

# Five Days Into FY 2024: Update, Outlook, and Expectations

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# Agenda

- Last Week in Congress
- What's Next For FY 2024 Spending Bills?
- Status of IRA and IIJA Funds





# Last Week in Congress

# Shutdown Averted

- Continuing Resolution (CR) approved at 11<sup>th</sup> hour
  - Bipartisan House vote: 335-91
    - Voted yes: 335 (126 Republicans and 209 Democrats)
    - Voted no: 91 (90 Republicans and 1 Democrat)
  - Bipartisan Senate vote:
    - Voted yes: 88 (46 Democrats and 39 Republicans)
    - Voted no: 9 (9 Republicans)



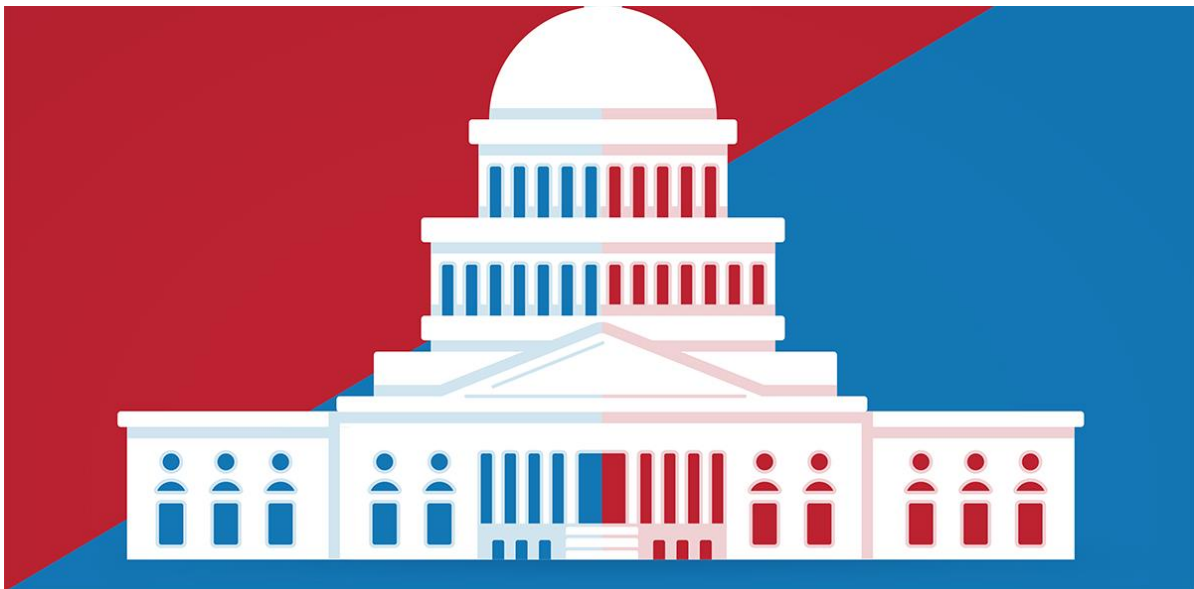
# CR Details

- 45 days (through November 17)
- Maintains funding at current rate of operations
- Add-ons:
  - \$16B in disaster aid
  - No Ukraine aid (requested by White House and majority of Senate)
  - No border security funding (priority for House conservatives)

# CR Funding

- Research grant awards will be at a level below the commitment
  - Consistent with practice during prior CRs
  - Upward adjustments to awarded levels will be considered after FY 2024 appropriations are finalized
- Appropriations from the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* (IIJA) and the *Inflation Reduction Act* (IRA) are still available





# Removing Speaker McCarthy: Motion to Vacate

- Rep. Gaetz filed request for vote to remove Speaker McCarthy
- Passed 216-210
  - 8 Republicans voted with Democrats








- Rep. McHenry named speaker pro tempore
  - Authority of a regular speaker?
  - Oversee new speaker election
  - Candidate debate Tuesday, election Wednesday

# What Happens November 17?

- CR runs out
- Not out of the woods for FY 2024
- Need to conference and pass individual bills, an omnibus, or a CR
- House started considering bills but stalled by motion to vacate
- Senate will continue consideration in the next few days
- Separate, longer-term Ukraine funding package?



An aerial photograph of the ocean with waves breaking. The water is a deep blue, and the white foam of the waves is visible. The sky is a clear, light blue.

