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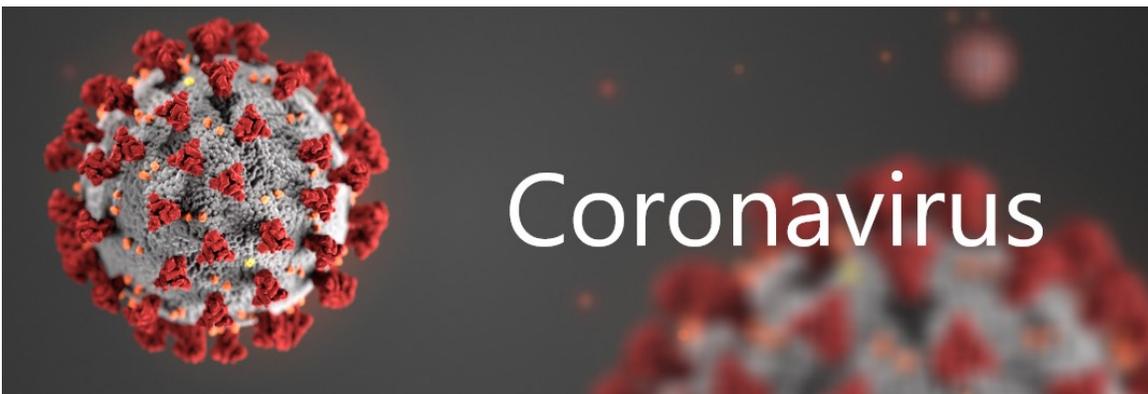
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Final CRSO DEIS comment letter

PNWA's [comment letter on the Columbia River System Operations draft environmental impact statement](#) contains the association's viewpoint on the federal agencies' preferred alternative, as well as our feedback with regard to hydropower, navigation, and salmon recovery. We also provide additional information regarding impacts which would arise as a result of Snake River dam removal. PNWA's leadership and staff would like to thank the many association members who took time to also submit letters and participate in the six teleconferences which were hosted by the federal agencies. PNWA will keep you informed as the process moves forward. For a quick review of the timeline for the EIS for the remainder of the year, check out the "Where We Are in the Review Process" [infographic here](#).



Coronavirus impact information requested



As you know, PNWA staff have been sharing data from our survey about the direct and indirect impacts your port, organization, or company is experiencing with Congressional staff. We particularly need your help documenting actual dollar figure losses and cargo/tonnage impacts. This information will be very helpful in refining the COVID-19 Relief Package #4. Please take some time to [fill out the survey](#) and highlight:

- Losses of revenue and general financial impacts
- Impacts to cargo volumes
- Blank sailings
- Numbers of employees laid off/furloughed, missing shifts, etc.
- Losses of customers, clients, etc.
- Additional costs incurred as a result of coronavirus (i.e. sanitation, costs to protect employees, etc.)
- Other impacts experienced as a result of coronavirus or shelter in place orders

Your input has already helped shape some of the language being considered for the COVID-19 Package #4 with respect to municipalities under 500,000 people.

Port Security Grant Program application deadline extended



FEMA

In response to COVID-19, FEMA is extending the deadline for Port Security Grant Program applications until April 30 at 5 p.m. EDT.

See the Notice of Funding Opportunity and other information here:

<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/185919>

Senator Cantwell names SW WA outreach director

Senator Maria Cantwell has named Sarah Kohout as her Southwest Washington Outreach Director, replacing Dena Horton, who became PNWA's Government Relations Director last fall.

Sarah joins Senator Cantwell after serving as campaign manager and legislative assistant to Washington State Representative and House Majority Floor Leader Monica Stonier, whose 49th Legislative District includes a number of PNWA members in Southwest Washington.



Congratulations, Sarah - we look forward to working with you!

AAPA seaport COVID-19 protocols



With extensive participation and leadership from its members, the American Association of Port Authorities has developed [the port industry's unified best practice protocols for COVID-19](#), so ports and their government and business partners have the steps ports undertake on a daily basis to a) keep our workers safe and b) keep our supply chains open.

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