



# Nor'wester Newsletter

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## Port of Portland announces new container service

The Port of Portland has announced that Swire Shipping will begin offering container and general cargo service at the port's Terminal 6 starting in January 2018. The ship calls are likely to be monthly and include export shipments of Western Star trucks to Australia, export containers to Australia and New Zealand, and import containers from Asia. PNWA congratulates the port on this new partnership, and for this first step towards restoring full container service in Portland. For more information, read the Port's press release [here](#).

## PNWA updates FY2018 funding requests for regional navigation projects

With the current continuing resolution (CR) expiring on December 8th, PNWA is ramping up preparations for a FY2018 Corps workplan. We have talked with the Portland, Seattle and Walla Walla Districts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to update the funding levels for which we will be advocating as the Corps determines how to allocate any programmatic funding provided by Congress for the current fiscal year. Updated details for our Northwest navigation infrastructure can be found in our [Supported Corps Projects fact sheet](#), which will be provided to Corps Headquarters, OMB and our Congressional delegation over the next few weeks. For additional information, please contact [Heather Stebbings](#).

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## Columbia River System Operations update meeting scheduled

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The federal agencies in charge of the Columbia River System Operations (CRSO) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) have scheduled a public update meeting at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland for Thursday, December 7th from 5:30 - 8:00 PM. The meeting will provide an update on the results from last year's scoping meetings, introduce the alternatives being developed for the EIS, and provide a preview of the work for the coming year.

Doors will open at 5:30 and informational displays to explain the EIS process will be available for viewing. Agency staff from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bonneville Power Administration, and Bureau of Reclamation will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. The presentation will begin at 6:15 and will conclude with a question and answer session for the audience. For those unable to attend in person, the presentation will be broadcast via webinar and conference call. Further information about the webinar will be available at [www.crso.info](http://www.crso.info) a few days before the event begins.

This is a great opportunity for the public to receive an update on the scoping process and PNWA encourages our members to attend the meeting. For more information, click [here](#) to read the public notice or visit [www.crso.info](http://www.crso.info). You may also sign up for future updates by simply sending an e-mail to [info@crso.info](mailto:info@crso.info).

What: Update session on developing the draft CRSO EIS

When: Thursday, December 7, 2017, 5:30 to 8:00 PM

Where: Oregon Convention Center, Portland Ballroom 256-257  
777 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd  
Portland, OR 97232

## PNWA Member Spotlight: Port of Everett reaches milestone in terminal modernization project

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The Port of Everett's South Terminal Modernization project has met another milestone with the authorization by the port Commission to begin soliciting construction bids for the next phase of the project. The South Terminal project is a vital part of the Port's long-term strategic plan to modernize the seaport and ensure it is ready to support over



dimensional cargo, including parts for Boeing's new 777x which will be assembled in Everett.

As part of the modernization plan, the Port constructed a new rail siding and strengthened part of the South Terminal dock to support up to 1,000 pounds per square foot of weight in 2015. This next phase will strengthen the remaining portion of the dock and upgrade the electrical system. The Port received \$22 million in funding for the project, including a \$10 million TIGER grant and a \$1.8 million FASTLANE grant. Click [here](#) to read the Port's press release for more information.

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