# What's Next for FY 2024 Spending Bills?



# Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA)



- Lifts debt limit
- Caps FY 2024 discretionary funding at lower levels than current (FY 2023) spending
- Enacts automatic cut if operating under CR



# FY 2024 Appropriations Bills

## House Bills

- Drafted to FY 2022 spending levels—below FRA caps
- Cut unspent funds from Democrat priorities appropriated in the last few years and repurposed them to Republican priorities (recissions)
- Passed 10 out of 12 bills out of committee with only Republican support
- Included policy priorities Senate and White House won't accept

## Senate Bills

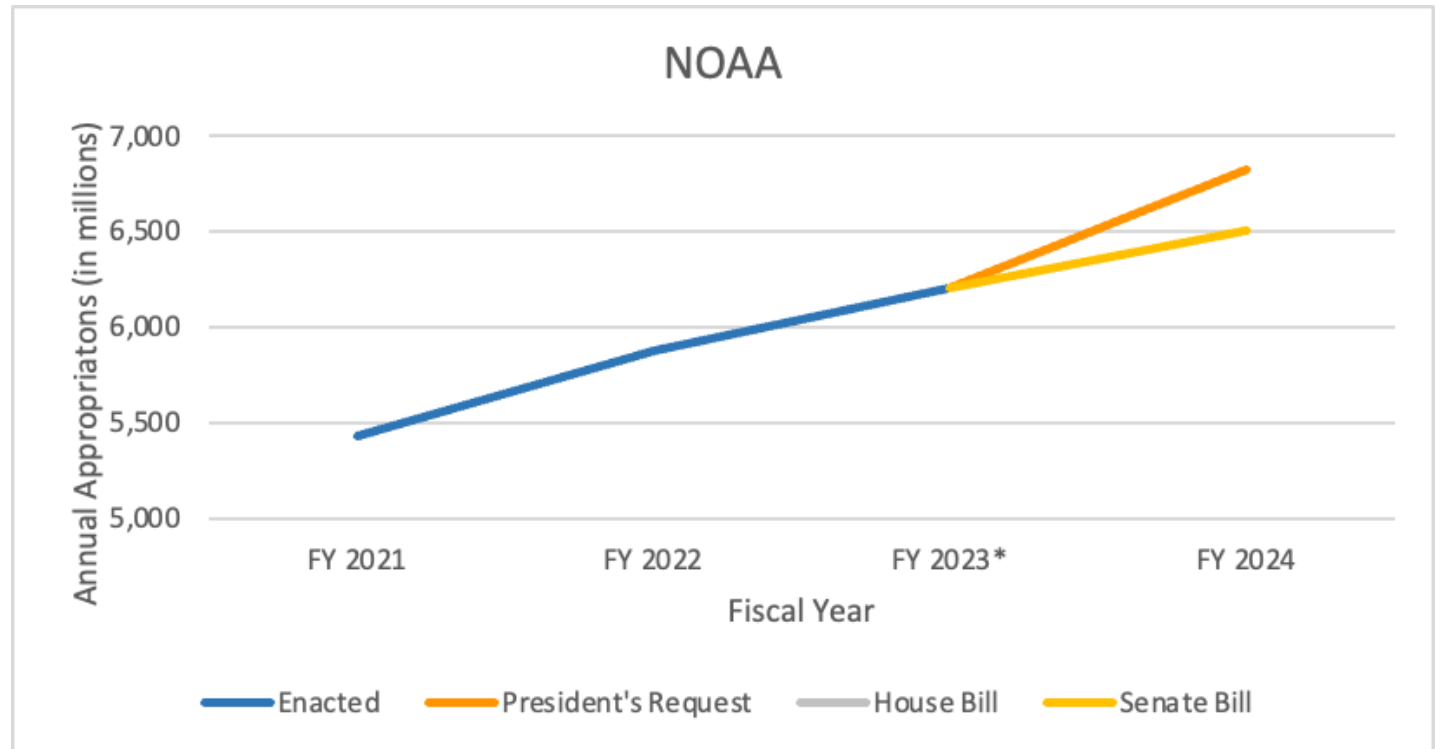
- Drafted to caps in FRA
- Include recissions as outlined in FRA
- Passed 12 out of 12 bills out of committee with bipartisan support
- Democrat and Republican senators complain FRA levels—Senate bills—are too low
- Added \$14B in emergency spending

# Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS)

