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Welcome new member GSI Water Solutions



For 20 years, [GSI Water Solutions, Inc.](#) (GSI), has helped clients protect and manage shared natural resources with solutions that are practical, forward thinking, and built on a foundation of sound science. Founded in 2000, GSI is an employee-owned groundwater, environmental, and water resources consulting firm. As hydrogeologists, environmental scientists, and water resources experts, we look for cost-effective, practical solutions to help you make sound, strategic decisions.

Key capabilities include:

- Remedial investigations and feasibility studies
- Contaminated site remediation
- Stormwater permit compliance and planning
- Stormwater treatment, design, and implementation
- Groundwater supply development
- Water rights and permitting strategies

Notable projects include:

- Parcel 15 Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, Port of Tacoma, Washington
- Stormwater Planning and Management, Port of Tillamook Bay, Oregon
- Groundwater Development and Water Rights Support, Port of Morrow, Oregon

Kathy Roush will be GSI's designated representative to PNWA. Kathy can be reached at 971-200-8527 or kroush@gsiws.com

Welcome new member Grette Associates

[Grette Associates](#) was formed in 2002 and employs biologists and project managers with years of



Grette Associates^{LLC}
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

professional aquatic resource and permitting consulting services. We specialize in helping public- and private-sector clients understand and comply with environmental regulations in Washington and Oregon.

With demonstrated capabilities for addressing complex biological issues in an ever-evolving regulatory landscape, we excel at solving project-specific challenges related to threatened and endangered species, mitigation planning, and habitat restoration.

Grette Associates maintains offices in both Tacoma and Wenatchee. Matthew Boyle will be their designated representative to PNWA. Matthew can be reached at 253-573-9300 or MatthewB@gretteassociates.com

Bellingham, Coos Bay and Seattle earn MARAD PIDP grants



Congratulations to PNWA members Port of Coos Bay, Port of Bellingham and Port of Seattle for collectively attracting over \$27.4 million in Maritime Administration Port Infrastructure Development Program grant funding.

The Port Infrastructure Development Program aims to support efforts by ports and industry stakeholders to improve facility and freight infrastructure to ensure our nation's freight transportation needs, present and future, are met. The program provides planning, operational and capital financing, and project management assistance to improve their capacity and efficiency.

Learn more about [our member ports' selected projects](#).

Tri-Cities members collaborate on RiverFest documentary

The Tri-Cities' annual in-person RiverFest event was cancelled this year due to COVID-19 health concerns and restrictions, but the event organizers and sponsors, including a host of PNWA members, aren't letting that stop them from sharing how important the Columbia-Snake River System is to their

lives and livelihoods.

The RiverFest partners commissioned a television documentary, "Our Rivers, Our Life," that will air Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. on KAPP-KVEW TV.

[View and share the program promo here](#)

And yes, [Our Working Rivers](#) members - that's the footage you generously agreed to share. Thank you for your contribution to this project!



Everett's Battuello named "Community Champion"



The Port of Everett's Chief of Business and Economic Development Terrie Battuello was honored by Puget Sound Business Journal with the 2020 Community Champion Award during the publication's second annual Commercial Real Estate Leadership awards ceremony.

"Community Champion is the very definition of Terrie and

exemplifies the passion she puts into her work here at the Port and throughout Snohomish County," Port of Everett CEO Lisa Lefeber said. "Terrie's innovative, think outside of the box approach has supported the revival of hundreds of acres of underutilized brownfield properties, bringing these sites back onto city tax rolls, creating key job centers and attracting quality developers and retailers to add to the vitality at the Everett waterfront – all the while, maintaining momentum toward the community's long-range vision of a balanced working and recreational waterfront."

[Read the full story here](#)

Oregon maritime workforce education initiative issues first report

Senate Bill 876 in 2017 designated maritime as a recognized industry in Oregon and called for the convening of a Task Force on Maritime Sector Workforce Development.

One task was to develop recommendations for the State Workforce Investment Board to incorporate consideration of the maritime sector

into statewide workforce investment system plans. Their 2019 report introduced the Maritime Sector Workforce Education Investment Initiative.

[Read the Investment Initiative's first quarter report here](#)

For more information or to become involved in this effort, contact Heather DeSart at 541-648-5282 or heather@onwib.org.



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