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Port of Newport hires Paula Miranda as the new General Manager

The Port of Newport announced Paula Miranda has been named their new General Manager. Miranda has many years of experience in the Port industry, and has worked since 2007 as the deputy executive director and real estate and business development manager at the Port of St. Helens. Throughout the course of her career, Miranda has spent 25 years in the real estate field with 17 of those in the Port industry.

"I am thrilled and honored with the trust and confidence the Commissioners have placed in me. In a field of some pretty accomplished candidates, I am glad they were able to appreciate my skills and what I can bring to the Port of Newport," Miranda said.

Miranda will be starting her new position as General Manager on May 6, 2019. PNWA would like to congratulate Paula, and we look forward to working with her in this new role!

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On March 19th, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Walla Walla District hosted a tour for PNWA members and staff at Lower Monumental lock and dam, located on the Snake River. Attendees were able to view the project up-close, including the de-watered lock chamber, mechanical and electrical gear, the fish ladder and more. As always, this kind of lock tour is a rare opportunity to view this incredible infrastructure first hand, as well as receive a briefing on the project, the work being done during the annual routine lock maintenance closure, and project needs on the horizon.



The Columbia Snake River System navigation locks provide key transportation and trade benefits for the Pacific Northwest and the nation. The continued maintenance of the river system is of critical importance to safe navigation and the efficient movement of cargo. PNWA thanks the Walla Walla District for hosting our tour, and thanks our members and colleagues who were able to attend.



PNWA in Kalispell for Columbia River Treaty open house

When it comes to the Columbia River Treaty, PNWA has been the leader for the Northwest, ensuring that U.S. decision makers are aware of the critical national importance of navigation on the Columbia River. Our association maintains close contact with the U.S. State Department and other federal agencies as well as the Northwest Congressional delegation on this issue.

On March 20th, PNWA's Immediate Past President Capt. Paul Amos of the Columbia River Pilots and Executive Director Kristin Meira traveled to Kalispell, MT for a Treaty town hall. Paul and Kristin were joined by Mr. Tryg Koch, an officer with the Montana Grain Growers and a wheat farmer out of Kalispell. Tryg and Paul provided comments to Jill Smail, lead negotiator from the U.S. State Department and reps from the Corps of Engineers, Bonneville Power Administration, Bureau of Reclamation and NOAA.

The sixth round of U.S./Canada negotiations are scheduled for April 10th and 11th in Victoria, B.C. PNWA will continue to engage on this important issue as negotiations continue.



NOAA announces solicitations for 2020 HSRP members

NOAA is asking stakeholders for nominations for new members for the Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP). HSRP provides NOAA with independent advice on improving the quality, efficiency, and usefulness of NOAA's navigation-related products, data, and services. Nominations are due on May 1 for a start date of January 1, 2020. Additional information can be found at: <https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/hsrp/hsrp.htm>



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