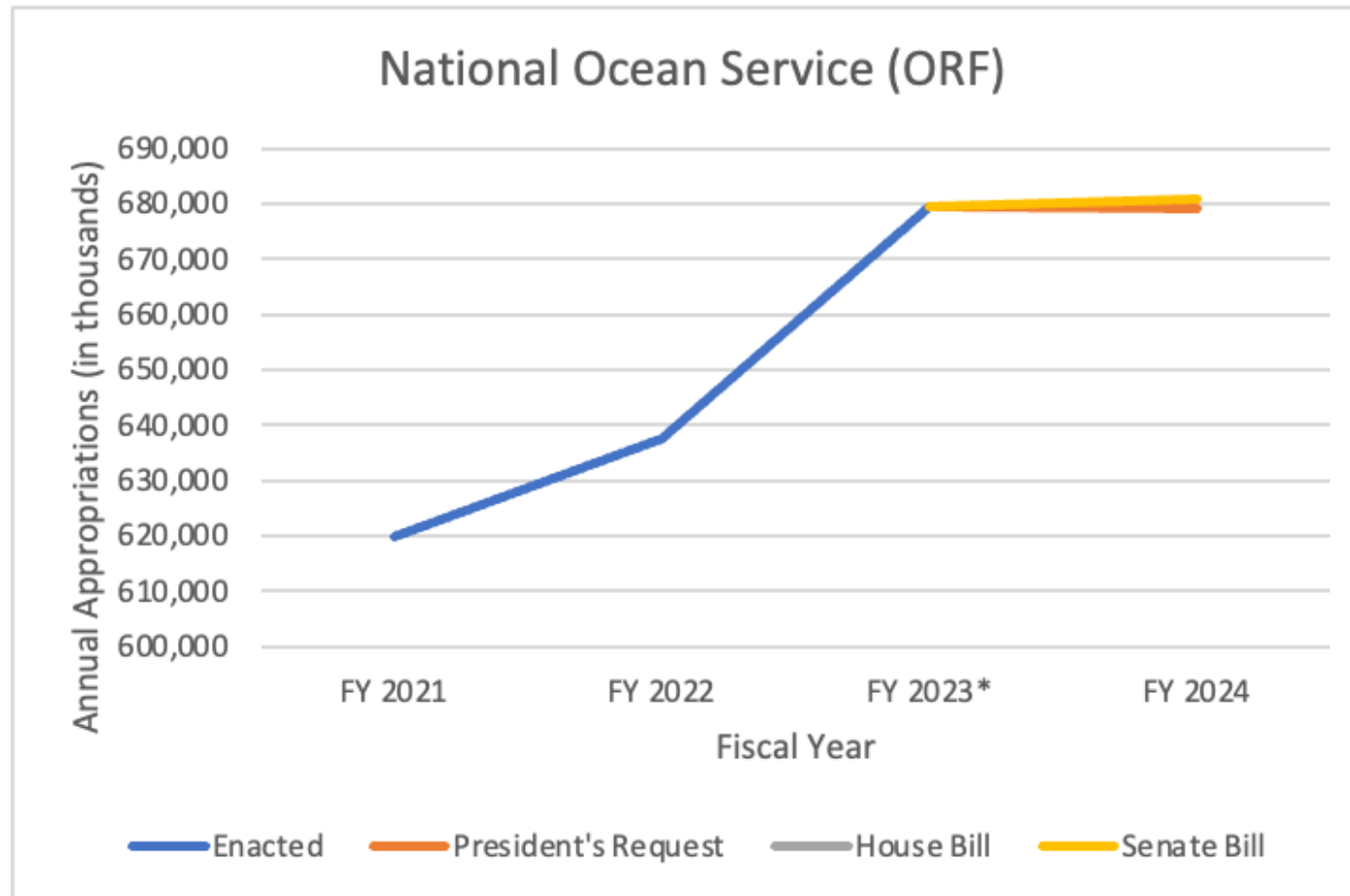
- Funds NSF, NOAA, and NASA
- Senate: Passed out of Appropriations Committee with 28-1 vote
- House: Approved by CJS subcommittee, not brought to full committee



# National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



# NOAA: National Ocean Service (ORF)





# Report Language

## *Harmful Algal Blooms*

Within funding for Competitive Research, the Committee provides not less than \$14 million to accelerate deployment of effective methods of intervention and mitigation to reduce the frequency, severity, and impact of HAB events in marine and freshwater systems. Of this amount, up to \$2 million shall be used to explore innovative methods to increase monitoring and detection of HABs in freshwater systems by partnering with academic institutions with expertise in uncrewed systems.

Given the high economic cost related to HAB events relative to the current research investment in the Gulf of Mexico, the Committee encourages NOAA to fund long-term HAB research in the Gulf of Mexico that further develops ongoing partnerships involving academic institutions, the private sector, and state governments.

