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**Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers to speak at PNWA Annual Meeting**

The Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) is pleased to announce that Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-5) will be speaking at their Annual Meeting, at 1:00pm on October 13<sup>th</sup> at The Davenport Hotel in Spokane, WA. She will be addressing a group of approximately 100 navigation, agriculture, economic development and trade stakeholders from around the Northwest.

Rep. McMorris Rodgers serves on the Armed Services and the Education and Labor Committees, as well as the House Natural Resources Committee. The Natural Resources Committee has jurisdiction over the Bonneville Power Administration, Bureau of Reclamation irrigation projects (Columbia Basin Project and Yakima Project), endangered species recovery, and federal hydropower projects.

“PNWA is honored to have the Congresswoman address our group,” said Glenn Vanselow, executive director of PNWA. “As a member of the House Natural Resources Committee, Rep. McMorris Rodgers has served as a great advocate for the Columbia Snake River System and for the low cost, renewable hydropower the federal dams produce. In addition, the Congresswoman has been an outspoken supporter of the 2008 FCRPS Biological Opinion and the 2010 Supplemental Biological Opinion. We are very appreciative of her continued support.”

For over 75 years, PNWA has been the regional leader in working with Congress, federal agencies and regional decision makers on federal policy in support of transportation, trade, economic development and environmental sustainability in the Pacific Northwest. PNWA represents multiple industries in the public and private sectors in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and northern California. Members include public ports, navigation, transportation, international trade, agriculture, forest products, energy and governmental interests.

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