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## **USACE Northwestern Division leadership change of command ceremony**

Yesterday, the Northwestern Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers held a change of command ceremony where Brigadier General John Kem handed over command of the division to Brigadier General Scott Spellmon. Before assuming command of Northwest Division, BG Spellmon served as Commanding General at U.S. Army Operational Test Command in Fort Hood. BG Kem leaves Northwestern Division for a new assignment as Deputy Commandant of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College/Deputy Commanding General, Leader Development and Education, United States Army Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

PNWA is extremely appreciative of the work and leadership BG Kem has shown as the head of Northwestern Division, and congratulates him on his new role at Fort Leavenworth. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Division, and to welcoming BG Spellmon to the region.

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## **PNWA celebrates the 10-year anniversary of the fish weir at Ice Harbor Dam**

PNWA was honored to be part of a joint U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bonneville Power Administration event at Ice Harbor Dam to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the installation of the fish spillway weir. The weir, installed in 2005, has dramatically reduced fish transit time through the dam, which boosts juvenile survival and has allowed increased energy production at the dam. BPA and the Walla Walla District of the Corps organized the event to mark the occasion and showcase how the significant technological improvements at the dams on the river system are resulting in both increased salmon populations and energy production.

PNWA Treasurer Rob Rich of Shaver Transportation delivered remarks on the important role the dam and lock plays in navigation and trade. Rob also highlighted the collaboration on the river, which has demonstrated that fish, trade, and energy can coexist. To view a short news clip of the story, including some of Rob's remarks, click [here](#). PNWA was proud to be a part of the celebration and would like to thank the Corp and BPA for organizing it.

For more information about the value of the river system, check out PNWA's [fact sheets](#). For more specific information on Ice Harbor and the other Snake River dams, visit [www.snakeriverdams.com](http://www.snakeriverdams.com).

### **Summit Strategies joins PNWA!**

[Summit Strategies](#) was founded in February 2015 by five partners with more than 150 years of government and government affairs experience following their departure from the government affairs practice at Ball Janik LLP. The Firm maintains offices in Portland and Washington, D.C., and its professionals have extensive experience at both the federal and state levels on matters involving transportation, natural resources, energy, the environment, economic development, tax policy, labor, trade and defense. The Firm represents a number of Northwest ports, a wide range of municipal and county governments, trade associations and business clients. Summit professionals have helped clients secure significant contracts and federal funding for their projects and have helped shape favorable federal and state policies that advance their objectives. Firm professionals suggest the foundation of their success is based on their ability to think strategically, establish alliances and work effectively with politically diverse interests on behalf of their clients. They welcome the opportunity to become more active in

PNWA. Within PNWA, the firm is being represented by Hal Hiemstra who can be reached by email at [halh@summitstrategies.us](mailto:halh@summitstrategies.us).



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