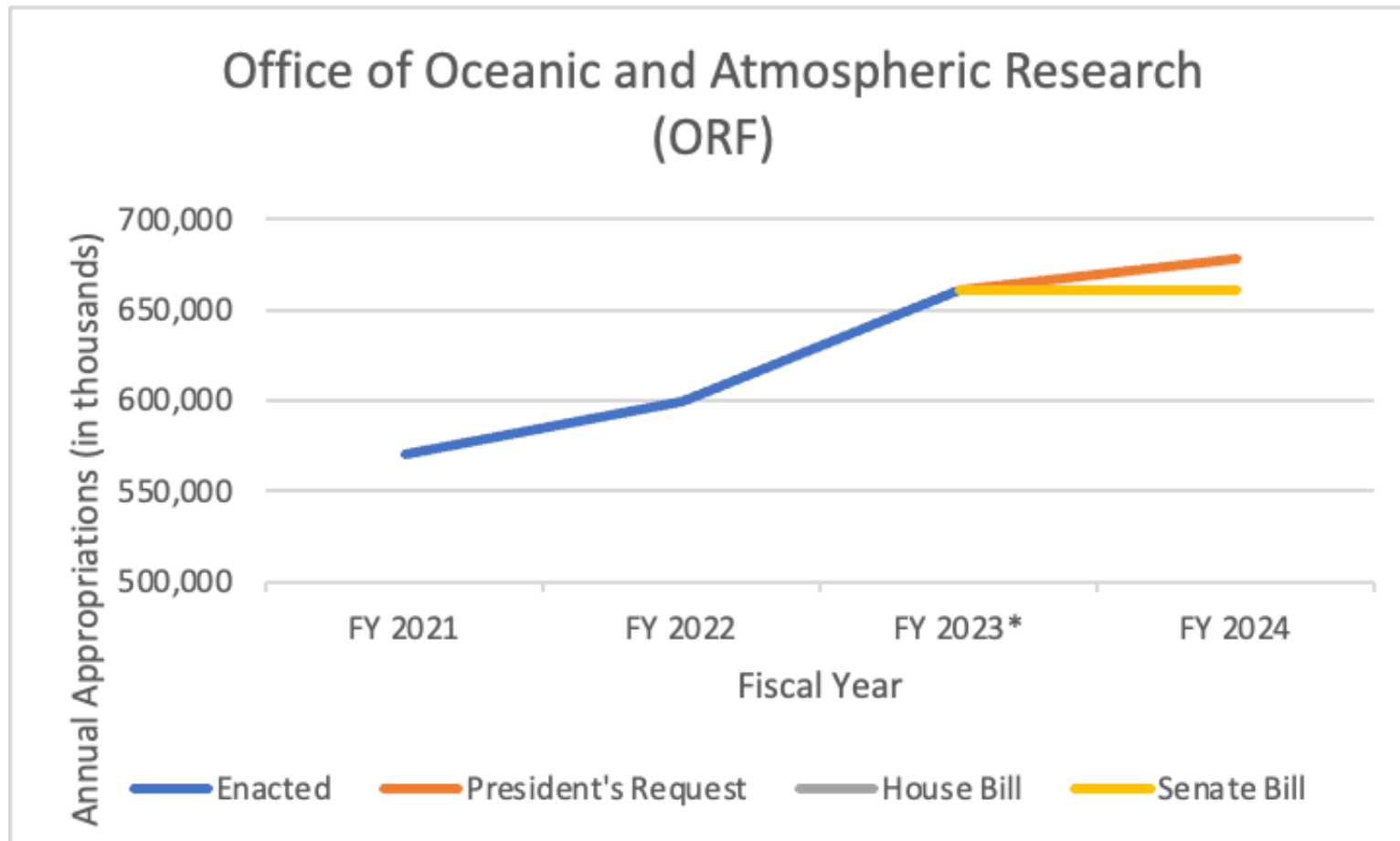
# Report Language

## *Improving Coastal Resilience*

Within the funding for Competitive Research, NOAA is encouraged to provide information and predictive capabilities to coastal communities, especially those with underserved populations, and to encourage natural-based solutions to address coastal hazards like sea level rise, flooding, and inundation.



# NOAA: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (ORF)



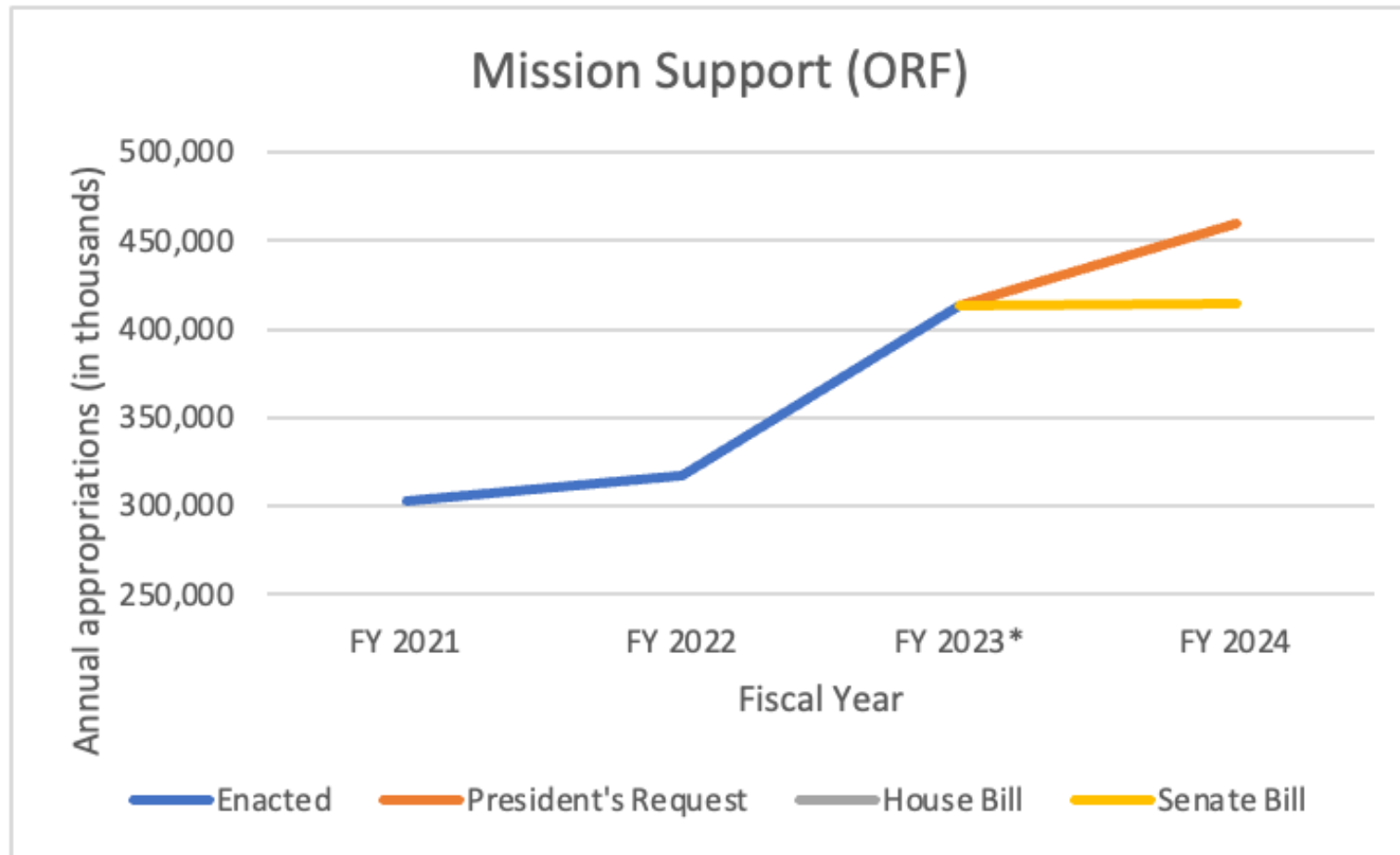
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## *Marine Ecosystem Responses to Climate Change*

