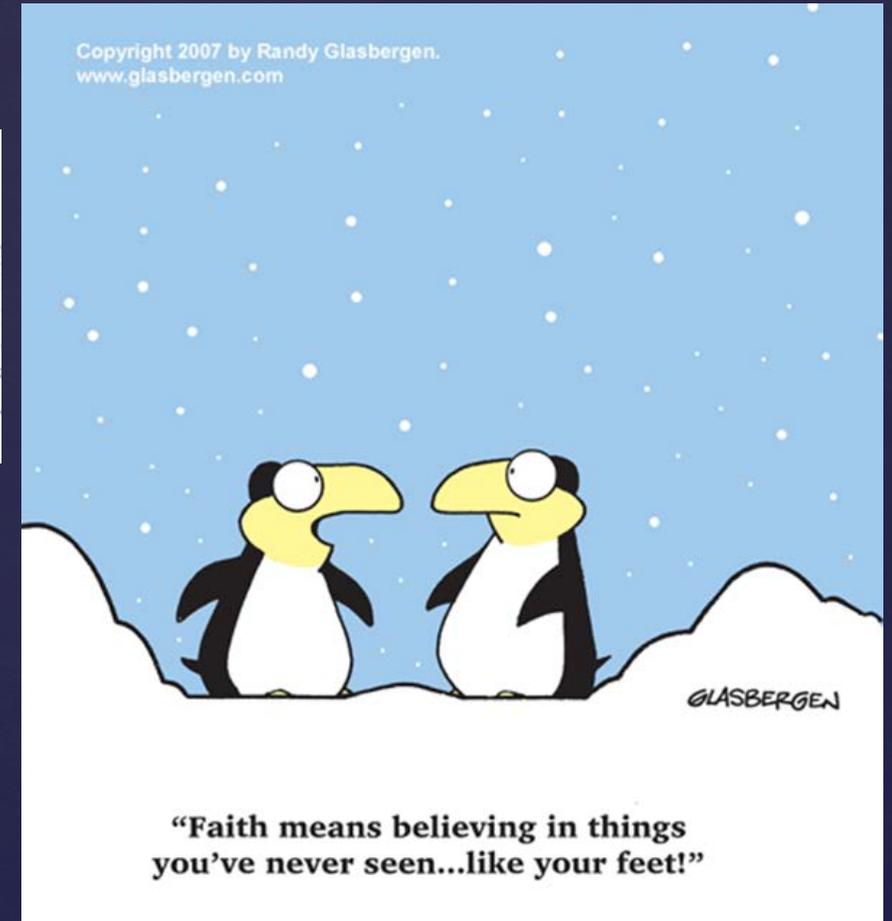
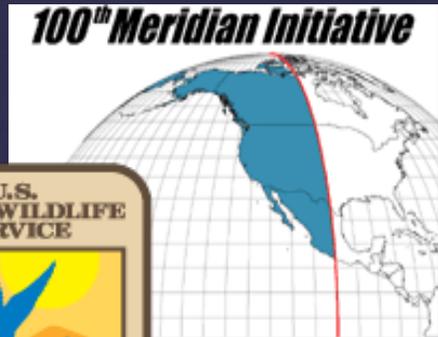
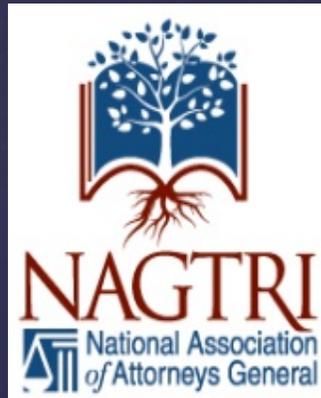
# THE GOAL

- *Address the pathway.*
- *Prevent spread of mussels while keeping boaters boating.*





# PARTNERSHIP



# Phoenix 2012

- Co-learning Workshop!
- AIS Coordinators, Assistant Attorney Generals, Law Enforcement Supervisors, Natural Resource Agency attorneys
- 26 Point Action Plan to minimize spread of invasive mussels through watercraft movements



**A GOAL  
WITHOUT A PLAN  
IS JUST A WISH**

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# Building Consensus in the West - RECIPRICAL ACCEPTANCE OF BOATS FROM LOW RISK WATERS

