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2018 Summer Conference - that's a wrap!

Thank you to everyone who attended PNWA's 2018 Summer Conference in Clarkston, WA - the event was a tremendous success! We were fortunate to have over 95 people gather from around the region to hear compelling speakers and network with colleagues, friends and industry leaders. Our panels of speakers generated dynamic discussions and provided unique perspectives on issues we face in the Pacific Northwest. If you who would like access to the presentations, they are now available on our [website](#).



PNWA President Rob Rich listens to an update from LTC Damon Delarosa, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Walla Walla District Commander

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PNWA would like to thank all of our attendees, speakers, sponsors and exhibitors for contributing to an incredible conference. We would also like to say a very special thank you to our friends at the Ports of Clarkston, Lewiston, and Whitman County for sponsoring the scenic jet boat tour through Hells Canyon on the Snake River. We heard from many of our members who had the opportunity to participate that this tour is one they will not forget!



PNWA announces our newest member



The [Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters](#) represents over 20,000 craft men and women in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. Their goals are to improve safety, wages, benefits and working conditions for skilled laborers on the job. As Union carpenters, they follow a long tradition of craftsmanship and take great pride in their trades and their members. Their livelihood as individuals and success as a Union depend upon their ability to provide signatory partners with well-trained, qualified and motivated workers. The industry standards are high because they set the standard for safety, quality and professionalism. The Carpenters Union works with many union contractors doing both marine construction and dam work. Past projects include The Dalles Dam upper gate replacement, Port of Everett dock repair and many other projects all around the Northwest. Within PNWA, The Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters is being represented by Aron Gray. Aron can be reached by email at agray@nwcarpenters.org.

House approves sea lion legislation

The U.S. House of Representatives passed [H.R. 2083](#), the *Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act*, by a vote of 288-116. The bill was introduced by Representatives Jaime Herrera Beutler (R, WA-3) and Kurt Schrader (D, OR-5), and co-sponsored by Reps. Dan Newhouse (R, WA-4) and Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R, WA-5). It seeks to address rising fish predation from sea lions in the Columbia River, and would increase the number of predators to be culled each year.

On the Senate side, the bill also has bi-partisan support. Senators Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and Jim Risch (R-ID) [introduced companion legislation on June 22nd](#), which encourages science-based management of sea lions and provides state and tribal fishery managers more flexibly to address the sea lion predation issues in the Columbia River basin. The perspectives of Oregon and Washington, as well as the tribes, have been woven into the legislation in the hopes that the bill will gain broad bipartisan support as it moves through Congress.

PNWA is tracking this legislation and will provide updates as they are available. For more information, contact [Kristin Meira](#).

MARAD announces funding for marine highway projects

On June 27, the Maritime Administration (MARAD) released a notice of funding opportunity for \$7 million in grant funding for Marine Highway Projects designated under the [America's Marine Highway Program \(AMHP\)](#) to support the development and expansion of documented vessels, or of port and landside infrastructure.

MARAD must receive applications through [Grants.gov](#) by 2:00 p.m. PDT on October 5, 2018. Eligible applicants must be sponsors of Marine Highway Projects formally designated by the [Secretary of Transportation](#). It is important to note that applicants are required to register before submitting their applications and the registration process can take two to four weeks to complete. For more information, visit the [Federal Register notice](#) or contact Tori Collins at tori.collins@dot.gov or 202-366-0795.

Port of Seattle job announcement: Local Government Relations Manager

The Port of Seattle has announced an opening for a Local Government Relations Manager. This position is responsible for developing political strategy, managing public policy issues and building relationships with city administrators, elected officials

and other key stakeholders in airport-area communities to advance and achieve the Port's Century Agenda and Long-Range Plan objectives. Additional responsibilities will include identifying emerging issues, developing political strategies and building relationships to successfully advance the ongoing operations and future modernization of the Sea-Tac airport. Application and job description can be found [here](#). Deadline for application is July 8th at 8pm.

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