The Committee recognizes the impacts of climate change on fisheries, including changes in the distribution, productivity, and abundance of fish stocks that make sustainable management more challenging. Within the funds provided for Climate Competitive Research, the Committee encourages OAR to fund improvements to ocean modeling systems and to build a high-resolution regional ocean modeling and prediction system that can inform climate-ready resource management.



# NOAA: Mission Support (ORF)



# Report Language

## *NOAA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*

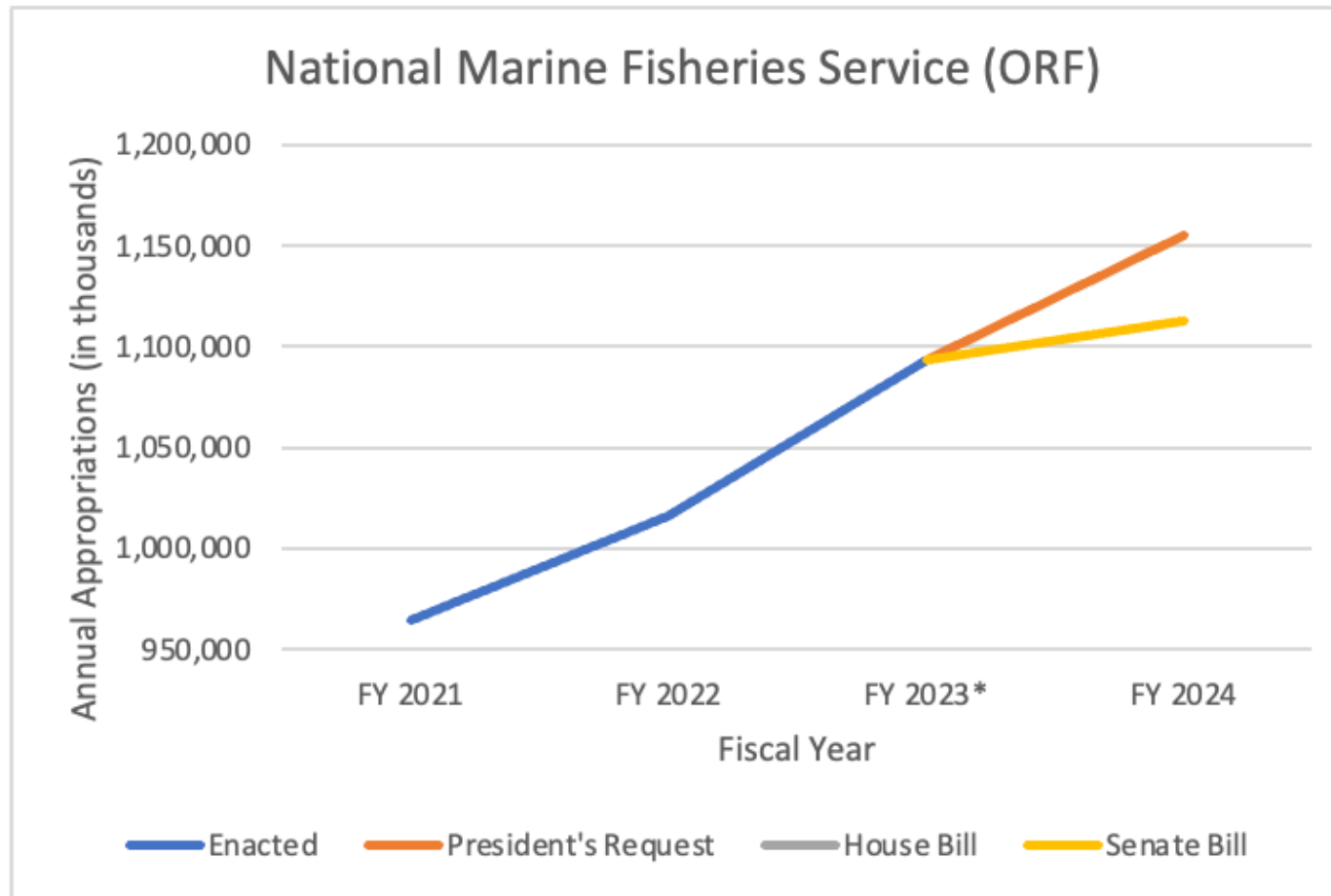
The Committee recognizes NOAA for taking steps to build a more diverse and inclusive workplace. The Committee provides not less than the FY 2023 enacted level to accelerate NOAA's Diversity and Inclusion Plan, to expand NOAA's recruiting program, and for equity assessment and implementation support in compliance with Executive Order 13985.

