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## PNWA to honor U.S. Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler as our 2018 Legislator of the Year



Since 2005, PNWA has annually recognized a member of the Northwest Congressional delegation for their efforts and leadership on behalf of navigation and economic development interests in the Northwest. This year, PNWA is pleased to announce U.S. Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA) as our 2018 Legislator of the Year.

Congresswoman Herrera Beutler has been a leader for the maritime sector, and has been a champion for navigation projects on the Lower Columbia River, Snake River, small ports and many other projects throughout our region. Serving on the House Appropriations

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Committee and Energy & Water Development Subcommittee, she has also demonstrated strong support for the Corps of Engineers, including the robust funding pots for which our projects compete each year in the workplan process.

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In addition to funding critical infrastructure, Congresswoman Herrera Beutler has taken a lead role in working through regulatory challenges in our region. She has helped to coordinate efforts with federal agencies to bring resolution to these issues, always balancing environmental stewardship with economic opportunity. PNWA has also appreciated her efforts in Columbia River Treaty discussions, and the encouragement she has provided to the State Department to ensure the navigation perspective is considered as negotiations between the U.S. and Canada move forward.

PNWA looks forward to honoring Rep. Herrera Beutler at our Annual Convention this week, where our membership will have the opportunity to thank her in person for her service and her outstanding leadership on so many of the maritime and economic development projects and policies that are critical to residents of the Pacific Northwest.

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## Port of Morrow selects Ryan Neal as general manager

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Ryan Neal was selected unanimously by the port commission to be the new general manager for the Port of Morrow, the position that was previously held by his father and longtime PNWA Board member Gary Neal. Ryan Neal is currently working at the port as the general manager of

warehousing. Commissioner Stokoe said Neal is involved with the community, which was one of the commission's top priorities.

"All our applicants were highly qualified," he said. "But some were from big shipping ports, that only do container shipping. We do a wealth of things - economic development, shipping, helping businesses. We need someone who understands our port."

"I feel honored that the commission selected someone that I know well," said Gary Neal. "It's a pretty exciting opportunity for him."

The commission estimates Ryan will begin in his new role in October. PNWA congratulates Ryan on his new position, and we look forward to working with him during his tenure with the port.

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## NOAA releases new fact sheet on orcas and Chinook salmon; orca task force meets again next week

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Last Friday, NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region released an [extensive new fact sheet](#) addressing [Southern Resident Killer Whales \(SRKW\)](#) and their preferred prey, Chinook salmon. The fact sheet highlights the top Chinook populations for these three pods, as well as the status of various Chinook runs. Snake River Chinook runs are noted as a relative bright spot for the orcas as far as abundance, whereas NOAA notes that Puget Sound Chinook runs are not showing improvement.

For those interested in attending and making public comment at the next meeting of the [Washington state task force](#) created to evaluate the decline of the Southern Resident Killer Whales, please mark your calendars for next Wednesday October 17th (10am-8pm) and Thursday October 18th (9am-5:30pm). We understand the meeting will take place in Tacoma at the Landmark Convention Center (47 St. Helens Ave) in the Plaza Grand ballroom. When available, the full agenda will be posted on the Task Force website. Both days of this meeting are open to the public, and all are welcome to provide comment. Since turnout has been so high for previous meetings, the Task Force has set aside the evening of Wednesday, October 17, from 5 to 8pm, for this purpose (there will be no public comment taken on the second day). Information about the sign-in and comment process will be provided beforehand. In addition, public comment continues to be accepted in writing on the Governor's website. The Landmark Convention Center can accommodate up to 330 vehicles in their parking garage, free of charge. Metered parking is available on the streets. People are encouraged to take public transportation to the venue.

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A warm PNWA welcome to one of our newest members, [ANAMAR Environmental Consulting, Inc.](#)! ANAMAR is a small business owned by women, headquartered in Gainesville, Florida with a Portland office serving the West Coast. ANAMAR offers a variety of environmental services to government, industry, and private enterprises as well as other professional consulting organizations. ANAMAR is a versatile company which specializes in environmental sampling and monitoring, project design and management, data review and interpretation, and report preparation. As a small business, ANAMAR is able to provide individual attention to each aspect of a project and meet specific needs of their clients with a professional, cost-efficient, and scientific approach.

Personnel at ANAMAR have diverse educational and professional backgrounds with degrees and experience in Business Administration, Chemistry, Computer Science, Ecology, Engineering, Environmental Science, Fisheries Science, Geography, Natural Resource Conservation, Soil and Water Science, Statistics, and Toxicology. Their staff's combination of skills and understanding of ecological systems provide clients with an array of services to address complex environmental and permitting questions. PNWA's designated representative is Ross Thomas, who can be reached by email at [rthomas@anamarinc.com](mailto:rthomas@anamarinc.com).



PNWA welcomes Marine Floats to our association! [Marine Floats Corporation](#) designs, manufactures, constructs and maintains marinas, dock systems, covered moorage and other waterfront structures. Marine Floats takes projects from concept to completion - including consulting, design, permitting and compliance, and turnkey installation. This comprehensive approach saves their clients time and money, and assures the highest possible quality results.

Marine Floats has worked with a wide variety of residential and commercial customers including yacht clubs, ports, industrial and manufacturing facilities both in saltwater and freshwater. Their breadth of experience helps to address the unique challenges of your project - from currents to rough water, water and soil conditions, structural and environmental issues and more. PNWA's designated representative is Logan Brown, who can be reached by email at [lbrown@marinefloats.com](mailto:lbrown@marinefloats.com).



We would also like to welcome [Northwest Marine Trade Association](#) (NMTA) to PNWA! NMTA is the country's oldest and largest regional marine association. Founded in 1947 to fight a proposed special tax on boaters, the Association quickly expanded its vision of a unified industry by pitching a tent on the shores of Lake Union and holding their first boat show. The purpose of the Northwest Marine Trade Association is to promote the growth of recreational boating and the businesses of their members.

NMTA has grown over the past 71 years with a membership exceeding 700! While they are well known for putting on the Seattle Boat Show, they also provide members with government affairs advocacy and health care plans. PNWA's designated representative is Peter Schrappen, who can be reached by email at [Peter@Nmta.net](mailto:Peter@Nmta.net).

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