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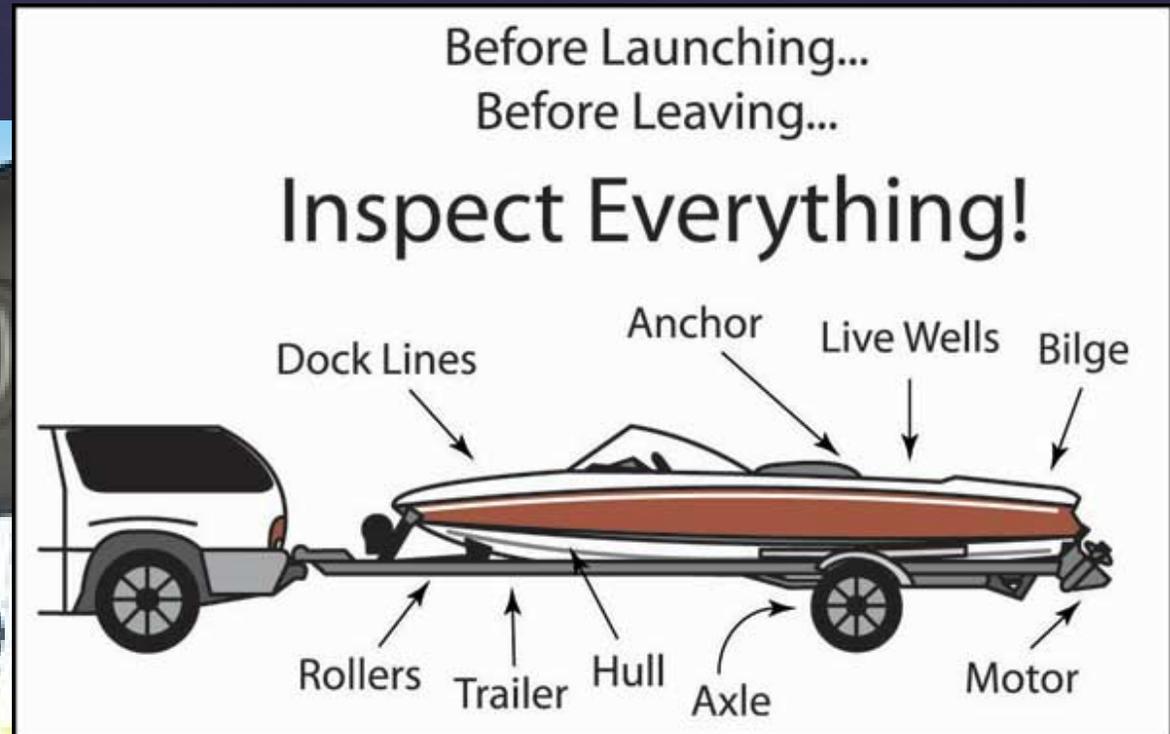
**Model Regulations**

**Protocols  
and  
Standards**

**Model Law**



# Watercraft inspection & decontamination definitions, protocols, and standards



# Waterbody Sampling

- Monitoring – both plankton tows and settlement traps or substrate samplers.
- Definitions for what constitutes early ‘detection’ and the minimum required to validate the detection
- Agreed to concentrate sampling based on risk assessment.
- Field sampling committee (Karen Vargas, chair) - evaluate current methods, develop BMPs on minimums for confident classifications
- Lab standards committee (Steve Wells, chair)– evaluate current lab standards; develop BMPS for lab processes.



# Waterbody Classification

- Waterbody definitions –based on results of detection sampling
  - Unknown, Undetected/Negative, Inconclusive,
  - Suspect, Positive, Infested
- De-listing a Waterbody
  - Schedule of subsequent negative samples can allow agency to de-list a water.
  - Suspect – 3 years of negative testing to get to undetected/negative.
  - Positive – 5 years of negative testing to get to undetected/negative



# Regional WID Data Sharing



- Goal is to have States, Provinces, NPS and other entities performing WID participating by end of year 2018.
- Highest priority – Providing timely electronic watercraft movement from infested waters to negative locations.
  - States are currently receiving email notifications from Nevada Department of Wildlife as of June 2016.
  - Eventually will replace WEST911.
- Secondary priority – Overall improved WID operations, reporting, management and customer service through rapid, standardized data collection and risk assessment.



