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A COMPARISON OF FUNDING FOR STATE AIS PROGRAMS

The **average budget** for aquatic invasive species programs included in this analysis is **\$3.97 million**. Of these states, 73% assess some kind of watercraft-related fee and nearly 55% use general fund monies.

A SNAPSHOT

State	Total Budget	Watercraft Fees	General Fund (GF)	Fishing Fees	Gas Tax	Hydroelectric Fees
California	\$5.98 million	✓	✓			
Colorado	\$4 million		✓			
Idaho	\$5.4 million	✓	✓			
Minnesota	\$9.9 million	✓	✓	✓		
Montana	\$6.29 million			✓		✓
Nevada	\$600,000 to \$750,000	✓				
Oregon	\$810,000	✓				
Washington	\$1.2 million	✓				
Wisconsin	\$4.5 million				✓	
Wyoming	\$1.35 million	✓	✓			
Utah	\$2.867 million	✓	✓			
		On average, watercraft fees account for 53.5% of all funding in these states.	On average, GF accounts for 52% of all funding in these states.		The gas tax provides 100% of funding in this state.	

Watercraft Fees: Who's Paying?

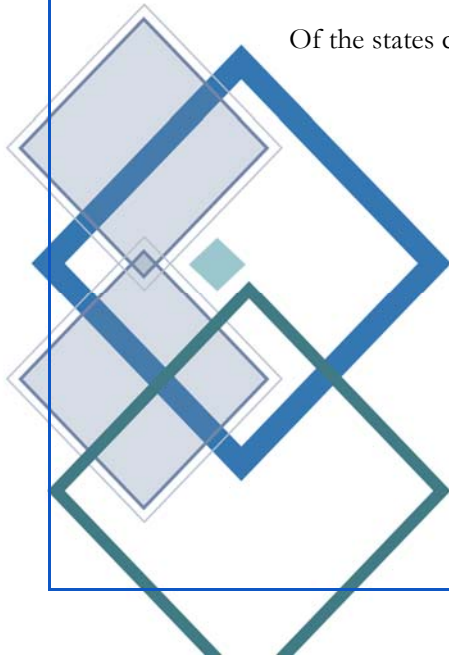
Of the states charging watercraft fees:

100% charge resident motorized craft

63% charge nonresident motorized craft

63% charge resident non-motorized craft

50% charge nonresident non-motorized craft



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THE DETAILS

State	Total Budget	AIS Fees (Annual charge unless otherwise noted)		Funding Sources
California	\$5.98 million	Mussel sticker for resident motorized watercraft \$16/2 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GF: \$232,000 Watercraft registration: \$2.851 million Mussel sticker: \$2.818 million Federal: \$46,900 State grants: \$37,000
Colorado	\$4 million	Currently proposing watercraft sticker/decals fee of ~\$25/resident and ~\$50/nonresident craft for the 2018 legislative session		<p><u>Previously:</u> Severance tax: 100%</p> <p><u>2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motorboat Colorado: ~\$2.8 million Water providers: ~\$750,000 Federal: ~\$400,000 <p><u>2018</u> GF</p>
Idaho	\$5.4 million	Motorized Resident: \$10, paid with registration Nonresident: \$30	Non-Motorized Resident: \$7 Nonresident: \$7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GF: \$3.2 million US Army Corps: ~\$1 million Watercraft fees: \$1.2 million
Minnesota	\$9.9 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AIS surcharge on resident motorized watercraft registration: \$5/3 years (proposal to increase to \$12 failed in 2017 legislative session) Nonresident fishing license surcharge of \$5 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watercraft fee: \$1.37 million Nonresident fishing licenses: \$1.075 million GF: \$4.924 million Federal: \$473,000 Local grants: \$600,000
Montana	\$6.29 million	AIS Prevention Pass, purchased with a fishing license Resident: \$2 Nonresident: \$15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal: 50% AIS Prevention Pass: 25% Hydroelectric fees: 25%

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State	Funding	AIS Decal		Notes
		Motorized	Non-Motorized	
Nevada	\$600,000 to \$750,000/year depending on impact of drought on watercraft use	<u>2017</u> Resident: \$10 Nonresident: \$20 <u>2018</u> \$12 for everyone	<u>2017</u> Resident: \$5 Nonresident: \$10 <u>2018</u> \$5 for everyone	Roughly 65% federal and 35% watercraft fees
Oregon	\$810,000	Motorized Resident: \$5/2 years, paid w/ registration, not transferrable Nonresident: \$20, transferrable to other motorized craft	Non-Motorized \$5, transferrable to other non-motorized craft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almost 100% from watercraft fees Federal: \$20,000 – \$30,000
Washington	\$1.2 million	AIS Registration Sticker for motorized watercraft Resident: \$2 Nonresident: \$20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almost 100% from watercraft fees Federal: \$68,400
Wisconsin	\$4.5 million			Gas tax: 100%
Wyoming	\$1.35 million	Motorized: Resident: \$30/3 years, paid w/ registration Nonresident: \$30	Non-Motorized Resident: \$5 Nonresident: \$15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GF: 48% Watercraft fees: 48% Federal: 4%
Utah	\$2.867 million	Resident motorized watercraft registration fee \$10 (adopted 2017)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GF: ~\$1.45 million Watercraft fees: ~\$650,000 Federal: \$628,000 Other partners/ stakeholders: \$139,000

GF=General Fund