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2023 Congressional Overview

U.S. House of Representatives

- GOP-controlled
- 221 Republicans (plus 2 Delegates and the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico), 213 Democrats (plus 3 Delegates), and 2 vacant seats.
- New GOP Speaker of the House: Mike Johnson (LA-4; Shreveport)

U.S. Senate

- DEM-controlled
- Senate: 49 Republicans, 48 Democrats, and 3 Independents, who all caucus with the Democrats.

White House

- DEM-Controlled

Government Shutdown Averted

- Currently Operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR) until November 17
- Congress must act before then to avoid a shutdown
- House Speaker Johnson proposing a “clean” “laddered-CR”
 - Some government entities would operate until January 19, including Energy & Water (U.S. Army Corps) and Transportation
 - Others would operate until February 2
 - “Clean” means no budget cuts, Ukraine, Israel, nor Border aid
 - Some conservative GOP members already expressing opposition
 - DEMS pivoting from opposition to support – may save Speaker Johnson from conservative defections
- Senate/WH
 - DEM Leader Schumer (NY) and White House have agreed to Johnson’s “goofy” approach
- Shutdown only effects “non-essential” workers, essential workers required to work without pay

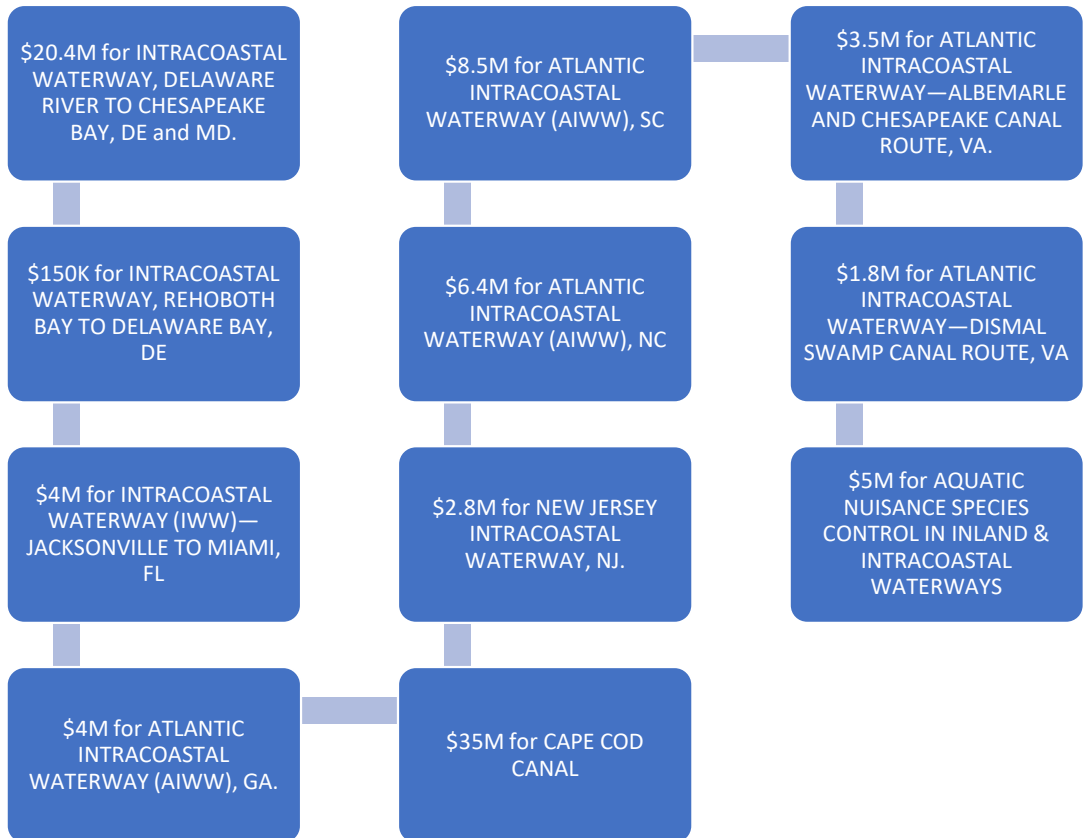
Energy & Water Appropriations

E&W Appropriations funds the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and their work on the Intracoastal Waterway

Senate-passed E&W Appropriations on October 26

House passed bill out of Committee June 26

IWW/AIWW Funding in Senate E&W Approps



IWW/AIWW Funding in House E&W Approps

- NO Line Items/Community Project Funding Referencing IWW/AIWW
- \$5M for AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES CONTROL IN INLAND & INTRACOASTAL WATERWAYS

2024 Water Resources Development Act



Last WRDA, 2022



House Transportation
& Infrastructure
Committee

No Public Action Yet

No Timeline for Members to
Submit Project Requests

Anticipated Member Portal this
Fall – May Be Impacted by Gov
Shutdown



Senate Environment &
Public Works
Committee

Member Portal Already Closed



Section 7001

2022 Report to Congress

2024 Report to Congress

2024 Water Resources Development Act

- Section 7001 Report to Congress
 - Projects must be related to the missions and authorities of the Corps of Engineers; (ii) require specific congressional authorization, including by an Act of Congress; (iii) have not been congressionally authorized; (iv) have not been included in any previous annual report; and (v) if authorized, could be carried out by the USACE.
 - Anyone can request a project. The annual report is based, in large part, on proposals submitted by nonfederal interests.
 - 2022 Report to Congress issued February 22:
 - No Projects related to IWW/AIWW
 - 2023 Report to Congress:
 - Federal Register Notice May 5. Submission window closed August 28.
 - No Report to Congress Yet

Questions

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