# “The Magic Website”

<http://www.westernais.org/building-consensus>

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## Aquatic Invasive Species Network

A national collaboration to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic inv

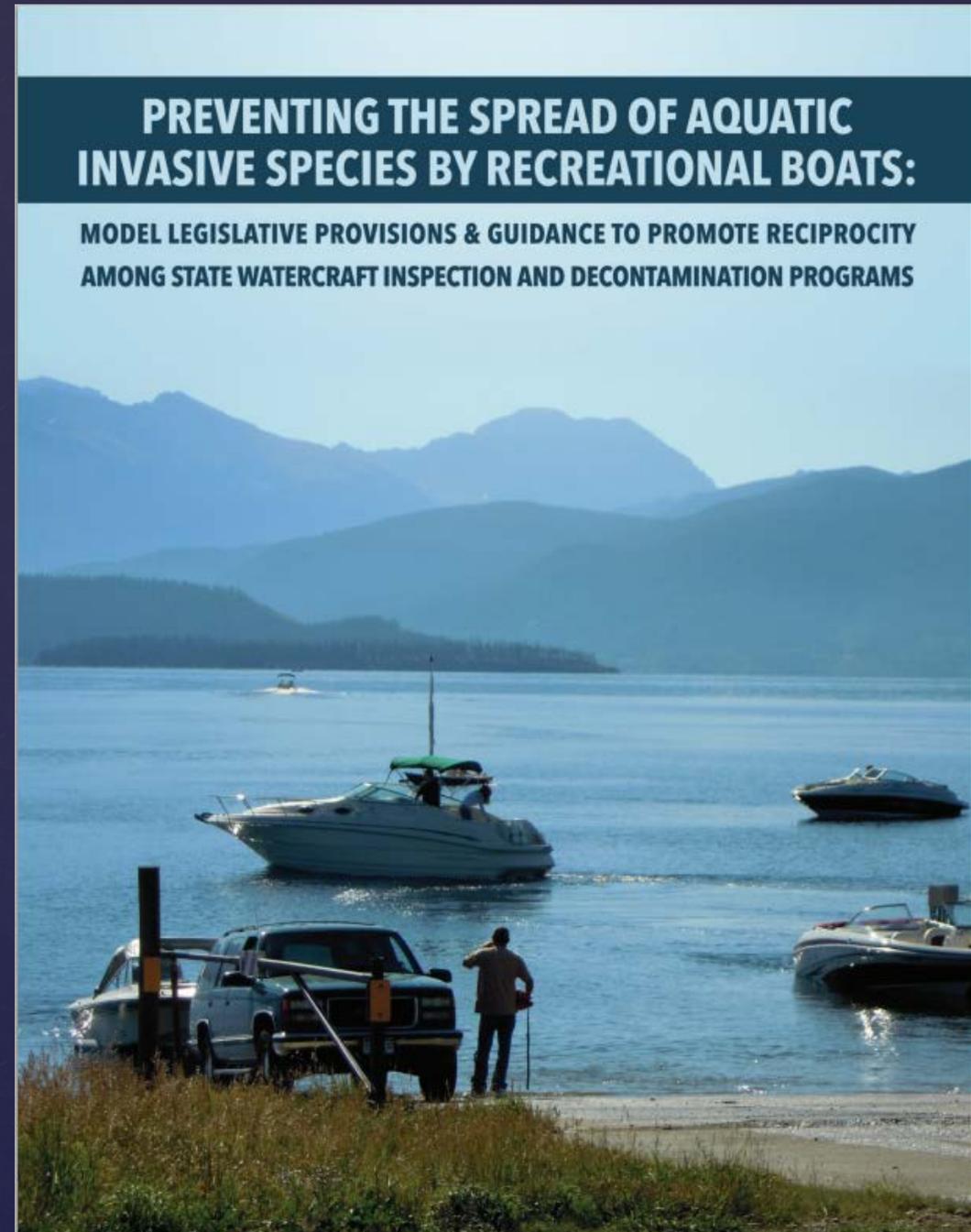
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**BREAKING!** Aquatic Invasive Species

