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FY2020 Corps budget details released

On March 11th, the Trump Administration released their budget for FY2020 proposing a 31% budget cut for the Corps of Engineers. The agency is proposed to be funded at \$4.8 billion; a \$2.2 billion reduction from FY2019 enacted levels. This is broken down into the various Corps accounts as follows:

- \$1.301 billion for Construction - down from \$2.183 billion enacted in FY2019
- \$82 million for Investigations - down from \$125 million enacted in FY2019
- \$3.025 billion for Operations & Maintenance - down from \$3.739 billion enacted in FY2019

The navigation program is proposed to receive \$2.308 billion, with \$965 million from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF). As we advocate for FY2020 funding for the agency, PNWA has joined with the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) and the broader navigation community to support funding the navigation program at \$3.45 billion, with an HMTF spending target of \$1.59 billion.

Overall, many of our supported projects in the Northwest did well in the budget. While the Administration continues to focus on the highest commercial tonnage projects throughout thenation, a number of our large and small projects in the region are proposed to receive funding in FY2020:

Construction (CG)

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Columbia River Fish Mitigation	24,199,000
Columbia River (MCR) Jetties Rehabilitation	36,000,000
Operations & Maintenance (O&M)	
Bellingham Bay, Squaticum Harbor (Port of Bellingham)	30,000
Bonneville Lock & Dam	5,738,000
Columbia & Lower Willamette below Vancouver & Portland (C&LW)	52,236,000
Columbia River at Baker Bay (Port of Ilwaco)	1,828,000
Columbia River at the Mouth (MCR)	23,759,000
Columbia River between Vancouver & The Dalles	1,057,000
Coos Bay, OR	4,802,000
Coquille River (Port of Bandon)	515,000
Everett Harbor and Snohomish River, WA	2,137,000
Grays Harbor, WA	10,828,000
Ice Harbor Lock & Dam	7,003,000
John Day Lock & Dam	5,964,000
Lake Washington Ship Canal, WA	8,059,000
Little Goose Lock & Dam	4,473,000
Lower Granite Lock & Dam	3,309,000
Lower Monumental Lock & Dam	2,919,000
McNary Lock & Dam	9,904,000
Rogue River (Port of Gold Beach)	942,000
Seattle Harbor, WA	211,000
Siuslaw River (Port of Siuslaw)	975,000
Skipanon Channel, OR (Port of Astoria)	3,000
Swinomish Channel (Port of Skagit & Port of Anacortes)	50,000
Tacoma Harbor, WA	50,000
The Dalles Lock & Dam	3,607,000
Tillamook Bay & Bar (Port of Garibaldi)	25,000
Umpqua River (Port of Umpqua)	1,099,000
Willamette Falls Locks	65,000
Willapa River & Harbor (Port of Willapa Harbor)	530,000

Yaquina Bay & Harbor, OR (Port of Newport)	4,075,000
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PNWA is working with the Portland, Walla Walla and Seattle District to understand the capabilities for each project in the coming year. We will update our funding requests for FY2020 as soon as possible, and will release additional information as it is available. To view what these projects received in past years, please see our "[PNWA Supported Corps Projects](#)" document.

The budget also proposes reforms to how the Corps is funded, including shifting more responsibility to states and local governments, as well as the private sector. As in past years, the Administration has proposed a per vessel fee on inland waterways to bolster the Inland Waterways Trust Fund (IWTF) and would expand authorized uses of the fund to include operations & maintenance. The budget also includes proposed revisions to appropriations language for Corps accounts and for the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF). In the past, PNWA has opposed similar proposals, which have also not been supported in Congress. Details on these items have yet to be released, but we will provide more information once it is available.

As in past years, PNWA will be working with our Northwest Congressional delegation to request additional funding for the Corps, for which the agency will develop an eventual workplan. We have greatly appreciated the support of our Senate and House Delegations in past years, and we look forward to continuing to work with them as we advocate for the highest level of funding possible for our regional navigation projects in FY2020. For more information, please contact [Heather Stebbings](#).

