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A note on PNWA operations



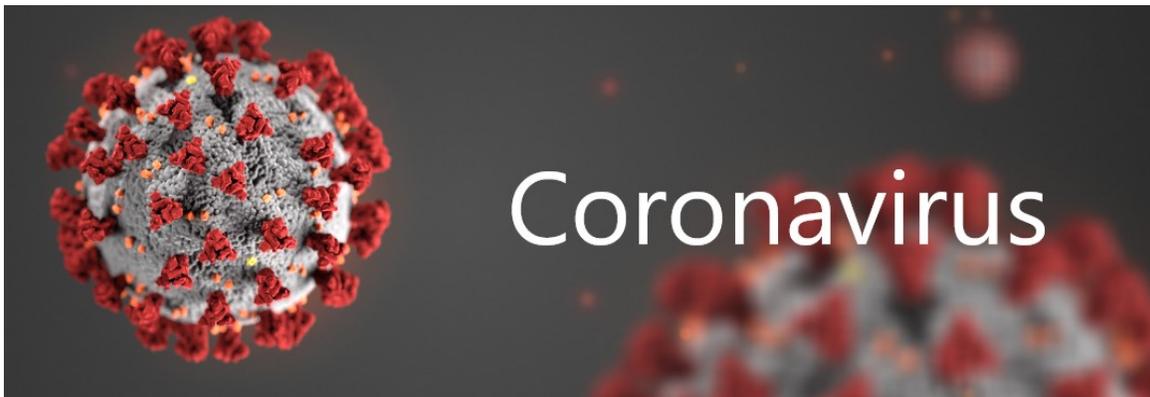
Out of concern for the health of the PNWA team and the public, we made the decision to transition all staff to remote work on Friday, March 13. The PNWA team hasn't missed a beat, and we've appreciated the chance to speak and correspond with so many of you in the past few weeks. We are very much "open for business," and - as always - we want to be of service to our members and our Northwest

communities. We are essentially working two tracks right now: 1) the usual projects and policies our PNWA members support, and 2) rapid response to the coronavirus by helping our members connect with resources, and gathering information that is helpful to our federal leaders who are fashioning relief efforts. If you have any questions about PNWA and what we're doing to be of help during this time, please [contact Kristin Meira](#).

CRSO DEIS update

Thank you to all PNWA members who participated in the six public comment teleconferences from March 17 through last night. This was an important opportunity to highlight our support for [the preferred alternative](#), and also to correct misinformation

presented by some of the callers. PNWA staff was on all six calls, and provided comment during most of the teleconferences. The deadline for written comments is still set for Monday, April 13. To learn more, and access resources which will be helpful to you in your comment letter, check out www.pnwa.net/RiverValues.



Coronavirus impact information requested

PNWA is aware some ports are having difficulty qualifying for assistance that just passed in the CARES Act. Some ports are also experiencing revenue impacts and other secondary impacts as a result of the shelter in place orders, declining business operations, etc. Please make sure you are sharing your port's experiences with PNWA through [our online survey](#).

PNWA has proactively reached out to some of the Congressional delegation staff to share the obstacles faced and some of the gaps that were not covered by the CARES Act. This information will be critical to helping the delegation's work in crafting a fourth package of COVID-19 relief/stimulus funding. So please continue to use the PNWA survey to share your port's impacts from COVID-19.

PNWA has also contacted Congressional staff to try to expedite the online publication of information and application process for accessing the CARES Act funding assistance to fishermen. As soon as the information is available, we will share it with you.

COVID-19 package #4 - stimulus

With the passage of the third COVID-19 financial package known as the CARES Act, Congress recessed for an extended Spring break. However, there is already discussion taking place about taking up a fourth financial package when Congress reconvenes. The fourth package would likely address economic issues associated with the COVID-19 outbreak in an attempt to stave off or decrease the impact of a potential recession.

This fourth package is anticipated to include infrastructure development as a means

of stimulating the economy. PNWA is already working proactively with the Corps to identify projects that are shovel ready which could qualify for stimulus funding. PNWA played a similar role in 2009 when that stimulus package was created and rolled out, resulting in a number of significant infrastructure projects across the Northwest.

If your port has additional projects that are now or could be shovel ready soon, please [contact Dena Horton](#) as soon as possible.

MARAD and other grant application windows closing soon



While the world deals with the COV-19 Virus, there are still competitive grants that will be ending soon.

Port Security Grant

FEMA has extended the application close date to April 30. Additional questions may be directed to askcsid@fema.dhs.gov or 800-368-6498

Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD)

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. EDT on May 18. Please visit <https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants> for more information.

America's Marine Highways

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. EDT on May 18. Please visit <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/grants/marine-highways/marine-highway> for more information.

Port Infrastructure and Development

Applications must be submitted by 8 p.m. EDT on May 1. Please visit <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/PIDPgrants> for more information.

Some recent webinars concerning applying for the program are posted at <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/office-port-infrastructure-development/port-and-terminal-infrastructure-development/2020-port>

Other Non-Grant Programs:

Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) programs support rural transportation needs. Learn more at <https://www.transportation.gov/rural/other-dot-resources>

Build America Bureau streamlines credit opportunities and grants and provides access to the credit and grant programs with more speed and transparency, while also providing technical assistance and encouraging innovative best practices in project planning, financing, delivery, and monitoring. Learn more at <https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/>

Employment opportunity: Port Orford port manager

The Port Manager for the Port of Port Orford is responsible for the overall administration of the Port's fiscal and personnel management, development and maintenance of all Port facilities and properties, and other tasks as assigned by the Port



Port of Port Orford

Commission. The Port Manager serves at the will of, reports directly to, and is responsible and accountable to the publicly elected Port Commission.

Applications will be accepted through April 3.

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