PNWA strongly supports continued federal funding for maintenance dredging and infrastructure repairs

Washington ports encompass many of the activities that are important to the Northwest and national economy, including cargo, freight, tourism, recreation and commercial fishing. These ports balance the needs of trade and tourism with safety and environmental requirements. 40% of jobs in Washington State are linked to international trade, making it the most trade-connected state in the nation. Washington is the third highest exporting state in the U.S., and forecasters predict that international trade through Washington’s ports will continue to increase by 4 - 5% each year for the next twenty years.

Ports in Washington support over 71,000 direct jobs. Another 175,000 indirect and induced jobs depend on the activities and infrastructure ports provide. Washington ports and their businesses also generate millions of dollars in local and state taxes which help fund schools, police, fire protection, road improvements and other services. PNWA is proud to support our members as they work to achieve their goals and bring economic vitality to the Northwest.

Washington’s Puget Sound and Coastal Ports

The Port of Anacortes is responsible for the operation, growth, and development of a major deep-water port, 3 marine terminals, the Cap Sante Marina and the Anacortes Airport. Their marine terminals include Pier 1, home of Dakota Creek Industries Shipyards and the Port of Anacortes offices; Curtis Wharf, which holds ships up to 500 plus feet; and Pier 2 which handles logs, heavy lifts and dry bulk cargoes and is available for short term moorage up to 1,200 feet. Cap Sante Marina is a customs port-of-entry located in the heart of downtown Anacortes. 1,036 slips are available for permanent and transient moorage with 20, 30, and 50 ampere power and water, accommodating vessels up to 133’. The Port’s marina offers a full line of marine services, fuel, launching facilities with a trailer boat launch & small craft hoist, and many other recreation amenities.

The Port of Bellingham is custodian to approximately 1600 acres of land and 1,183,800 square feet of buildings including two marinas, one airport, a shipping and cruise terminal along with several industrial parks and development areas. Port infrastructure and land supports Whatcom County’s marine trades industry which includes more than 100 businesses employing over 2,300 people with a combined annual revenue of more than $550 million. Three federal navigation channels are essential to working waterfront activities which provide a supply of year-round, family-wage jobs and have a ripple effect throughout the local and regional economy.

Port of Chinook operates a 300 slip marina for 30 commercial and 270 recreational vessels. The Port supports 20 water-based and two land-based businesses, including a seafood processing facility which handles 3.6M lbs. of crab estimated at $8.5M. The Ports of Ilwaco and Chinook combined, were ranked 46th in the nation for fish landings, with 15M pounds landed in 2015.

Port of Everett entered its centennial year in 2018 and continues to be a major economic driver in Snohomish County. The Port supports more than 35,000 jobs and $29.7 billion in U.S. exports. It operates three business lines: an international seaport, industrial and commercial real estate and the largest public marina on the West Coast. The seaport specializes in high and heavy cargoes that support the aerospace, manufacturing, construction, mining and energy industries. The Port also serves as the entry point for all of the oversized parts for the 747, 767 (commercial and military) and 777(X) airplane programs. It is homeport to the Naval Station Everett, one of only 10 aircraft carrier ports in the United States. On the real estate side, the Port has undertaken a major mixed-use waterfront project with Fisherman’s Harbor at Waterfront Place.
Port of Grays Harbor has a strategic coastal location and deep navigation channel making it an important international shipping hub. They are Washington’s only deep-water port located directly on the Pacific Ocean and the closest U.S. mainland port to expanding Pacific Rim markets. Operating 4 terminals with 5 berths, marine activity includes ship and barge transfer of products from local and national manufacturers and growers to domestic and foreign markets. Traffic at the Port has increased more than 300% over the past five years with more than 90% of Grays Harbor’s shipping activity being export-based and 80% of cargo arriving via rail from the Midwest and Inter-mountain region. Once the leading export port for U.S. grown timber, Grays Harbor now leads the U.S. West Coast in exports of American grown soybean meal and is a major exporter of automobiles. The Westport Marina, a facility of the Port of Grays Harbor also continues to be the number one commercial fish landing port in Washington State.

Port of Ilwaco in Southwest Washington is a key hub for commercial fishing, recreation activities and seafood processing. The port serves as one of the largest Albacore tuna landing ports in the U.S with 15 million lbs. of fish landed in 2015. Other commercial and recreational fisheries, such as Dungeness crab, salmon, sardines, shrimp, and whiting, are also well represented in Ilwaco. The Port of Ilwaco is served by a -16’ federal channel. The port operates an 800-slip marina, 50-ton travel lift and self-service boatyard. The Port has 25 marina-dependent commercial tenants and serves over 1,600 vessels annually. Recreational activities greatly benefit the regional economy in this area at the scenic mouth of the Columbia River and Long Beach Peninsula. USCG Station Cape Disappointment relies on Port of Ilwaco’s support facilities and is also dependent on the federal channel to access the Columbia River & Pacific Ocean where they responded to 162 calls for assistance in 2015.

The Northwest Seaport Alliance. The Port of Seattle and Port of Tacoma formed the Northwest Seaport Alliance to combine their resources to strengthen the competitiveness of the Puget Sound international trade gateway. Together, the Ports comprise the fourth-largest container gateway in the Western Hemisphere. In 2013, the Ports supported 48,100 jobs, moving 36.1 million short tons of cargo and 21.2 million of international containerized cargo, which generated $4.3 billion in statewide business revenue and approximately $138 billion in total economic activity to the state – equivalent to one-third of Washington’s GDP. The Ports share a domestic advantage in being the closest U.S. ports to major Asian markets. Their world-class container facilities are linked to two major transcontinental rail lines, connected to intermodal yards and are near the second largest distribution center on the West Coast.

The Port of Skagit’s focus is on implementing economic opportunity initiatives in Skagit County, WA, that will support existing businesses, provide premier infrastructure to attract new businesses and encourage innovative startups. The port’s three primary facilities include La Conner Marina, Skagit Regional Airport and Bayview Business Park. Its operating revenues are derived from moorage at the marina and from building and land leases. Major capital projects this year include a safety area grading project for the main runway at the airport, improving South Basin floats at the marina and a solar power installation at the business park. The port has 83 tenants that employ approximately 1,200 people with an estimated annual payroll of $48 million.

The Port of Willapa Harbor’s mission is to be an economic catalyst in Pacific County through the development and maintenance of economic and community infrastructure and the enhancement of business and workforce opportunities. To that end, the Port operates marinas in Raymond, Bay Center and Tokeland serving the oyster and commercial fishing industries, as well as recreational boaters on Willapa Bay. The Port also operates the Willapa Harbor Airport and three industrial parks with over 30 manufacturing and commercial tenants. The Port is currently redeveloping the Tokeland Marina with a new commercial pier, moorage floats, restrooms, day use park, expanded RV facilities and a seafood/local products retail market.