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Calendar alert: Sheryl Carrubba retirement ceremony Feb. 21



Sheryl Carrubba, longtime navigation program manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers here the Pacific Northwest, officially retired Dec. 31. The Corps' Northwestern Division will host a retirement ceremony for Sheryl:

Friday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m.
Division Headquarters
[1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 400](#)
[Portland, OR 97232](#)

An after-hours social will follow at a venue to be determined.

If you are interested in attending the ceremony and/or social, or would like to contribute photos, notes, quotes and memories to share at her retirement party in a memory book and/or slide presentation, please contact [Patti Williams](#).

Please RSVP: PNWA Regional Meetings

Our Regional Meetings are an opportunity to provide updates on your individual projects and to hear from the PNWA staff on our latest advocacy efforts in DC and around the region. Your input at these events is critical as we prepare for the 2020 Mission to Washington.

Columbia River and Coast Regional Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 11

9-11:30 a.m.

Port of Kalama

[RSVP here](#)

Western Washington Regional Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 19

1-3:30 p.m.

Port of Seattle

[RSVP here](#)

Inland Empire Regional Meeting

Monday, Feb. 24

1-3:30 p.m.

Port of Benton

[RSVP here](#)

Port of Morrow barge service expansion receives MARAD grant funding

Congratulations to the Port of Morrow for receiving \$1.6 million in U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration "America's Marine Highways" grant funding to support the expansion of barge services from the Port of Morrow to



Portland, Vancouver and Longview. The expansion will include the enhancement of two marine terminals that will ultimately allow the port greater access to the region, increasing the economic potential in this rural area.

[Learn more about the project here.](#)

Corps to study Port of Newport marina dredging



The Port of Newport is booming - but that boom means it's also bursting at the seams. The Port is operating at 115 percent capacity and struggles to

offer sufficient berthing spaces for ever-larger fishing vessels, but help may be on the way.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers notified the Port last month that it will begin a new feasibility study in 2020 on establishing an adequate channel into and out of the Port's commercial marina, as well as to and from the commercial hoist dock used for transferring fish products to trucks for transport.

Support the 2020 Census

In FY2016, the State of Oregon alone received [over \\$13.4 billion in federal spending](#) from programs guided by data derived from the 2010 Census.

An inaccurate count of residents in your service area might mean an under-allocation of federal dollars. Encourage your constituents and partners to participate in and support the [2020 Census](#).

Counting for Dollars 2020
The Role of the Decennial Census in the Geographic Distribution of Federal Funds
REPORT

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In FY2016, Oregon received
\$13,452,034,877
through 55 federal spending programs
guided by data derived from the 2010 Census.

The Counting for Dollars 2020 Project aims to understand 1) the extent to which the federal government will rely on data from the 2020 Census to guide the distribution of federal funding to states, localities, and households across the nation and 2) the impact of the accuracy of the 2020 Census on the fair, equitable distribution of these funds.

The project has analyzed spending by state for 55 federal programs (\$883,094,826,042 in FY2016). Three types of programs are analyzed:

- Domestic financial assistance programs provide financial assistance – including direct payments to individuals, grants, loans, and loan guarantees – to non-federal entities within the U.S. – such as individuals and families, state and local governments, companies, and nonprofits – in order to help a public purpose.
- Tax credit programs allow a special exclusion, exemption, or deduction from gross income or provide a special credit, a preferential rate of tax, or a deferral of tax liability.
- Procurement programs award a portion of federal prime contract dollars to small businesses located in areas selected on the basis of census-derived data.

The four uses of census-derived datasets to geographically allocate funding are:

- Define eligibility criteria – that is, identify which organizations or individuals can receive funds.
- Computer formulas that geographically allocate funds to eligible recipients.
- Rank project applications based on priorities (e.g., smaller towns, poorer neighborhoods).
- Set interest rates for federal loan programs.

The two categories of census-derived datasets are:

- Geographic classification – the characterization (e.g., rural), delineation (e.g., Metropolitan Areas), or designation (e.g., Opportunity Zones) of specific geographic areas.
- Variable datasets
 - Annual updates of population and housing variables collected in the Decennial Census.
 - Household surveys collecting new data elements (e.g., income, occupation) by using the Decennial Census to design representative samples and interpret results.

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[Registration for PNWA's 2020 Mission to Washington](#) is now open, and we want to thank our new sponsor for supporting our signature fly-in event.

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