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House releases Energy & Water Development Appropriations bill

Today, the House released their [FY2020 Energy & Water Development Appropriations bill](#), proposing \$7.36 billion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This is a \$357 million increase over FY2019 levels and \$2.53 billion more than the President's FY2020 budget request.

Corps accounts are funded as follows:

- General Investigations (GI) - \$135 million, \$10 million more than the FY2019 level
- Construction (CG) - \$2.34 billion, \$154 million above the FY2019 level
- Operations & Maintenance (O&M) - \$3.92 billion, an increase of \$183.5 million above FY2019

The legislation gives Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) spending a boost to \$1.697 billion, an increase of \$147 million over FY2019. This is also \$100 million more than the level proposed in the Water Resources Reform & Development Act of 2014, which phased in HMTF spending to ultimately reach full use of the fund in FY2025.

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More details should be available when the report language is made public, including information on the "additional funding pots". The Energy & Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee is holding a markup of the bill tomorrow, May 15th, at 9am Pacific. Interest parties can watch the markup [here](#). Contact [Heather Stebbings](#) with any questions.

[Upcoming
Events](#)

U.S. Rep. Dan Newhouse hears about value of inland navigation at listening session

U.S. Rep. Dan Newhouse held a public listening session on Monday, May 13th at the Federal Building in Richland to hear from constituents about the Columbia and Snake River dams. The event was a chance for Rep. Newhouse and a panel of experts to share news about recent developments and listen to attendees who shared their views on the value of the dams to navigation, hydropower, and irrigation in our region. PNWA Executive Director Kristin Meira attended, and was one of the panelists to join Rep. Newhouse in fielding questions and providing information. PNWA President Rob Rich and numerous other PNWA members attended the event.



U.S. Rep. Dan Newhouse is joined by PNWA Executive Director Kristin Meira and PNWA President Rob Rich

Maritime Administration (MARAD) job announcement

The Maritime Administration (MARAD) announced an opening for a Transportation Specialist at their Office of the Associate Administrator for Intermodal System Development based in Seattle. The Transportation Specialist serves as the authoritative resource for the agency relative to technical advice on overall management of port and intermodal transportation. The ideal candidate should be an experienced technical authority, responsible for administrative matters relative to the gateway port and

intermodal function, responsibilities involve solving significant problems in complicated by interfaces and inter-relationships between and among programs, systems, functions, policies and numerous critical issues. The closing date for applications is May 16th, for a complete job description and application information, click [here](#).

Port of Vancouver USA job announcement

The Port of Vancouver USA announced an opening for a Director of Communications. The Director of Communications will actively support the port's mission and vision and demonstrate values consistently. The Port seeks candidates with 10+ years of experience in communications, public relations, community outreach, marketing and digital media. Current and relevant knowledge of media contacts and public/private sector experience preferred. The closing date for applications is May 27th, for a complete job description and application information, click [here](#).

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