

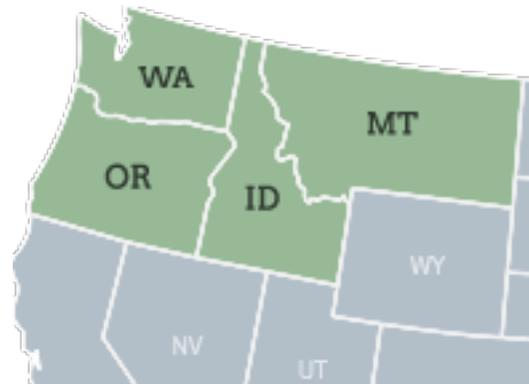


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6/10 Columbia Basin Collaborative organizational workshop

The states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana are collaborating with federal partners, tribes, and interested stakeholders to define the Columbia Basin Collaborative, a future collaborative framework to rebuild salmon and steelhead stocks and advance the goals of the Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force. This has sometimes been referred to as the *four-state solution* or *four governors' process*.



The **CBC Organizational Workshop Part 2** will be held **Thursday, June 10** from 12 to 4 p.m. PDT via Zoom webinar.

Representatives from the four states have considered the input offered at the February 24 workshop and have developed a collaborative framework and approach for moving forward. At the June 10 workshop, they will share information regarding:

- The CBC process structure including a high-level process diagram and proposed charter
- Topics to address and seating the various groups and teams
- Next steps including workflow, timing, and funding

The meeting facilitators look forward to hearing your input and feedback at the June 10 workshop, along with learning about how you would like to engage in the process.

Please RSVP by close of business Thursday, May 27 via this [Zoom registration link](#) to

help with planning and logistics for the webinar meeting. Registration is required. The Zoom webinar information will be sent to you once you register, and available materials will be provided closer to the meeting date.

In addition, please scan through the attached [CBC interested persons list](#) and [let the meeting facilitators know](#) if you would like to add any additional names to the list. Feel free to forward this information to anyone else you think would like to participate. Please remind them to RSVP.

For more information on the Columbia Basin Collaborative, please visit the [Idaho hosted webpage](#). For any specific questions regarding the goals and objectives of the CBC, please contact: [Mike Edmondson](#) (Idaho), [Guy Norman](#) (Washington), [Jim McKenna](#) (Oregon), or [Mike Milburn](#) (Montana) in advance of the workshop. Feel free to contact [Samantha Meysohn](#) with any questions regarding the workshop logistics. Please reach out to [Deb Nudelman](#) with any questions regarding process.

PNWA advocates for WRDA 2020 implementation guidance

May 7, 2021

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Delivered via email: WRDA2020@usace.army.mil
RE: Docket ID No. COE-2021-0002

Dear Ms. Frantz,

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA), I appreciate the opportunity to offer the following written comments regarding specific provisions of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (WRDA 2020) for consideration as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers formulates implementation guidance.

PNWA is a non-profit trade association which has over 150 members, including ports, businesses, public agencies, labor, and individuals from around the Northwest that support projects to advance and protect the region's navigation infrastructure, freight mobility, economic health, and the environment. We encourage development of the region's multi-modal transportation system to provide safe, secure, efficient, competitive links to domestic and world markets. PNWA has a keen interest in WRDA policies and projects that affect navigation infrastructure and waterways in our region.

The following are the highest priorities for PNWA and it is hoped these provisions will be prioritized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for development of implementation guidance.

Sec. 101. Budgetary Treatment Expansion/Adjustment for HMTF.

Sec. 102. Authorizations of Appropriations for Navigation.

Sec. 103. Annual Report to Congress on HMTF.

Sec. 104 Additional Measures at Donor and Energy Transfer Ports.

