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I-5 Bridge Replacement Program schedules April meetings

The [Interstate Bridge Replacement program](#) is committed to identifying a multimodal solution that accommodates a wide range of users and modes of travel to provide equitable access to jobs and critical services, including robust active transportation facilities with improved connections into the local networks for those who walk, bike, and roll.



Community engagement is a key piece of this work to ensure the program identifies a bridge replacement solution that best serves the complex needs of the broad variety of travelers. Community members who are interested in the bi-state program are encouraged to participate in any or all of the upcoming engagement opportunities in April, including a multimodal commuter listening session and three public meetings with the opportunity to provide feedback to the advisory groups.

Public Meetings Schedule

- [Equity Advisory Group Monday, April 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m. PDT](#)
- [Community Advisory Group Wednesday, April 28, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. PDT](#)
- [Executive Steering Group Thursday, April 29, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. PDT](#)

WCIT offers Building Resilient Infrastructure strategy session

Building Resilient Infrastructure for a Thriving Pacific Northwest

How Smart Federal Infrastructure Plans Can



Washington Council on International Trade

Support Our Communities for Decades to Come

Now more than ever, it's vital to prioritize infrastructure innovation and development. In the trade-connected Pacific Northwest, the stakes couldn't be higher. WCIT is thrilled to host a strategy session focusing on federal funding opportunities, regional advocacy resources, and local capacity-building for essential infrastructure projects that benefit our diverse communities.

Join Us! Registration is Free.

Thursday, April 29, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. PDT

RSVP: angela@wcit.org

Reactions to Simpson's Columbia Basin proposal continue

PNWA members and partners continue to react strongly to the proposal from U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson (R, ID-2) to breach the lower Snake River Dams and spend \$34+ billion to redesign the region's transportation, energy, and other sectors.



- 45 organizations [crafted and signed a letter](#) that went to every Member of Congress and Governor of our 4-state region.
- 158 Pacific Northwest farm families, businesses, agencies, and concerned citizens [signed a letter to Rep. Simpson](#) from The McGregor Company Chairman Alex McGregor.
- The Idaho State Legislature [passed a joint memorial](#) opposing the breaching of the dams on the Columbia-Snake River System and its tributaries, and recognizing certain benefits provided by the Port of Lewiston.

Sediment Management Annual Review scheduled for May 5

The 2021 SMARM is almost here!

Please join the Dredged Material Management Program and the Department of Ecology's Sediment Management Standards Program for the 33rd Sediment Management Annual Review Meeting. **The meeting will be held virtually on May 5, 2021.**

This year our agenda includes another cleanup lessons-learned session, this time with a look at the Port Gamble project. We'll hear from the Departments of Ecology and Natural Resources about state priorities

33rd Sediment Management Annual Review Meeting
Draft Virtual Meeting Agenda

May 5, 2021

8:30	Meeting WebEx Lines Open - Register @ https://usacenws.webex.com/usacenws/onstage/g.php?MTID=e7f1430002d033ce74af63a3175e27359	
Morning Session: 9:00 – 11:50 am		
9:00	Welcome, Intro, Logistics	Joy Dunay, USACE
9:05	Sediment Cleanup Lessons Learned – Port Gamble	Clay Palmont, Anchor OEA & John Evered, Ecology
9:35	Enhanced Natural Recovery with Activated Carbon – A Pilot Study in the Lower Duwamish Waterway	Debra Williston, King County
10:05	Break (10 mins)	
10:15	Ecology-TCP Sediment Policy and Budget Updates	Chance Asher, Ecology
10:35	Microplastics in Puget Sound Dredged Material	MaggieJo Baer, UW Tacoma
10:50	DNR Disposal Site Management Update	Abby Barnes, DNR
11:50	Session 1 Close	
Afternoon Session: 12:30 – 2:35 pm		
12:30	Welcome, Logistics	Joy Dunay, USACE
12:35	Dredging Year 2021: Year in Review	Heather Fourie, USACE
12:45	DMMP User Manual Updates	Kelsey van der Eijl, USACE
12:55	Updates to DMMP Disposal Site Monitoring Triggers in Puget Sound	Shannon Soto, DNR
1:05	PAH Guidelines: Considerations for Dredged Material Testing and Disposal Site Monitoring in Puget Sound	Laura Inouye, Ecology
1:25	Break (10 mins)	
1:35	Monitoring Framework & Port Gardner Pilot Study Results	Lauran Warner, USACE Joy Dunay, USACE Laura Inouye, Ecology
2:35	Session 2 Close	

Time for Questions & Answers is included for each presentation. Questions can be submitted via the Chat feature and will be moderated by Justine Barton, EPA. The last presentation of each session will also include a time for direct discussion, using the hand-raising feature in WebEx events.

Comments on papers and presentations from SMARM 2021 will be accepted through June 4, 2021. Comments can be submitted via email to: CENWS-DMMOTeam@usace.army.mil

during these unsettled times. We'll also share hot-off-the-presses data from the Port Gardner disposal site monitoring pilot study.

Event details are below, and [the draft agenda is attached](#).

Event Information and Registration

Date: May 5, 2021

Time: Conference lines open at 8:30 a.m. PDT, meeting starts at 9 a.m. PDT (see draft agenda for more details)

Meeting Platform: WebEx Events

Registration is required to attend this event.

Please register

at: <https://usacenws.webex.com/usacenws/onstage/g.php?MTID=e7f1430002d033ce74af63a3175e27359>

Cost: Free

Stakeholder Participation

Draft clarification papers will be posted to the DMMP website before SMARM. Comments on proposed papers, and on SMARM presentations, will be accepted through June 4, 2021. Send comments via email to CENWS-DMMOTeam@usace.army.mil.

A portion of the agenda is always held open for stakeholders to present proposed modifications to the DMMP and/or SMS programs. You are invited to submit program-related issues, ideas & suggestions for consideration and discussion at the meeting. Submissions for these public issue papers or presentations will be accepted through Friday, April 23, 2021 and should include:

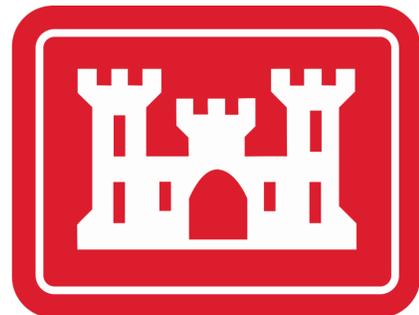
- A statement of the issue/concern/topic
- Why the topic is relevant and important to the DMMP and/or SMS programs and stakeholders
- Alternatives or suggestions for topic resolution

Contact the DMMO at CENWS-DMMOTeam@usace.army.mil for further details.

Corps still seeking WRDA implementation guidance comments

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is [still seeking comments](#) on the implementation guidance to be developed for the Water Resources Development Act 2020. The public comment period closes on May 7, 2021.

Comments may be submitted via mail, online, or email. Please copy any comments you provide to [PNWA Government Relations Director Dena Horton](#).



The Corps has provided a portal for submitting comments online at <http://www.regulations.gov/>. You may also email comments to

WRDA2020@usace.army.mil. To submit comments by U.S. mail, send the comment letter to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: Ms. Amy Frantz, CEW-P, 3F91
441 G St. NW
Washington, DC 20314

The final guidance will be available to the public at
https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Project-Planning/LegislativeLinks/wrda_2020/

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