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PNWA members set soybean export record



Kalama Export Company LLC

The Port of Kalama set a new record for soybean exports, shipping out more than any other West Coast port in the country last year, according to a report from the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association.

The port's two privately-owned grain elevators, TEMCO (a division of CHS) and Kalama Export, exported nearly 5 million metric tons of soybeans, totaling 33% of all U.S. West Coast soybean exports.

[Read the port's full news release here](#)

PNWA members offer 2021 Economic Stimulus Workshop



2021 Economic Stimulus Workshop

Thursday, May 27, 2021

Noon to 1 PM PST

Presented by Maul Foster & Alongi and Crossroads Strategies

[Register Now](#)

Are you ready to take advantage of the potential federal funding opportunities that may become available to your community?

Significant federal investment in infrastructure appears imminent as the United States begins to rebuild communities and the economy after the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this quick, informative webinar, you will learn how to position your agency and community to receive funding. The multidisciplinary teams from Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc., and Crossroads Strategies, LLC will show you how to navigate the competitive grant funding and financing processes and help push your infrastructure improvement plans forward.

Join us to learn answers to the following questions:

- How can you position your community to receive federal stimulus funding?
- What does it mean to get your project shovel-ready?
- How might federal funds be funneled through existing state programs?
- What is the possible timing for funding to become available?
- What is your eligibility for specific grant programs?
- Which capital projects are likely to provide economic and job growth outcomes?
- How do you prioritize capital projects for competitive funding pursuits and rank their readiness?

This webinar is free to attend but you must register in advance. For additional event details visit <https://www.maulfoster.com/the-2021-economic-stimulus-webinar/>

USACE Operations & Regulatory chief visits region



PNWA members and staff joined representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Northwestern Division and its districts and a variety of partner organizations to familiarize USACE Operations and Regulatory Chief Tom Smith with some of the issues and projects of importance to the region.

During his visit, Smith learned about Chittenden Locks (including its fish passage facility, shown above), McNary Dam's navigation lock, the Seattle and Tacoma Deepening projects, mitigation bank projects, and permitting issues.

Sen. Cantwell re-releases non-defense appropriations form

The Senate Appropriations Committee has made changes to this year's appropriations process. With the release of subcommittee guidance on congressionally-directed spending, the office of Sen. Maria Cantwell (D, WA) is re-



releasing its [non-defense appropriations form](#) for Fiscal Year 2022 submissions.

Please use this form to submit congressionally-directed spending requests. A list of accounts for which CDS requests are eligible, along with general CDS guidance, can be found [here](#). You may also use this form to submit any non-defense programmatic or language requests you *have not* already submitted to Sen. Cantwell's office. Please do not resubmit any programmatic or language requests you have already submitted for FY22.

Please note that submissions are due no later than **11:59 p.m. PDT Tuesday, June 1, 2021**. If you have any questions, please contact Sen. Cantwell's office at appropriations@cantwell.senate.gov or 202-224-3441.

PNWA Government Relations Director Dena Horton notes:

This process is new, the kinks are getting ironed out, and hopefully it won't be this complicated next year. However, it would be a good idea for anyone who has or is thinking about submitting a request to contact their Congressional offices to check in and see if there is any additional information they should provide and ensure that they understand what materials are due and the deadline for each office.

CLIA seeking continued support

Over the last several weeks, there's been significant movement on the issue of getting cruises restarted this summer. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control is hearing from numerous stakeholders that its guidance for cruise ships is not consistent with what it is now advising for vaccinated individuals, mask wearing, and physical distancing.



The Cruise Lines International Association is hoping to generate an additional round of messages to Members of Congress and the White House, emphasizing the need for clarity and the urgent need for certainty so that cruising can resume before another summer season is lost for Alaska and for other U.S. cruise destinations.

Interested partners should visit the updated [CLIA Action Center](#) website to share concerns with Congress and the Biden Administration. CLIA encourages sharing this information with other contacts, supply chain vendors, etc. as more support in the next week will be critical to getting consistent guidelines from the CDC, enabling a return to sailing soon.

Join MARAD to celebrate National Maritime Day on 5/20

Please join the U.S. Maritime Administration in an early celebration of National Maritime Day! On Thursday, May 20, no later than 10 a.m. PDT, use the hashtag #NationalMaritimeDay on your social media posts to join the conversation.

Every year on May 22, National Maritime Day is an opportunity to thank our nation's maritime industry and commemorate merchant mariners



lost in war, while creating a broader awareness of the nation's waterborne transportation system and its workers.

Not sure what to post?

- Tweet a photo or video of U.S. merchant mariners, cadets and midshipmen, or maritime industry workers
- Tweet a photo or video that highlights the U.S. maritime industry (i.e. small shipyards, ports, inland waterways)
- Retweet industry posts (i.e. shipyards, ports,

U.S.-flag carriers etc.)

- Retweet MARAD posts from @DOTMARAD
- Tweet a photo of YOU (and your brother, aunt, neighbor etc.) holding a sign with the hashtag #NationalMaritimeDay

And remember to join us for the National Maritime Day ceremony this Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 a.m. PDT at [YouTube.com/c/MaritimeAdministration1950](https://www.youtube.com/c/MaritimeAdministration1950)

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