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Yesterday, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved their FY2016 Energy & Water Development bill. The bill provides a total of \$5.5 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers, which is \$767.5 million above the President's budget request. PNWA provided some [initial thoughts](#) when the Subcommittee considered the bill earlier in the week and additional details show some big wins for the navigation community.

We are so pleased to report that the Senate bill hits the Harbor Maintenance Tax targets set in WRRDA 2014, providing \$1.254 billion from the trust fund. Significant additional programmatic funding was also provided, including \$12 million for General Investigations (GI); \$469 million for Construction (CG); and \$333.3 million for Operations & Maintenance (O&M), with \$50 million dedicated to small ports and harbors. In addition, the Committee provided \$50 million for super donor and energy transfer ports, meeting the funding level authorized in Section 2106 of WRRDA 2014. Through this program, ports like Seattle and Tacoma will be eligible for funding efforts such as berth dredging and removal of contaminated sediment, as well as to provide HMT rebates to shippers moving goods through their ports. We thank Sen. Patty Murray and Sen. Jeff Merkley, who both serve on the Energy & Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee, for their support and leadership on the bill.

[PNWA supported projects](#) were funded at the same levels we saw in the President's budget. If the additional funding is included in a final bill, PNWA will be advocating to

ensure that our Northwest projects continue to compete well in the workplan process. A breakdown of the proposed additional funding pots, along with a comparison to the House bill, can be seen below.

	House	Senate
General Investigations (GI)		
Flood & Storm Damage Reduction	\$6,500,000	\$2,000,000
Flood Control		\$1,000,000
Navigation	\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000
Coastal & Deep Draft		\$5,031,000
Inland		\$1,000,000
Small, Remote or Subsistence		\$1,158,000
Other Authorized Project Purposes	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000
Environmental Restoration or Compliance		\$500,000
Construction General (GI)		
Flood & Storm Damage Reduction	\$136,117,000	\$60,000,000
Flood Control	\$105,000,000	\$50,000,000
Navigation	\$49,500,000	\$112,305,000
Inland Waterways Trust Fund Projects	\$108,000,000	\$108,600,000
Other Authorized Projects	\$10,000,000	\$25,000,000
Operations & Maintenance (O&M)		
Donor & Energy Transfer Ports		\$50,000,000
Navigation Maintenance		\$33,346,000
Deep Draft Harbor & Channel	\$234,000,000	\$135,000,000
Inland Waterways	\$42,000,000	\$45,000,000
Small, Remote or Subsistence Harbors	\$42,500,000	\$50,000,000
Other Authorized Purposes	\$35,100,000	\$20,000,000

The bill now heads to the full Senate, and will need to be conferenced with the [House version](#) before September 30th, the end of the federal fiscal year. For more information view the [report language](#), visit the [Senate Appropriations website](#) or contact [Heather Stebbings](#).

## Members of the Oregon delegation introduce bill to reduce toxins in Columbia River Basin

Earlier this week, Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden and Representatives Earl Blumenauer, Peter DeFazio and Suzanne Bonamici introduced the [Columbia River Basin](#)

[Restoration Act of 2015 \(CRRA\)](#). If passed, the CRRA would establish a voluntary grant program to clean up contaminated sites in the region and authorize \$50 million annually for this purpose. Currently, the Columbia River Basin is the only EPA-designated Large Aquatic Ecosystem (LAE) in the nation that does not receive funding pursuant to this designation. Similar programs exist across the country for LAE's including the Great Lakes and Puget Sound.

PNWA has been involved in the working group to develop this bill, and is very supportive of the legislation. To read our comments in the East Oregonian on how the CRRA will help the Pacific Northwest, click [here](#). For more information, you can read the [bill text](#), the [Frequently Asked Questions document](#), the [PNWA fact sheet](#) or contact [Heather Stebbings](#) directly.

## **PNWA announces PROCESS INC. as our newest member**

PNWA is pleased to announce that PROCESS INC. has joined our association.

[PROCESS INC.](#) is a world leader in sales of new and previously-owned material handling equipment and attachments. They serve customers across the continent in a broad range of industries such as barge and ship unloading, marine construction, dredging, timber handling, scrap metal processing, demolition and general construction. Their brands are the best in the industry - the ones you already trust, including exclusive North American distribution of MultiDocker, Guven, Dimet, Mozelt and Birim Makina. They also stock Caterpillar, Liebherr, Fuchs, Sennebogen, Komatsu, Hitachi, John Deere, La Bounty and Genesis equipment. PROCESS INC. does not sell modified machinery - their equipment is purpose-built from the beginning to do the work it is designed for. They have an experienced sales and support team that will guarantee you receive the right equipment for your application. With an extensive international supply network, wherever you are, they'll supply the equipment you need - at substantial savings. They don't believe in disappearing after the sale. To protect your investment, Process Inc is the only company that backs every sale - on both new and used equipment - with a money-back guarantee. They also support what they sell with a complete supply of parts for our new equipment lines. Located in an all new state of the art warehouse facility in Kansas City, Kansas these parts are centrally located for quick delivery. Whatever your material handling needs, they can provide the exact equipment to keep your projects running and that equals a better bottom line!

Within PNWA, PROCESS INC. will be represented by John Loar, who can be reached at [john@processeg.net](mailto:john@processeg.net).