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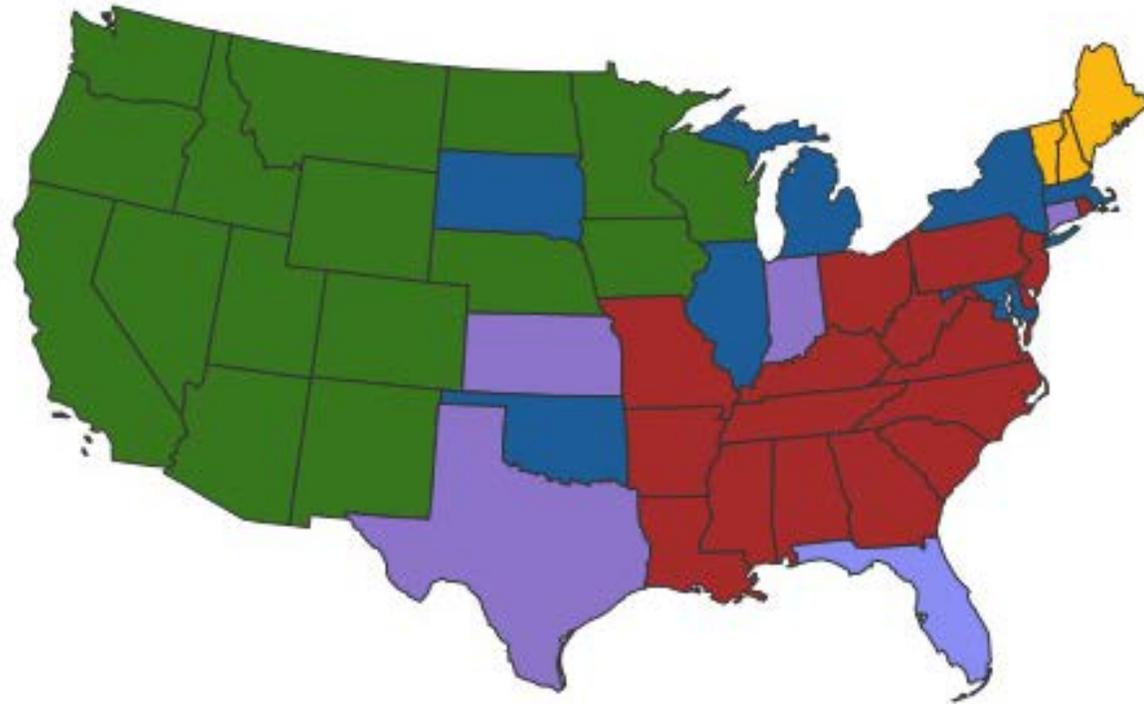
# MODEL LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

- Chaired by National Sea Grant Law Center & AFWA Invasives Committee
- Developed by committee of Western Assistant Attorney Generals and Law Enforcement Supervisors
- Needed common language & definitions!

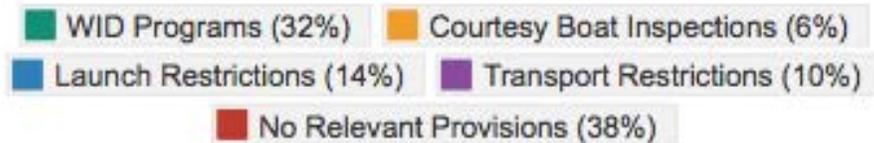
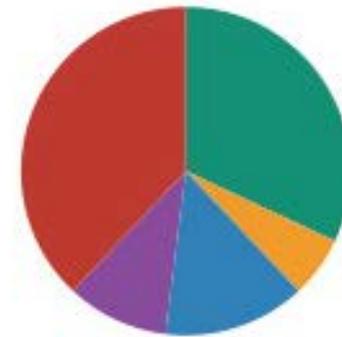


# Quick Facts

Prepared by the National Sea Grant Law Center (October 2014)



62% of states have legal provisions addressing the trailered recreational watercraft vector.



