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USCG Sector Columbia River gets new commander



With a handshake, Capt. Scott Jackson, right, takes over command of U.S. Coast Guard Sector Columbia River from retiring Capt. Jeremy Smith on Friday in Warrenton. (Photo by Hailey Hoffman, The Astorian)

A new leader has taken command of U.S. Coast Guard Sector Columbia River.

Capt. Scott Jackson relieved retiring Capt. Jeremy Smith at a change-of-command ceremony in Warrenton, Ore., on Aug. 13.

Capt. Smith, a 25-year veteran of the Coast Guard, ran Sector Columbia River since June 2018.

“Jeremy, (you’ve) done an incredible job with your team here,” Capt. Jackson said at the event, “and I have some awfully large shoes to fill. Thank you for exceptional leadership, your commitment to excellence and focus on the great men and women of this unit ...”

Capt. Jackson recently finished a master’s program in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College in Pennsylvania.

“To the men and women of Sector Columbia River,” he said, “I am truly blessed, honored and humbled to be your new sector commander, and I will promise you that you’re going to get my very best.”

PNWA thanks Capt. Smith for his partnership during his command tenure, and welcomes Capt. Jackson to the Pacific Northwest. We look forward to continuing our great relationship with the Sector Columbia River team.

[View The Astorian full article here](#)

OWEB opens Falls 2021 grant solicitation

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board is now accepting online applications for the **Fall 2021 Open Solicitation Grant**

Offering for the following grant types:

[Restoration](#)
[Technical Assistance](#)
[Stakeholder Engagement](#)

Please click on the grant type of interest for application requirements and login information. If you already have an Online Application login, you may [access the application directly](#).

Grant applications are due November 1, 2021 by 5:00 pm and must be submitted via OWEB's online grant application. The OWEB board plans to make grant awards at the April 2022 meeting. If you have questions about applying for an OWEB grant, please [contact the Regional Program Representative](#) for your region. If you are new to OWEB and our grant program, please visit [OWEB's website](#).



These grants support voluntary efforts by Oregonians to protect and restore healthy watersheds, including actions in support of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds and the Oregon Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. OWEB anticipates making available a combined total of about \$10 million for Restoration, Technical Assistance, and Stakeholder Engagement through this solicitation. Funding is from Oregon Lottery revenue and federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Cantwell outlines Washington's infrastructure, salmon wins



In an [Aug. 10 news release](#), Sen. Maria Cantwell outlined some of the infrastructure, economic and salmon wins for the State of Washington in the Senate's \$550 billion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act:

National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration Grant Program: \$1 billion for the U.S. Department of Transportation to create a new program aimed to remove, replace or restore culverts, which will enable the recovery of salmon passage and habitats.

Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund : \$172 million for [NOAA's Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund](#), a grants program that provides funding to States and Tribes to protect, conserve, and restore West Coast salmon.

Fish Passage Barrier Removal Grants: \$400 million for the creation of a new community-based restoration program focused on removing fish passage barriers

EPA Estuary Programs: The [National Estuary Program](#) is a network of organizations that protects and restores 28 estuaries around the country, including the Puget Sound and Columbia River Basin.

- **\$89 million** for the [Puget Sound Geographic Program](#)
- **\$79 million** for the [Columbia River Basin Geographic Program](#)
- **\$132 million** for the [National Estuary Program](#)

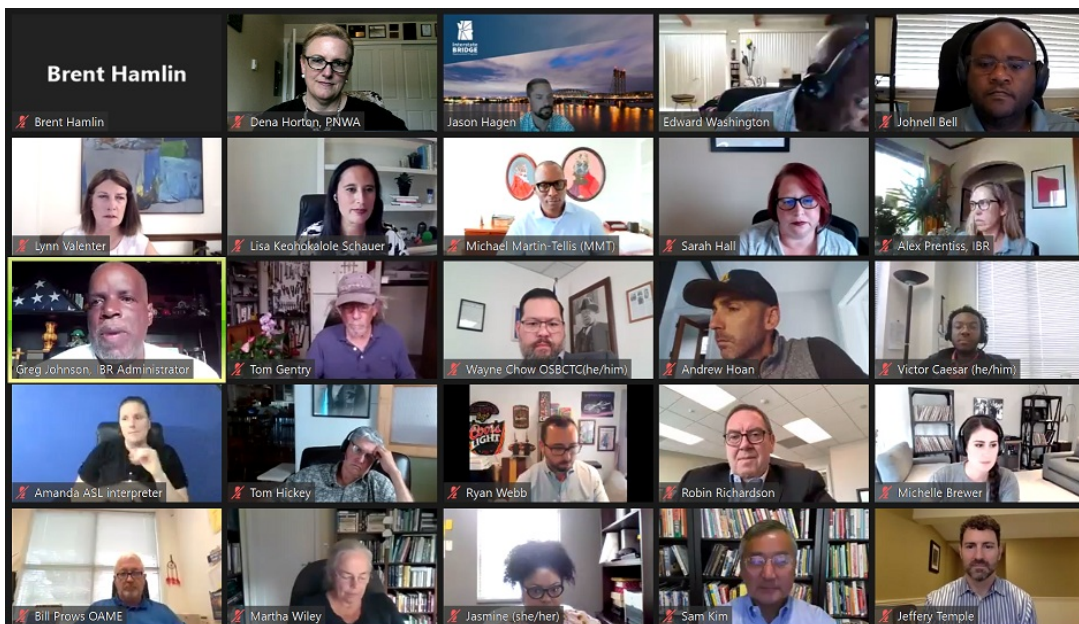
NOAA Habitat Restoration Programs: Funds will be used to enable communities, Tribes, and states to respond and adapt to climate change impacts

- **\$491 million** for Habitat Restoration and Community Resilience Grants
- **\$492 million** for the National Ocean and Coastal Security Fund Grants, a funding increase of \$458 million

Columbia River Treaty: Modernizing the treaty and rebalancing the payments sent by the Pacific Northwest to Canada.

- **Approximately \$1 billion** to upgrade transmission capacity between Canada and the Western and Southern U.S., contingent on the establishment of a more equitable entitlement payment to British Columbia.
- **\$100 million** to create a new program to rehabilitate and enhance water storage at the John Keys pumping station at the base of the Grand Coulee Dam.
- **\$10 million** to determine ways to improve coordination of water and power flows between British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest which could save ratepayers tens of millions of dollars.

Travel under the I-5 Bridge? Please complete this survey.



PNWA's Dena Horton represents river navigation and multimodal users on the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Community Advisory Group. She reminds PNWA members who operate vessels on the Columbia River and transit under the Interstate Bridge to complete the [river users survey](#).

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