PNWA supports the full utilization of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) authorities and the maximum annual amount of funding authorized in WRDA 2020. While these sections do not amend the current U.S. Code provisions regarding the use and allocation of HMTF, PNWA requests the Corps clarify this freestanding text and the current U.S. Code with respect to different HMTF allocations to the same port type. PNWA supports the use of the higher of the two allocation figures rather than using the older text in the U.S. Code.

Sec. 102. Authorization of appropriations for navigation.

Regarding additional uses at emerging harbors under Section 102, the law provides for up to \$5 million per fiscal year to be allocated for up to ten emerging harbor projects including "maintenance dredging of a marina or berthing area, in an emerging harbor, that includes an area that is located adjacent to, or is accessible by, a Federal navigation project." The Pacific Northwest is home to many emerging harbors, many of which are rural, coastal commercial fishing ports that are the major employment centers of their community. Some of these ports struggled more than others in the wake of the pandemic. It is hoped the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would spread the ten emerging harbor projects throughout the country in an equitable manner.

Sec. 106. Coast Guard anchorages.

In 2020, the Columbia Snake River System moved 60% of the U.S. wheat exports. It is also a major export gateway for corn and soy products. On the Lower Columbia River, transiting vessels need safe and sufficiently deep locations to pause during their call on our river. Anchorages are ideal but the volume of siltation varies from year



PNWA [submitted written comments](#) last week to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, identifying elements of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 for priority consideration as the Corps formulates guidance for implementing the Act's provisions.

The Corps will [post specific guidance for each section of WRDA 2020 here](#) when it is complete.

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Acting ASA (CW) visits Tacoma



PNWA joined the Port of Tacoma, Northwest Seaport Alliance, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Seattle District last week to brief Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Jaime Pinkham (center) on the Tacoma Harbor Deepening and Saltchuck Habitat Restoration projects.

Interstate Bridge Replacement waterway users survey



**Interstate
BRIDGE**
Replacement Program

The Interstate Bridge Replacement program is collecting information from waterway users.

If you operate a recreational or commercial vessel on the Columbia River and travel under the Interstate Bridge (river mile 106.5), please take our survey: interstatebridge.org/rivernavigation.

Surveys must be complete before June 30, 2021.

For more information or for ADA accessible materials:

Upcoming Interstate Bridge Replacement listening sessions



Have Your Voice Heard Join an upcoming listening session.

HAYDEN ISLAND LISTENING SESSION

- ▶ Tuesday, May 18 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- ▶ Register: <https://ibr.news/HaydenIslandLS>

Do you live, work, play, or represent organizations on Hayden Island? Join this listening session to share your experience and perspective on Hayden Island interchanges and connections to the Interstate Bridge and south into Portland.

FREIGHT MOVEMENT LISTENING SESSION

- ▶ Thursday, May 27 | 4:00 - 5:30 pm
- ▶ Register: <https://ibr.news/FreightMovementLS>

Are you involved in transportation freight by river or road through the Interstate Bridge program area? Join this listening session to share your experience and perspective on transporting freight through the Interstate Bridge Replacement program area.

DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER LISTENING SESSION

- ▶ Tuesday, June 1 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- ▶ Register: <https://ibr.news/DowntownVancouverLS>

Do you who live, work, play, or represent organizations within downtown Vancouver? Join this listening session to share your experience and perspective on downtown Vancouver, local transit, and connections to I-5 and the Interstate Bridge.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION LISTENING SESSION

- ▶ Tuesday, June 8 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- ▶ Register: <https://ibr.news/ActiveTransportationLS>

Do you currently bike, walk or roll to move through the Interstate Bridge Replacement program area? Do you plan to utilize the bridge using a form of active transportation in the future? Join this listening session to share your experience and perspective on traveling across the Interstate Bridge or within the program area.

SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE LISTENING SESSION

- ▶ Thursday, June 17 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- ▶ Register: <https://ibr.news/ClimateLS>

Interested in sustainability and climate as it relates to the Interstate Bridge Replacement program? Join this listening session to share your perspective.



