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Welcome new member: FMSIB



The [Washington State Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board](#) is a twelve-member Board with representatives from ports, railroads, marine, trucking, cities, counties, state, and a citizen-at-large. The Board facilitates partnerships to fund and build complex projects that help move freight more efficiently through Washington State.

Brian Ziegler will be FMSIB's official contact with PNWA. He can be reached at 360-464-5529 or ZiegleB@fmsib.wa.gov.

Port of Portland executive director testifies before House

Port of Portland Executive Director Curtis Robinhold testified before the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Ways and Means' Subcommittee on Trade on Feb. 6, 2020, discussing infrastructure

investments needed to facilitate trade.

[Read his full testimony here.](#)



Testimony of Curtis Robinhold
Executive Director
Port of Portland
Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Trade
U.S. House of Representatives
February 6, 2020

Chairman Blumenauer, Ranking Member Buchanan, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today about the importance of investment in smart infrastructure to support trade.

I am the Executive Director of the Port of Portland. Located in Portland, Oregon, the Port is the link that connects Oregon and Southwest Washington – one of the most trade-dependent regions in the country – to the world. Established in 1891 by the Oregon Legislature, the Port today owns three airports – Portland International (PDX), along with two general aviation airports, Hillsboro and Troutdale – four marine terminals on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, and five business parks. Our mission is to enhance the region's economy and quality of life by providing efficient cargo and air passenger access to national and global markets, and by promoting industrial development as the largest owner of industrial land in the state. Our core values are leadership, inclusion, and service.

The Port of Portland was created to dredge a shipping channel from Portland 100 miles to the sea, to support the export of wheat. The Port continues to this day to maintain the shipping channel on the lower Columbia River. The Columbia River is the largest wheat export gateway in the U.S. with ports in both Oregon and Washington handling agricultural and other cargo from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, the Dakotas, and Wyoming. Our growers rely on trade more than most states. Nationally, about 20% of a state's agricultural production is

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AAPA infrastructure spending survey underway



In late November, AAPA embarked on a survey to compile a 5-year “look-ahead” of what U.S. ports and their private-sector partners plan to spend for infrastructure through 2025. Titled the *2021-2025 Port Planned Infrastructure Investment Survey*, the cumulative results – from both AAPA member and non-member U.S. ports and their private-sector partners – will be used to advocate for increased federal investments in connecting infrastructure to ports, and in direct infrastructure grants for ports.

If your port hasn't done so already, please [complete the survey](#) this week.

Port of Newport Dock 5 pier replacement gets EDA grant

Port of Newport officials were notified by elected officials this week that the much-anticipated pier replacement project at Port Dock 5 will move forward, thanks to \$1.2 million in grant funding from the Economic Development Administration in the U.S. Dept of Commerce.

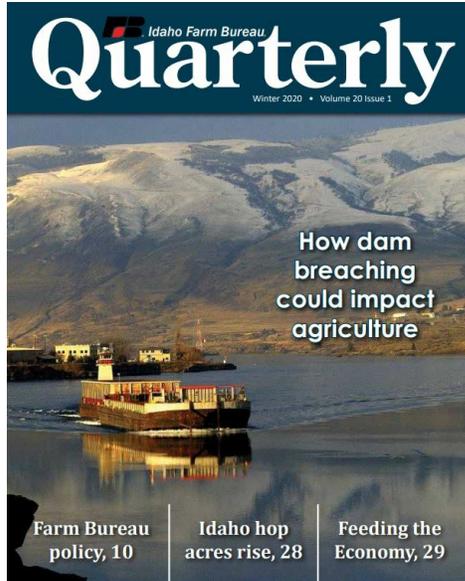


This pier is a critical lifeline to the docks that are home to many of the small businesses that make up Newport's commercial fishing industry. The project will allow the Port to rebuild the structure while also improving the delivery of electricity and fuel.

"On behalf of the Port of Newport, we offer our deepest thanks to Senator Ron Wyden, Senator Jeff Merkley, and Representative Kurt Schrader, as well as the staff members in their offices and in the agencies who all played a role in awarding this grant," said Port General Manager, Paula Miranda. "We are also thankful for Rep. David Gombert and Sen. Arnie Roblan and the other federal, state, and local stakeholders who supported us in this process."

To read more about the vital work that will occur and the investment that will be made in the commercial marina, [click here](#).

Idaho Farm Bureau focuses on dam breaching impacts



"How dam breaching could impact agriculture" is the cover story of the Winter 2020 issue of Idaho Farm Bureau Quarterly. Thank you to IFB Executive Director Blaine Jacobson and Publications Editor Sean Ellis for helping elevate their members' and other Idahoans' attention on this important issue.

[Read the full story here](#).

FEMA issues FY2020 Port Security Grant Program NOFO

The Fiscal Year 2020 Port Security Grant Program is part of a comprehensive set of measures to help strengthen the Nation's critical infrastructure against potential terrorist attacks. PSGP provides funds to state, territorial, local, and private sector partners to support increased port-wide risk management and protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism.

[View the FY2020 Notice of Funding Opportunity here](#).

Join an [AAPA-FEMA webinar](#) on the FY20 Port Security Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity Monday, February 24, at 10 a.m. PST.



FEMA

Howard Hanson Dam fish passage project rebooted



The entire Washington state Congressional delegation, the mayor of Tacoma, PNWA Executive Director Kristin Meira ... these are just some of the regional leaders pushing for more salmon habitat in the Puget Sound region, where - unlike the lower Snake River dams - NOAA Fisheries and other organizations with

responsibility and concern for Puget Sounds' southern resident orcas and the region's salmon populations know the work will pay dividends.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers listened. [Read the full story here.](#)

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