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## **Senate Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee approves FY2016 bill**

Today, the Senate Energy & Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee approved their FY2016 funding bill for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Energy and Bureau of Reclamation. The \$35.4 billion measure provides a total of \$5.5 billion for the Corps, an increase of \$768 million above the President's FY2016 budget request. We are pleased to report that the bill also hits the HMT target set forth in WRRDA 2014 by providing \$1.254 billion from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund and also provides for full use of estimated annual revenues from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund. PNWA thanks Sen. Patty Murray (D, WA) and Sen. Jeff Merkley (D, OR) for their leadership on the subcommittee and for supporting Northwest priorities in the legislation.

The full Senate Appropriations Committee will consider the bill on Thursday, May 21 at 7:30am PDT. No other information on the Corps funding included in the bill is currently available, but it is expected that additional detail, including bill text, will be released prior to Thursday's mark-up. For more information, visit

<http://www.appropriations.senate.gov/news/subcommittee-approves-fy2016-energy-water-development-appropriations-bill> or contact [heather.stebbing@pnwa.net](mailto:heather.stebbing@pnwa.net).

## **NOAA customer satisfaction survey announced**

The NOAA Office of Coast Survey has put together a ten minute survey to measure customer satisfaction. There are two different surveys, one targeted at professional

maritime users and one targeted at recreational users. The survey is anonymous and results will be used to improve the data and services NOAA provides. The survey can be found [here](#).

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