



# Nor'wester newsletter

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## Thank you Annual Convention sponsors

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Thank you to our newest [PNWA 2021 Annual Convention](#) sponsors for your generous support:

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## Corps confirms spring outage dates for CSRS navlocks

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The annual maintenance lock closures for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Walla Walla and Portland Districts are scheduled for February and March 2022. Maintenance, inspection, and repair work will take place at the locks during the closures. The projects have also scheduled non-routine work, including gate cleaning and realignment, structural inspections and repairs, structural weld repairs, and equipment/machinery repair and replacement.

Each lock will close at 6 a.m. on its

designated closing date and reopen at 11:59 p.m. on its designated opening date:

- Bonneville: February 13 - March 12
- The Dalles: February 13 - March 19
- John Day: February 13 - March 5
- McNary: February 13 - March 13
- Ice Harbor: February 13 - March 12
- Lower Monumental: February 19 - March 19
- Little Goose: February 14 - March 12
- Lower Granite: February 25 - March 19

Read the official [Notice to Navigation Interests](#) here. For more information, visit the [Walla Walla District](#) and [Portland District](#) navigation web pages.



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NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS

DATE: 10/07/2021  
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NOTICE NUMBER: 16731  
LOCAL NUMBER: 22-02  
WATERWAY: COLUMBIA RIVER  
SNAKE RIVER  
EFFECTIVE: 02/13/2022 06:00 thru 03/19/2022 23:59 PDT

2022 WALLA WALLA AND PORTLAND DISTRICT ANNUAL NAVIGATION LOCK MAINTENANCE OUTAGE

The annual maintenance lock closure for Walla Walla and Portland Districts, Corps of Engineers is scheduled for February and March 2022. Maintenance, inspection, and repair work will take place at the locks during the closure.

The Locks and Dams have also scheduled non-routine work. The non-routine work includes gate cleaning and maintenance, structural inspections and repairs, structural weld repairs, and equipment/machinery repair and replacement.

Locks will be out of service during the dates and times specified in the table below:

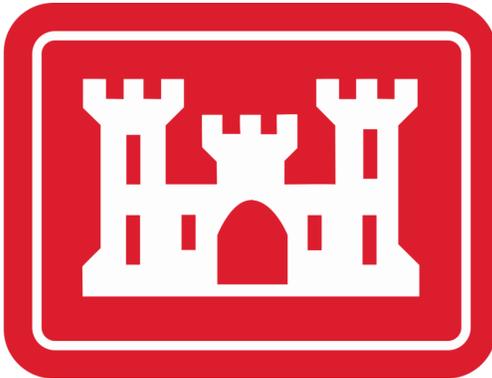
February 2022 - March 2022 Navigation Lock Maintenance Closure

District	Project	Location	Closes	Reopens
Portland	Bonneville	Columbia River Mile 186.1	0600 a.m., 13 February 2022	11 59 p.m., 12 March 2022
Portland	The Dalles	Columbia River Mile 193.3	0600 a.m., 13 February 2022	11 59 p.m., 19 March 2022
Portland	John Day	Columbia River Mile 215.6	0600 a.m., 13 February 2022	11 59 p.m., 4 March 2022
Walla Walla	McNary	Columbia River Mile 202	0600 a.m., 13 February 2022	11 59 p.m., 13 March 2022
Walla Walla	Ice Harbor	Snake River Mile 47.7	0600 a.m., 13 February 2022	11 59 p.m., 13 March 2022
Walla Walla	Lower Monumental	Snake River Mile 41.6	0600 a.m., 18 February 2022	11 59 p.m., 19 March 2022
Walla Walla	Little Goose	Snake River Mile 70.3	0600 a.m., 14 February 2022	11 59 p.m., 13 March 2022
Walla Walla	Lower Granite	Snake River Mile 187.5	0600 a.m., 28 February 2022	11 59 p.m., 19 March 2022

This is a Columbia/Snake River System navigation outage. For additional information regarding Portland District (PW) lock maintenance closures, contact the Portland District Operations Division at (509) 880-5419. For additional information regarding Walla Walla District (WW) maintenance activities, contact the Walla Walla District Operations Division at (509) 527-7364.

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## Seattle District announces fall Ballard Locks closures



The small lock at the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks in Ballard is scheduled to be closed to all marine traffic from 6 a.m. Oct. 25 to 4 p.m. Oct. 26. This is to repair the northeast valve where the stem has separated from the valve body. At this time the large lock will be in full service and available to accept vessels.

The large lock is scheduled to close to all marine traffic from 6 a.m. Nov. 9 to 4 p.m. Nov. 24 for annual maintenance. The small

lock will still be available for vessels less than 120 feet in length and 26 feet in width throughout the large lock maintenance period. Emergency vessels have priority, followed by government, commercial, and then recreational. Mariners may experience delays, depending on passage demand.

The annual maintenance allows U.S. Army Corps of Engineers crews to perform routine maintenance necessary and important in keeping the 104-year-old Chittenden Locks safe and operational for years to come.

For current information about activities at the Locks, visit the Locks' Web site at <http://bit.ly/BallardLocks> or follow the Locks on Facebook and Twitter: [www.facebook.com/chittendenlocks](http://www.facebook.com/chittendenlocks) and <http://twitter.com/ChittendenLocks>

## Port of Vancouver USA earns three AAPA comms awards

Congratulations to PNWA member Port of Vancouver USA for earning three Communications Lighthouse

Awards from the American Association of Port Authorities.



## Port of Vancouver USA

The port received an Award of Excellence for their 2020 digital holiday card, an Award of Distinction for their virtual tour video, and an Overall

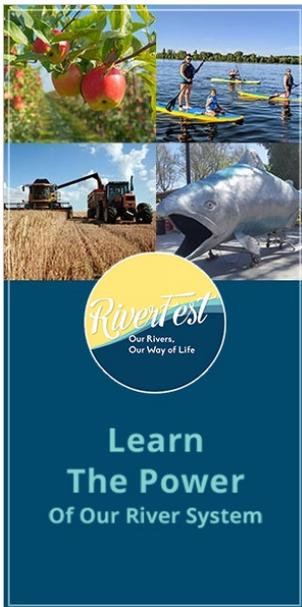
Communications Excellence Award. This is the first time the port has received the Overall Communications Excellence Award; they were one of four recipients out of nearly 100 entries.

Congratulations to the port's communications team for your excellent work keeping the port connected and engaged with your community and stakeholders

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### Tri-Cities members, partners broadcast CSRS documentary

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The Tri-Cities' [annual RiverFest event](#) has been cancelled for 2021, but the organizers and sponsors have redirected the funds to educating residents in other parts of the Pacific Northwest about the importance of the Columbia and Snake rivers to the region.

The one hour documentary "Our Rivers, Our Life" has already broadcast on Portland and Spokane area television stations this month, and will rebroadcast Sunday, Oct. 31 on:

KOIN-TV, Portland: 10 a.m.

KHQ-TV, Spokane: 11:35 p.m.

The full documentary and shorter segments are also available to view and share with your customers, constituents and partners on [the RiverFest website](#).

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