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Welcome new member Jordan Ramis PC

Jordan Ramis PC is a law firm dedicated to businesses, organizations, and entrepreneurs building and defining the future of the Pacific Northwest. Our attorneys concentrate representation and advocacy in Government Law, Dirt Law, Business Law, and Litigation. Our longstanding presence in the Pacific Northwest is rooted in more than just the law. Many of our attorneys had previous careers and backgrounds in construction, architecture, real estate, logging, government, human resources, insurance, the EPA, DEQ, and other regulatory agencies. Our industry understanding and experience offers clients new advantages and opportunities.



Elizabeth Rosso will be the firm's representative to PNWA and its members. Elizabeth can be reached at 503-598-5537 or elizabeth.rosso@jordanramis.com.

85 Members of Congress advocate for port COVID funding

PNWA staff assisted Representative Kurt Schrader's office with drafting [a bipartisan letter signed by 85 Members of Congress](#) supporting dedicated funding to assist ports with weathering the COVID-19 pandemic.



Thank you to our members and partners for your efforts in securing strong bipartisan support, and special thanks to these Northwest Congressional delegation members for your leadership on this issue:

Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)
Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)
Peter DeFazio (D-OR)
Suzan DelBene (D-WA)

Denny Heck (D-WA)
Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)
Pramila Jayapal (D-WA)
Derek Kilmer (D-WA)
Rick Larsen (D-WA)
Adam Smith (D-WA)
Don Young (R-AK)

PNWA will continue to seek bipartisan support for the Senate version of the letter, and work with our Congressional and advocacy partners on draft language and a distribution formula for aid to ports that could be made available in the next COVID-19 relief package.

Washington State Potato Commission gives back

Potato farmers across Washington are facing an unprecedented economic crisis as restaurant demand bottoms out, with a billion pounds of potatoes once planned for domestic consumption that no longer have customers.

This, coupled with slashed contracts for next year's crop, could be disastrous for many potato growers, said Chris Voigt, executive director for PNWA member [Washington Potato Commission](#). Yet for some, the response has not been to hunker down, but to give to those in even greater need.

[Learn more here](#)



Sound Off for Economic Recovery, May 18-22

National Maritime Day in the United States is celebrated May 22 in observance of the value and importance of the maritime industry to U.S. trade, innovation, the economy and quality of life.



This year, the American Association of Port Authorities is encouraging its entire hemispheric membership to commemorate the week of National Maritime Day (May 18-22) with an initiative that gets ships and tugs in harbor and at berth to sound their horns (or whistles) four short times in succession each weekday at noon.

AAPA's *Sound Off For Economic Recovery* initiative has three goals:

1) To recognize and support the week of National Maritime Day throughout the

Western Hemisphere as a salute and tribute to maritime commerce, mariners, ports and their workforces.

2) To increase public awareness of the value and importance of the maritime industry to each nation's trade, innovation, economy, jobs and quality of life

3) To remind those within vessel whistle earshot of the dedication, sacrifice and professionalism of the port industry workforce in their collective efforts to slow the spread of coronavirus while ensuring a steady flow of vital goods and services.

During the May 18-22 time frame, AAPA is asking that each port authority or administration reach out to its specific Harbormaster or Captain of the Port and ask that they instruct vessel (ship and tug) captains to give four short bursts of their vessel's horn each day at noon. If this initiative is successful, and ports proactively message around the actions being asked of vessel captains, it will increase recognition of the port industry's role in COVID-19 recovery, efficient goods movement, job creation and propelling the economy in nations they serve across the Americas.

Get Out the Count for the 2020 Census

Census statistics inform how state, local, and federal lawmakers will allocate billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities every year for the next 10 years.

More than half of the households in our nation have responded – but there's still much more work to be done to ensure your community is properly represented.

**Together, we can ensure
that our community receives the
resources it needs.**

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