AAPA elect Gary Nelson as Chairman of the Board for 2019

The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) unanimously elected Port of Grays Harbor Executive Director and PNWA Board Member Gary Nelson to serve as Chairman of the Board for 2019-20, beginning this October. AAPA represents more than 130 public port authorities in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America. PNWA is a member of AAPA, and

partners with the group on policies and projects of mutual interest.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be selected as AAPA's next Chairman," shared Executive Director Gary Nelson. "I look forward to working with AAPA's membership and staff to continue to promote and improve our industry so that we can continue to create economic value for our communities, no matter how big or small."

Mr. Nelson joined the Port of Grays Harbor in April 2000, bringing with him a strong background of private sector management, particularly in trading wood products throughout the Pacific Rim. Since joining the port, Mr. Nelson has worked with port customers, staff, state and federal agencies and the local community to position Grays Harbor as a major hub for international trade and economic development. During his tenure, the Port of Grays Harbor has experienced exponential growth in cargo shipments, private investments and business activity.

"The Port of Grays Harbor Commission is extremely proud of Gary's appointment as AAPA's next Chairman of the Board," stated Port Commission President Stan Pinnick. "Over the last 19 years, we have experienced first-hand the results and benefits of his strong leadership. We are confident he will lead AAPA in 2019-20 just as well as he has served our Port and the community."

"With his valuable experience as a port director involved with diversified cargo, his international trade background, and his longstanding active engagement with AAPA and our member ports throughout the hemisphere, Gary Nelson is an outstanding choice for leading our association during the upcoming activity year," said Kurt Nagle, AAPA's president and chief executive officer. "Gary's outstanding leadership and business skills, together with his easy-going demeanor, will be of enormous value as our member ports work together to address common challenges and legislative priorities."

Founded in 1911, the Port of Grays Harbor is one of Washington State's oldest port districts and Washington's only deep-water port located directly on the Pacific Ocean. The Port of Grays Harbor operates 4 deep-water marine terminals, the Westport Marina, Bowerman Airport, Grays Harbor ship assist services, numerous public waterfront access facilities, in addition to industrial and business parks throughout the County. The

addition of Satsop Business Park increased the Port's properties to more than 1,000 acres of industrial properties and an additional 1,200 acres of sustainably managed forestland. Strategically located midway between Seattle and Portland and less than 1 ½ hours from open sea, the Port of Grays Harbor provides businesses a diverse portfolio of facilities. More information on the Port of Grays Harbor's facilities and operations is available at portofgraysharbor.com or satsop.com.



Gary Nelson
Executive Director
Port of Grays Harbor

PNWA celebrates an exceptional 2019 Mission to Washington!

This year, we had our largest number of registrants participate in the PNWA Mission to Washington! We were fortunate to have 79 people join us in D.C. to advocate for PNWA policies and projects which support economic development in the Pacific Northwest. Our strength lies in our broad regional perspective, and we appreciate having so many of our members make the trip to D.C. to tell our story.

Our program at the Madison Hotel included experts who provided valuable insights including MG Scott Spellmon from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. State Department Columbia River Treaty negotiator Jill Smail, Chris Oliver from NOAA and many more. We spent two days on Capitol Hill hearing from our Northwest Congressional delegation about the issues which impact our members.



Major General Scott Spellmon speaking at the Madison Hotel



Representative Peter DeFazio speaks to PNWA members

The *Taste the Northwest* reception continues to be a very popular event on Capitol Hill for hundreds of Congressional staff, agency colleagues and friends in DC. Thank you to our sponsors who provided Northwest foods and beverages to showcase the finest from our region. In addition, we would like to say thank you to all of our sponsors who supported this spectacular event with monetary donations.



Taste the Northwest reception



Seafood donated by PNWA members

The following organizations helped to make the 2019 Mission to Washington an outstanding event!

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