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Nationwide coalition urges port emergency relief funding



As U.S. policymakers begin negotiations on the next coronavirus aid package, PNWA has joined many American ports and associations in aggressively advocating for critical relief for the port industry brought on by the pandemic.

PNWA is a signatory on [July 23 letters to U.S. House, Senate and Administration leaders](#), urging them to provide \$1.5 billion for ports to cover business-critical expenses that ports have incurred due to COVID-19. The letters state that while America's ports are crucial for ensuring the nation is able to quickly recover from its current economic crisis, they have been neglected in previous coronavirus aid legislation.

Port of Vancouver purchases mitigation credits from Wapato



Port of Vancouver USA



WAPATO VALLEY
MITIGATION AND CONSERVATION BANK

On Tuesday, July 14, the Port of Vancouver USA approved the purchase of environmental mitigation credits from the Wapato Valley Mitigation and Conservation Bank in anticipation of several upcoming projects. The Port is the first within the Wapato Bank service area to create an agreement like this to secure credits

that will be released upon Bank certification for future port development.

The Wapato Bank will offer credits as mitigation from off-site development impacts. In addition to avoiding and minimizing impacts during project design, the Port of Vancouver USA will purchase credits and use debits to help balance the environmental impacts of their projects through this system of mitigation banking.

[Learn more here](#)

Port of Tacoma mitigation bank receives final approval

The Port of Tacoma's Upper Clear Creek Mitigation Bank, designed to offset adverse impacts to salmon and wetland habitat from development, has received final approval from the state Department of Ecology, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service.



The Upper Clear Creek Mitigation Bank is the Port's first mitigation bank, the first of its kind in the Puyallup River watershed, and only the second joint wetland and fish conservation bank in Washington state.

[Learn more here](#)

Ports of Everett, Vancouver win AAPA Communication Awards



The American Association of Port Authorities has bestowed awards for exemplary communications projects and programs to the Ports of Everett and Vancouver USA as part of its 54th annual Communications Awards Program.

The Port of Everett received one of AAPA's 2020 Award of Overall Communications Excellence trophies -- the top award in AAPA's Communications Awards Program -- for its [Next 100 Campaign](#) entry.

The Port of Vancouver USA earned AAPA Awards of Distinction in three categories for its [Marine Facilities Guide](#), [Terminal 1 Branding](#), and [Community Report](#) entries.



Port of Vancouver USA

Congratulations to our members for their outstanding communication achievements!

