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Port of Newport General Manager elected PNWA President

Don Mann, General Manager of the Port of Newport, was elected President of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) on October 11, 2007, during the PNWA Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Washington. Mann will head a forty member Board of Directors representing navigational interests in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Northern California, and Alaska. Mann has been a PNWA Board Member since 1989 and has served as PNWA Vice-President since 2005.

Mann's first meeting as President will be in March 2008, when he will lead the PNWA Mission to Washington, DC. The agenda will include meetings with the Northwest Congressional delegation, senior staff from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies, and national leaders from industry and trade groups based in Washington, DC. Among the issues to be addressed are securing funding to maintain the navigation channel to the Port of Newport at Yaquina Bay and improving the efficiency of the Corps of Engineers dredges Essayons and Yaquina to perform that work.

Mann joined the Port of Newport as General Manager in January of 1996 with 32 years of combined experience in the port industry and economic development. Previously, Mann worked for the Oregon Economic & Community Development Department (OECD), first as a technical assistant for the Ports Division, later as the Ports Division Manager, and finally as the Regional Business Development Officer for Clackamas and Hood River Counties. Before working for the State, Mann managed the Ports of Siuslaw and Brookings Harbor, and spent four years in the United States Coast Guard, where he skippered a 40-foot search and rescue boat and also served on the icebreaker Coast Guard Cutter Glacier in the Arctic and the Antarctic. Mann is a member of the Regional Strategies Board for Linn, Lincoln, Land and Benton Counties. He serves as President of the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce, is a board member and on the Legislative Committee of the Special Districts Association of Oregon, and is active in the Newport Rotary Club.

PNWA is a regional association representing ports, steamship and towboat operators, grain and forest products shippers, and other economic development interests and local government interests in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, and California. Since its founding in 1934, PNWA has led the way for development of economic infrastructure for navigation, electric power, and irrigated agriculture on the Columbia and Snake River systems. PNWA works with the U.S. Congress, federal agencies, and regional decision leaders on transportation, trade, tourism, energy, and environmental policy to enhance economic vitality in the Pacific Northwest. For additional information, please visit www.pnwa.net.

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