## *Cooperative Science Center for Ocean Education*

The Committee encourages the Administration to request funding for a cooperative science center for ocean education in its FY 2025 budget request.



# National Marine Fisheries Service (ORF)



# Report Language

## *Prescott Grants*

Within Marine Mammals, Sea Turtles, and Other Species, the Committee provides \$4.5 million for the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance grant program.



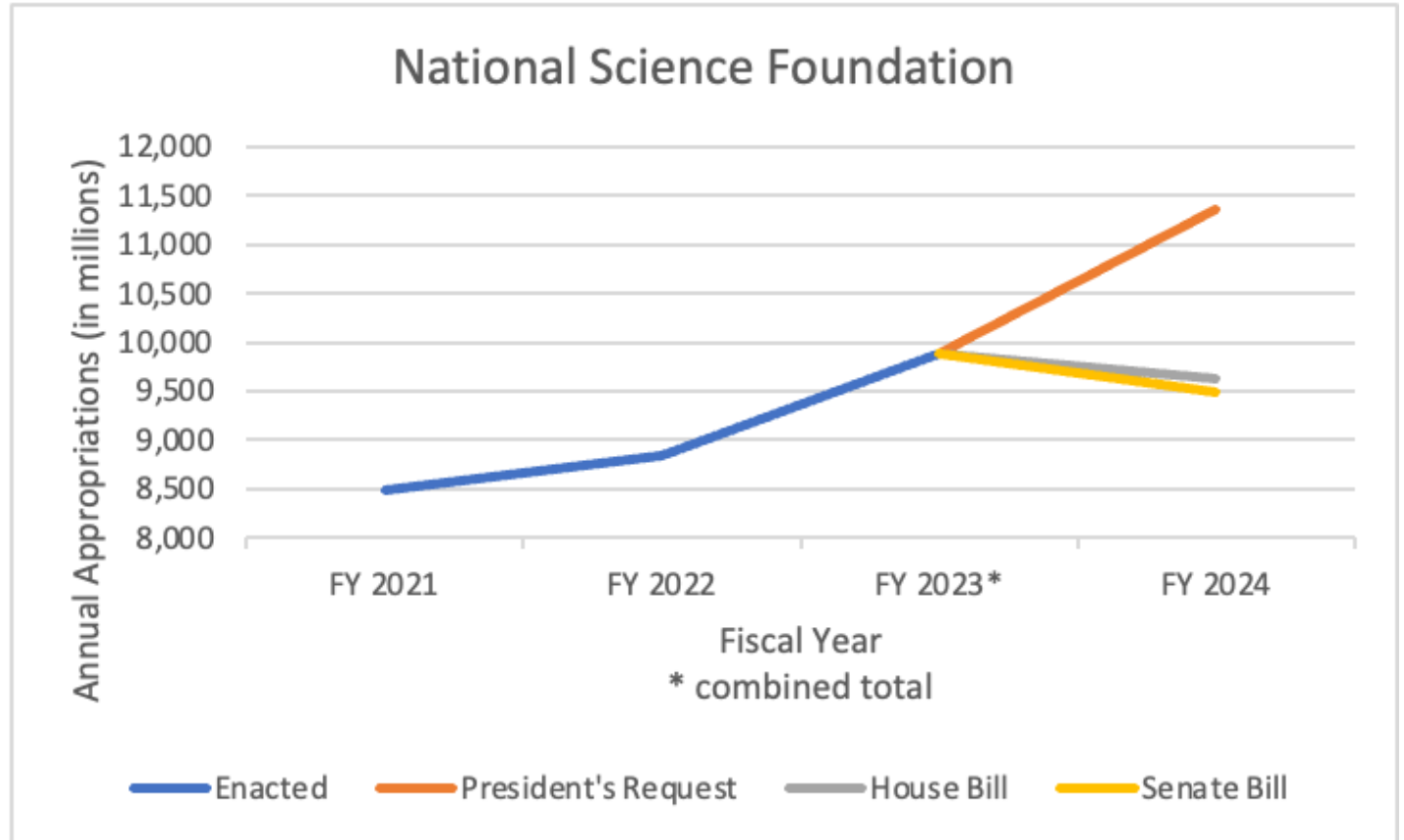
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## *Marine Aquaculture*

The Committee recognizes the significant potential for development of American offshore aquaculture to increase U.S. production of healthful, sustainable, and affordable seafood while expanding the seafood value chain to include traditional agricultural producers as well. The Office of Aquaculture has performed commendable work to coordinate efforts within NOAA and across Federal agencies toward a comprehensive approach to aquaculture policy and regulation. The Committee provides \$5 million to establish a new cooperative institute (CI) to support the sustainable development of aquaculture in the United States to address the seafood import deficit and benefit the economy. The CI will help the agency fulfill the tenets of the NOAA Aquaculture Strategic Plan.

