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Early registration is available for PNWA's [2016 Mission to Washington](#) and the [Regional Meetings](#). The 2016 Mission to Washington will be held March 13th-17th at the [Sofitel Hotel](#). The 2016 PNWA Mission to Washington promises to be one of our greatest events! Our highest priority projects and issues are on the agenda for this year's event, including Corps funding, waterways issues, surface transportation reauthorization implementation, the national wheat picture, 2016 political climate and much more! Throughout the program, participants are able to gain valuable insights, share information, and network with key federal agency officials, industry partners and DC insiders. We'll also spend two days on Capitol Hill meeting with the Northwest Congressional delegation. Registration is \$895 if you register before February 19th, after February 19th the rate is \$920. Mark your calendars and [register today!](#)

While visiting our website, you can also register for one of our [2016 Regional Meetings](#). We hope you can join us for a local opportunity to provide updates on your individual projects and to hear the latest from PNWA staff on advocacy efforts in DC and around the region. Your input is critical as we prepare our agenda for the 2016 Mission to Washington. The Regional Meetings are free to all PNWA members and friends, and a boxed lunch will be provided.

**MARAD Small Shipyard grant opportunity**

The U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) has posted [a new grant opportunity](#) through their Small Shipyard Grant Program, for shipyard facility improvements that will increase efficiency, operations, and ship construction, repair, and refitting. The grants will range from \$250,000 to

\$1,000,000. Applications must be mailed to the Maritime Administration and received by 5:00pm on February 16 2016. More information can be found on the [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) website.

## 2016 Annual Maintenance Outage Dates Announced

The US Army Corps of Engineers' Portland and Walla Walla Districts have announced the dates for the upcoming Annual Maintenance Outage for the Columbia Snake River System. All eight of the dams and locks on the Columbia and Snake Rivers will be closed for repairs and maintenance. The outage starts at 6:00am on March 5th. The Dalles, Bonneville, and John Day locks will return to service on March 20th. McNary, Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose, and Lower Granite will return to service on March 26th. For information on Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day closures, contact the Portland District Operations Division at 503-808-4339. For information on the McNary, Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose, and Lower Granite, contact the Walla Walla District Operations Division at 509-527-7113.

Some of the work completed during this year's routine outage will help prepare for the 14-week extended closure taking place from December 12, 2016 through March 20, 2017. The extended outage remains on schedule and preparations at the Corps Districts are well underway, as is the communications outreach by the Corps and PNWA. For more information, please read our [extended outage factsheet](#) and sign up for updates from the Corps by emailing your name and organization to [fy17lockoutage@usace.army.mil](mailto:fy17lockoutage@usace.army.mil).

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