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## **Port of Portland staff elected PNWA Senior Vice President**

Rick Finn, Federal Affairs Manager at the Port of Portland, was elected Senior Vice President of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association.

Finn will assist in the association's annual Mission to Washington, DC in March 2008. PNWA's Mission to Washington 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. Issues to be addressed in DC include funding for the Columbia River channel deepening project and support for streamlining the Corps' permitting process to ensure timely maintenance dredging of areas surrounding the Port of Portland docks.

Rick Finn has been with the Port of Portland since June 1999. As the Federal Affairs Manager he advocates for the Port's federal interests within the U.S. Congress and Executive Branch. Prior to joining the Port of Portland, Finn served as the Senior Country Director for Korea in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in Washington, D.C and served on the professional staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee for 14 years. Rick has been on the PNWA Board of Directors since 2002.

Elections for PNWA Executive Committee and Board of Directors were held October 11<sup>th</sup> at the PNWA Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Washington. Finn is Vice President of a 40 member Board of Directors from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Northern California and Alaska. Other Portland area members include Steve Shaver of Shaver Transportation, Larry Paulson of the Port of Vancouver USA, Dan James of PNGC Power, Captain Paul Amos of the Columbia River Pilots, Lanny Cawley of the Port of Kalama, Whit Olson of Foss Maritime, Byron Hanke of Clark PUD, Gerry Meyer of the Port of St. Helens, Captain James Townley of the Columbia River Steamship Operators Association, and David Barrows of David B. Barrows Environmental Consulting.

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 their 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 System. They work 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](http://www.pnwa.net).

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