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# The Big Picture

- Multistate, regional collaboration
- Preserves or enhances state authority

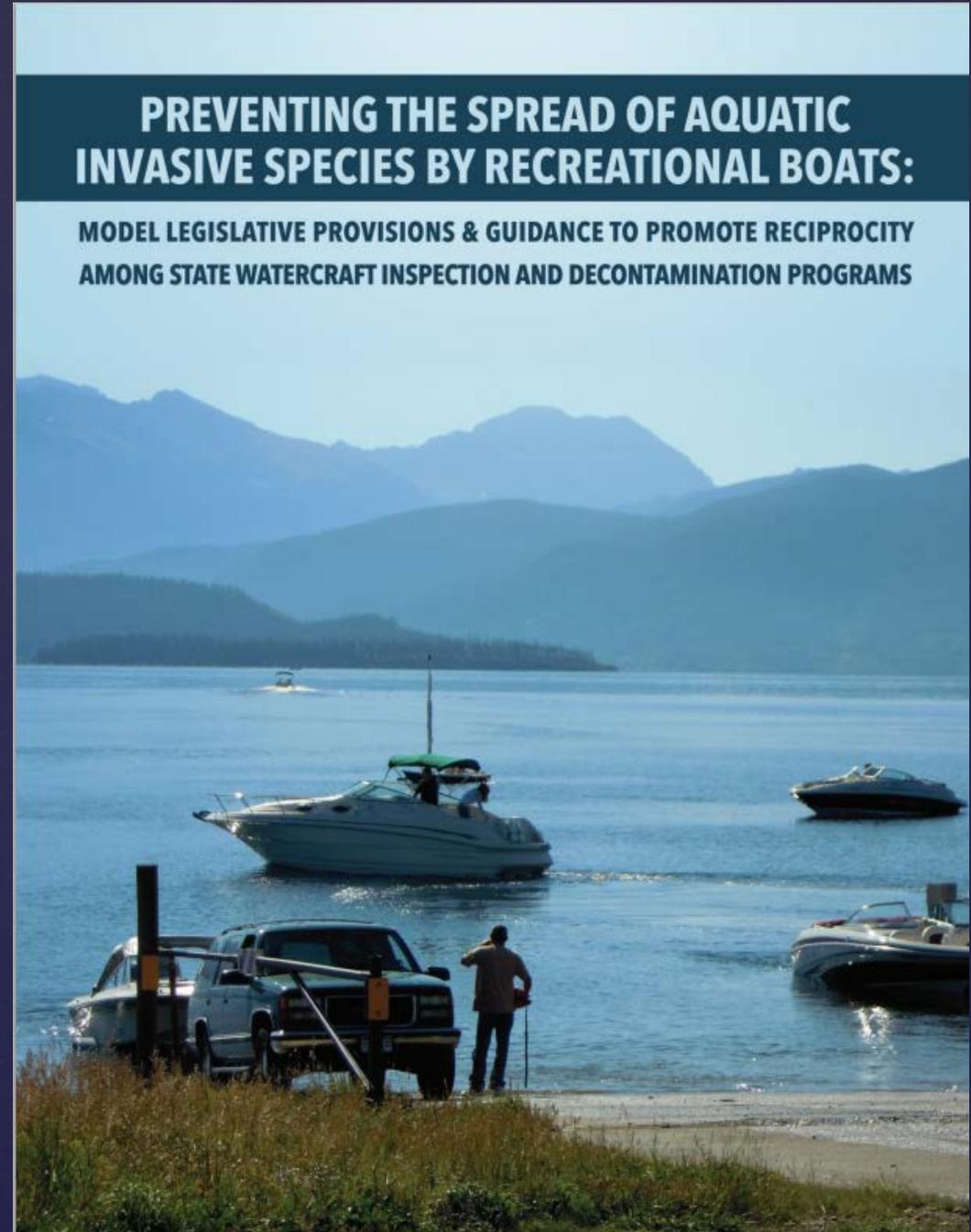


# The Big Picture

- Model guidance can be applied to any I/S
- Provides a framework for other regional resource management issues