Oregon offshore wind energy planning webinars

Please see the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's [Note to Stakeholders](#) for the Oregon Offshore Wind Energy Planning Webinars, hosted by BOEM and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development on May 12 and 13.



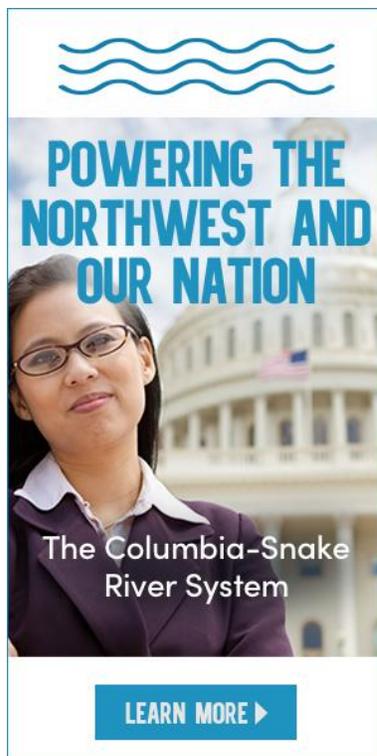
All the virtual meetings will present the same content and are offered at different times to accommodate schedules. Meeting dates and times are:

- May 12, 2021 at 1 PM PT
- May 13, 2021 at 10 AM and 5:30 PM PT

BOEM and DLCD will share updates on current outreach and engagement activities to inform possible offshore wind energy leasing along the Oregon coast. BOEM and the DLCD will update the public on data and information collected during a coordinated statewide outreach effort conducted since the fall of 2020. The public will have an opportunity to share information and ask questions of BOEM and DLCD representatives during a question and answer session immediately following the BOEM-DLCD presentation.

Advanced registration is required. Upon registering, a confirmation email will be sent with the webinar link and audio line for the virtual meeting. Meeting materials, a detailed agenda, and registration information is available at www.boem.gov/Oregon.

New River Values ads and website



The Columbia-Snake River System digital marketing and government relations campaign, also known as the River Values campaign, has a number of different target audiences. Among those, it proved very effective in 2020 at reaching and influencing federal and state elected officials and their staffs here in the Pacific Northwest.

This year, we're expanding the campaign's reach all the way to Washington, DC.

New website ads (like the one at left), [social media posts](#), and [native advertising](#) - which you may know better as "advertorials" - along with a [new River Values website](#) and an increased government relations effort on Capitol Hill, is designed to make clear to DC decision makers what PNWA members have known all along:

Outside environmental groups do not understand or represent what our river system means to us.

Your contribution will help keep this campaign rolling through the halls of power - both here in the Pacific Northwest and back in DC. Please [contact PNWA Communications Director Scott Clemans](#).

FEMA and state emergency management training available

FEMA and state emergency management offices in Region 10 are offering a lot of training in the upcoming months. Some of this is specific to the Cascadia Rising Exercise and training staff on exercise design and control. Other training is just good training to have depending on your job description.

Courses being offered soon include:



FEMA

- K0318 Local Hazard Mitigation Planning, May 18-20, 2021
- MGT-345 Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems, July 27-30, 2021
- MGT-471 Executing Strategies to Rapidly Rehabilitate Damaged Housing, May 27, 2021
- DMP118 Critical Infrastructure Continuity of Operations Water, July 13, 2021
- K0051 Exercise Program Management Course, May 2021 (Multiple Dates)
- K0139 Exercise Design and Development Course, June and July 2021 (Multiple Dates)
- K0146 Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Course, June 28-July 1, 2021
- L0050 Exercise Control and Simulation Course, August and September 2021 (Multiple Dates)
- E0050 Exercise Control and Simulation Course, May 26-27, 2021
- Master Exercise Practitioner Program Application Period Open, May 1 – July 1, 2021

To learn more about a specific course, including how to apply, search for it on the FEMA [Region 10 Master Training and Exercise Calendar](#).

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