

**Justification for Southern Division, American Fisheries Society
Resolution on
Federal Funding for Programs to Prevent, Control, and Manage
Aquatic Invasive Species**

State aquatic invasive species programs are critical for the prevention, detection, monitoring, control and management of aquatic invasive species. Federal funding for these state programs has been the same at \$1,075,000 dollars since 2004 when each of the 16 approved state and interstate plans received \$67,187 dollars. In 2011 there were 39 state and interstate plans that each received federal funding of \$27,564 dollars. This represents a 41% decrease in funding in a 7 year period. The current level of federal funding for state and federal plans is inadequate to effectively respond to the negative impacts that aquatic invasive species have on native species.

Federal funding for the six regional plans have remained unchanged since implementing legislation was enacted in 1994. Funding of \$50,000 per year is provided to each panel. This funding level is insufficient for effective panel operations. It has been estimated that adequate funding would be \$1,000,000 per panel annually.

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