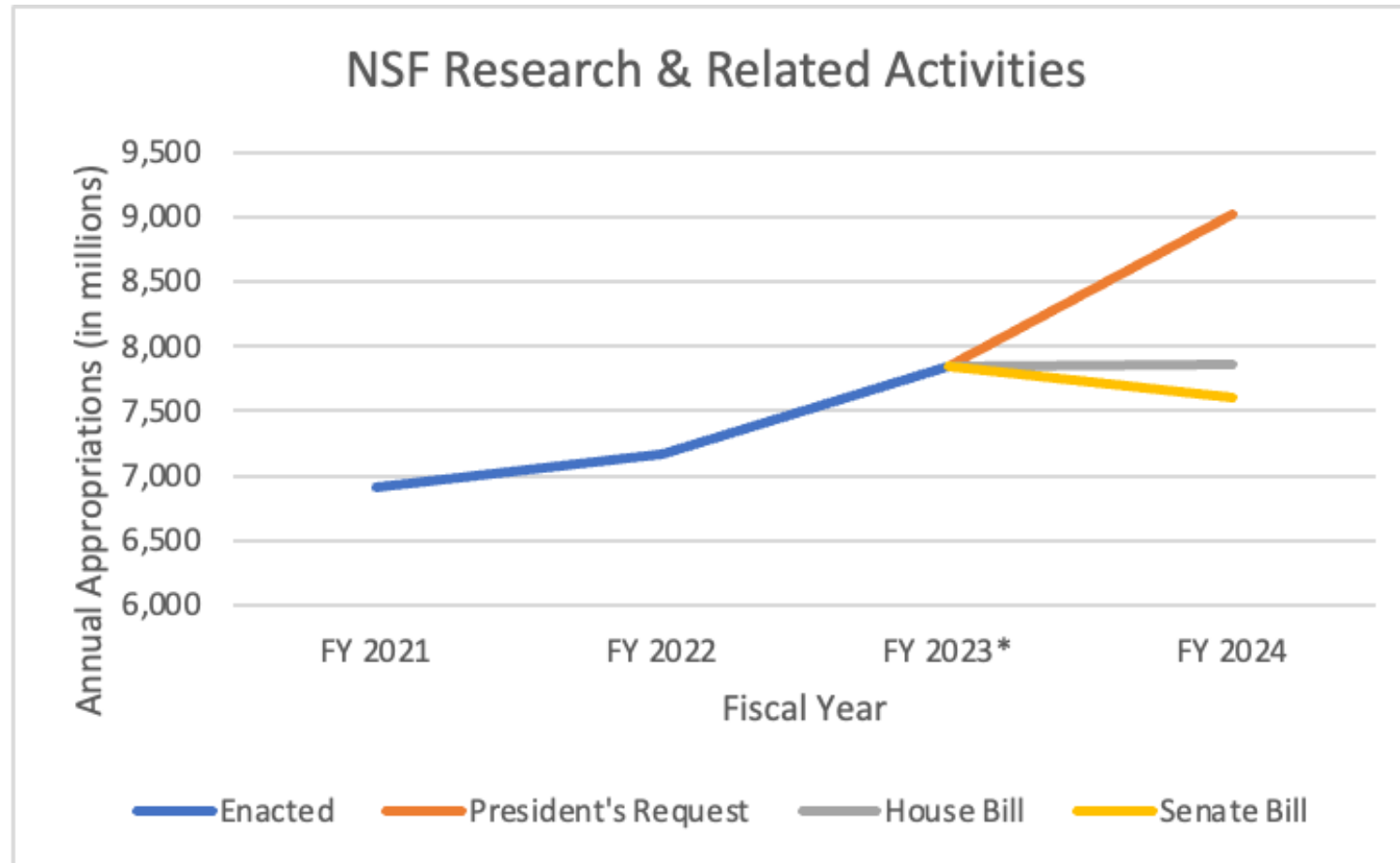
NOAA is also encouraged to upgrade equipment and to increase the amount of staff focused on aquaculture at all NMFS fisheries science centers, including to return staffing levels to those in FY 2010 at the Northeast and Northwest Fisheries Science Centers. Further, the Committee provides no less than the FY 2023 enacted level to continue the multi-year Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture demonstration pilot system.