# Implement Model Legislative Provisions

- “Stronger and more consistent state regulations lead to reciprocity capability and increase potential Lacey Act Title 16 support” Priya Nanjappa, AFWA
- Increase fiscal support



# Model Regulations

- Team - NSGLC, AFWA, AAGs , AIS
- Finalize by Thanksgiving.
- Focused on invasive mussels & boat pathway
- Draft through AFWA committees , regional panels, NASBLA& NAAG – September 19<sup>th</sup> for 30 day review.
- Comment deadline extended until **FRIDAY.**

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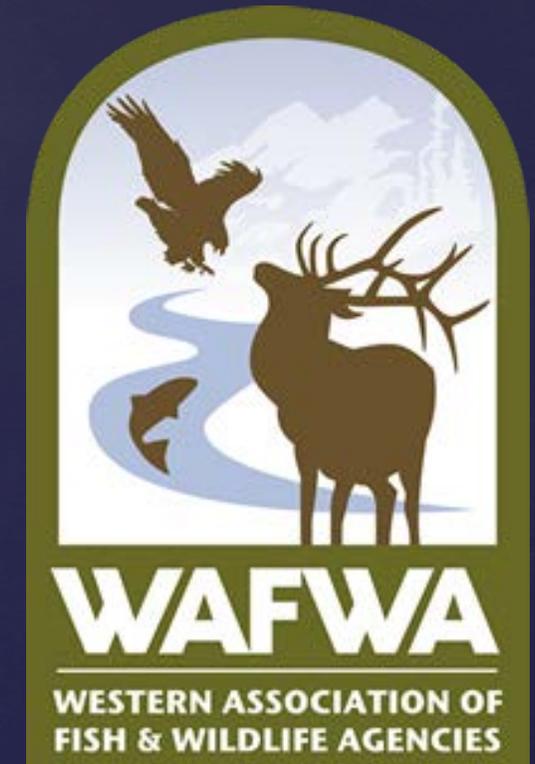
## MODEL REGULATION *for* STATE WATERCRAFT INSPECTION *and* DECONTAMINATION PROGRAMS

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# Increased Coordination & Communication

- WAFWA reinvigorated AIS Committee chaired by Mark Fowden, WY Game & Fish
- WRP-BC presentation July 2016
- WAFWA Resolution – Encourage Drain Plug & Plant Laws
- Fish Chiefs HERE in Jackson!
- Roll Call – resolution
- Mutual “Asks”



# Boat Industry Partnership: Boat Design and Construction in the Consideration of AIS.



Aquatic Invasive Species Meeting

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## NOTICE

## TRAILER CHECKLIST

Before towing this vehicle be sure to read and familiarize yourself with the instructions and warnings supplied with it.  
**NEVER TOW THIS VEHICLE BEFORE YOU CHECK TO BE SURE:**

- ✓ Coupler, hitch and hitch ball are of the same size
- ✓ Coupler and safety chains are safely secured to hitch of tow vehicle
- ✓ All fasteners are properly tightened
- ✓ Boat is securely tied down to trailer  
(winch line is not a tie down)
- ✓ Wheel lug nuts are properly tightened
- ✓ Wheel bearings are properly adjusted and maintained
- ✓ Load is within maximum load carrying capacity
- ✓ Tires are properly inflated
- ✓ All trailer lighting is working properly
- ✓ Trailer brakes are properly adjusted and working  
(if trailer is so equipped)
- ✓ Clean, drain and dry the boat and trailer, removing any attached plant material or debris

This trailer is equipped to meet applicable federal safety standards. Check local and state requirements regarding brakes and any additional equipment that may be required.

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# ABYC & IBEX

- Representatives:
  - Elizabeth Brown, CO
  - Adam Doll, MN
  - Glenn Dolphin, OR
  - Gene Seagle, NPS
  - Dennis Zabaglo, Tahoe
- Please review & provide comments on future drafts of TIR
- Decontamination Sub-Committee
- Future Need: Outreach & information more targeted to industry



# Continued work

- Finalizing & AFWA approval of model regulations
- Database/sharing
- Additional consensus needed on dry time
- Phase III: Model “Cooperative Agreement”
- Next BC Meeting: Week of April 3rd, Albuquerque, New Mexico

