



GLRI Funding Update

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GLRI Funding History

Fiscal Year	\$ Amount
FY 2010	\$475 million
FY 2011	\$300 million
FY 2012	\$300 million
FY 2013	\$285 million
FY 2014	\$300 million
FY 2015	\$300 million
FY 2016	\$300 million
FY 2017	\$300 million

GLRI Invasive Species Breakdown

Fiscal Year	\$ Amount
FY 2010	\$60.3 million
FY 2011	\$57.5 million
FY 2012	\$56.9 million
FY 2013	\$45 million
FY 2014	\$54.6 million
FY 2015	\$53 million
FY 2016	\$57 million

Fight to Fund the GLRI

- At the end 2016, Congress authorized the GLRI for five-years at \$300 million a year.
- The President's FY 18 budget calls to **completely eliminate GLRI**.
- The administration also requested a **\$50 million cut to GLRI** in the FY 17 budget, but Congress ignored this and funded GLRI at \$300 million.

Congressional Response to Proposed GLRI Cuts

- The Senate Great Lakes Task Force, sent a bipartisan letter to EPA Administrator Pruitt expressing their deep concerns with drastic cuts to the GLRI (3/10).
- 63 members of the House of Representatives signed onto a letter to the Appropriations Committee calling for the full \$300 million for GLRI in FY 18 (3/30).
- Numerous Great Lakes Members of Congress have voiced opposition to cuts through such actions as press releases and op-eds.

The President's FY 18 Budget Request

- The President's budget includes an increase of \$50 billion in defense spending offset by deep domestic spending cuts.
- Cuts EPA's budget by 31 percent including:
 - 45 percent cut to EPA categorical grants (\$482 million reduction);
 - 24 percent cut to EPA environmental enforcement activities (\$129 million reduction);
 - 49 percent cut to EPA research and development activities (\$234 million reduction); and
 - 30 percent cut to EPA Superfund (\$330 million reduction).
- Cuts Interior's budget by 12 percent including a 7 percent cut to USFWS's aquatic invasive species efforts.
- Cuts \$250 million from NOAA's coastal research programs that ready communities for rising seas and worsening storms.
- Eliminates NOAA's \$73 million Sea Grant program, which operates in conjunction with universities in 33 states.

Key FY 18 Appropriations Milestones

- 6/15 – EPA Administrator Pruitt testifies before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies. Pruitt will likely testify before the Senate Subcommittee in the coming weeks
- June/July – House and Senate Appropriations Committees look to markup appropriations bills, including the Interior bill.
- September – Congress will either consider an large omnibus appropriations bill or a continuing resolution (CR).
- Fall/Winter 2017 – If Congress is only able to pass a CR at the end of September, expect a final budget deal to pushed back until the end of the session.