# National Science Foundation





# NSF: Research and Related Activities



# Report Language

## *Technology, Innovation and Partnerships (TIP)*

The Committee recognizes NSF's critical role in driving U.S. scientific and technological innovation and supports the TIP Directorate authorized under the *Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act* (division B of P.L. 117–167). The directorate is a cross-cutting platform to advance science and engineering research leading to breakthrough technologies, to find solutions to national and societal challenges, to strengthen U.S. global competitiveness, and to provide training opportunities for the development of a diverse STEM workforce. As NSF works to incorporate the goals of TIP into its research portfolio, NSF is reminded that the success of TIP will be enhanced through investing in the necessary foundational basic research provided by scientific disciplines across the research spectrum.



# Report Language

## *Combating Sexual Harassment in Science*

The Committees strongly supports NSF actions to combat sexual harassment in science, including the implementation of the Combating Sexual Harassment in Science subtitle of P.L. 117–167. The Committee encourages NSF to work in partnership with stakeholders from across the ecosystem with experience in field safety and the prevention of sexual harassment in science as they support this important work.

Further, not later than 180 days of enactment of this act, NSF, in collaboration with the National Science Board and the Department of Justice, shall provide the Committee with a plan to address the findings of the U.S. Antarctic Program's Sexual Assault and Harassment Needs Assessment. The plan should include estimated costs to implement changes and should also address any needed changes at NSF-supported field stations and research vessels.



# Report Language

## *Broadening Participation*

The Committee recognizes that the future of U.S. economic competitiveness and our nation's ability to address national, economic, and health security threats depends on sustaining a robust STEM workforce. As the demographics of our nation evolve, ensuring individuals from underrepresented communities across the country can enter and sustain a career as part of the STEM workforce is essential to securing the workforce going forward. The Committee is deeply concerned that entrenched financial barriers are increasingly deterring students, particularly those from underrepresented communities, from pursuing STEM careers. The Committee encourages NSF to evaluate the adequacy of compensation for trainees and early career researchers supported through fellowships, training grants, and research awards. NSF is also encouraged to continue supporting the recruitment, retention, and advancement of underrepresented faculty at U.S. institutions of higher education through relevant existing programs.





# Status of IRA and IIJA Money

# IRA Funds

- Some House appropriations bills propose rescissions of prior unobligated funds, including IRA funds
- Has been widely reported and could dissuade researchers and investigators from seeking information and applying for funding



The screenshot shows the NOAA website header with the logo and text: "National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce". A search bar is present on the right. Below the header is a navigation menu with items: "Inflation Reduction Act home", "Climate-Ready Coasts and Communities", "Climate Data and Services", "Funding opportunities", "Announcements and resources", and "Infrastructure Investments". The main heading is "Inflation Reduction Act: Funding opportunities". Below the heading are social media share icons for Twitter, Facebook, Email, and Print. A list of funding announcements follows:

- *Announced September 1, 2023: [Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities Funding Opportunity](#)*
- *Announced August 15, 2023: [Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants](#)*
- *Announced July 31, 2023: [Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Grants](#)*
- *Announced July 31, 2023: [Restoring Tribal Priority Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Grants](#)*
- *Announced June 20, 2023: [Climate Resilience Regional Challenge](#)*
- *Announced June 29, 2023: [Climate-Ready Workforce](#)*
- *Announced July 10, 2023: [Ocean-Based Climate Resilience Accelerators](#)*

<https://www.noaa.gov/inflation-reduction-act>



# White House Statements of Administration Policy



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(House Rules)

## STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY H.R. 4367 — Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2024 (Rep. Granger, R-TX)

The Administration strongly opposes House passage of H.R. 4367, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year (FY) ending September 30, 2024 and for other purposes.

In May, the Administration negotiated in good faith with the Speaker on bipartisan legislation to avoid a first-ever default and protect the Nation's hard-earned and historic economic recovery. This negotiation resulted in the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) of 2023, which passed with overwhelming bipartisan support and set spending levels for FYs 2024 and 2025. The agreement held spending for non-defense programs roughly flat with FY 2023 levels, a compromise that protected vital programs Americans rely on from draconian cuts House Republicans proposed. The agreement also protected historic legislative accomplishments from the past two years, including the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA), Honoring our PACT Act of 2022, CHIPS and Science Act, and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law).

House Republicans had an opportunity to engage in a productive, bipartisan appropriations process, but instead, with less than two weeks before the end of the fiscal year, are wasting time with partisan bills that cut domestic spending to levels well below the FRA agreement and endanger critical services for the American people. These levels would result in deep cuts to climate change and clean energy programs, essential nutrition services, law enforcement, consumer safety, education, and healthcare.

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# Will Congress Cancel Competitive Funding Opportunities Already Announced (e.g., IRA and BIL)?!

- DO NOT stop working on full applications you have been invited to submit. Keep sending letters of intent for new ones
- House proposals to rescind IRA funding cannot pass the Democrat-controlled Senate
- Do not expect White House to agree to rescind this funding
- Funding is still available but applications will not be able to be submitted if government enters a shutdown... keep working on proposals to submit after a shutdown
- This money is separate from regular appropriations
- **KEEP APPLYING!**



An aerial photograph of a large body of water, likely a lake or ocean, showing a white wake from a boat moving across the surface. The water is a deep blue color, and the sky is clear and light blue. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the water, containing the text "Questions?".

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