

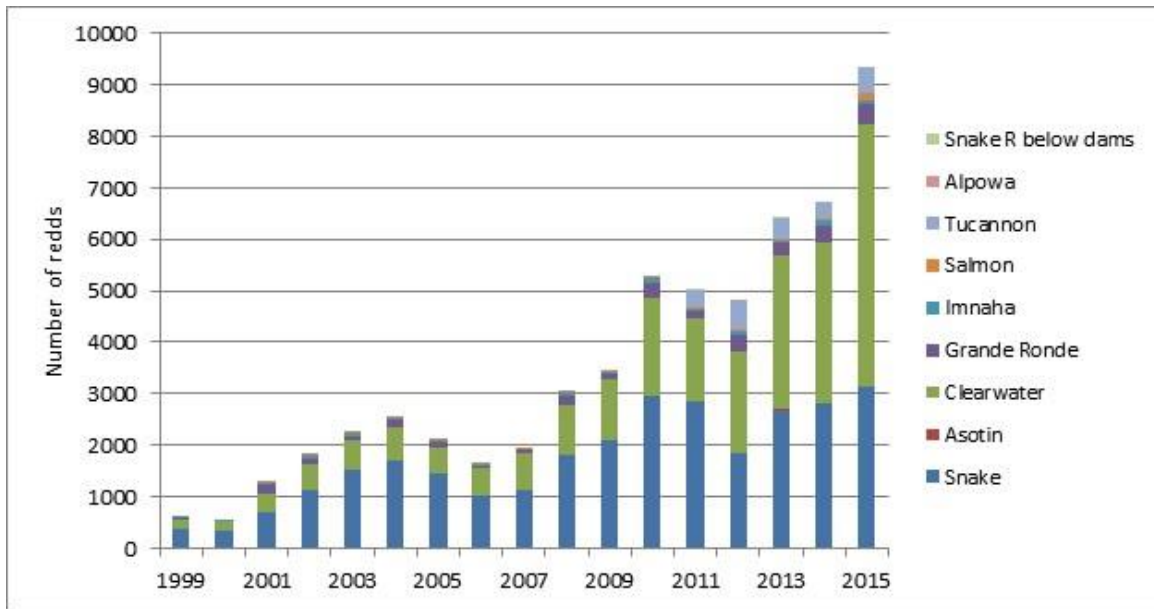


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Building on their record return numbers from the fall, Snake River fall chinook have broken another record. For the third consecutive year, the number of salmon redds has increased, with over 9,300 of the gravel nests recorded by the Nez Perce Tribe. This is a substantial improvement from 2014, which previously held the record of 6,714 redds. The count was completed by the Nez Perce Tribe in partnership with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, Idaho Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, NOAA Fisheries, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife as part of an effort to restore fall chinook in the Snake River past Lower Granite Dam.

Snake River chinook populations have been increasing over the past twenty years, thanks to the hard work of state, tribal, and federal agencies. The record number of nests, along with annual record breaking salmon returns, shows that their efforts to restore and protect the fish are indeed working. The graph below shows the steady improvement in the number of salmon nests over the years, with Snake River salmon showing particularly strong growth.



U.S. Department of Transportation announces 8th round of TIGER funding

The U.S. Department of Transportation has announced the notice of funding for the eighth round of TIGER grant funding. This year's grant program will award \$500 million for projects that will have a significant impact on a national, metropolitan, or regional scale. Grants may be for no less than \$5 million and no more than \$100 million, except for rural areas, where the lower limit is \$1 million. The deadline for applications is April 29th, at 8:00 p.m. EDT. Grant applications must be submitted through www.grants.gov. For more information visit <https://www.transportation.gov/TIGER>. Detailed information on the grant process can be found by clicking [here](#).

U.S. Department of Transportation Freight Summit webinar

Many organizations have membership levels based on financial contribution. Be sure to include the various benefits of each level and suggest membership upgrades. Add a "Find out more..." link to additional information on your website. As part of the roll out of the FAST Act, the U.S. Department of Transportation will be hosting a Freight Summit to discuss the future of freight movement in the country and the draft National Freight Strategic Plan called for in the FAST Act, which was passed last year. The summit, which is also being livestreamed, is scheduled for Monday, February 29th from 12:30 - 5:30pm EST. To register for the webinar, please click this [link](#).

The DOT also announced their notice of funding opportunity for FAST Act grants, which is

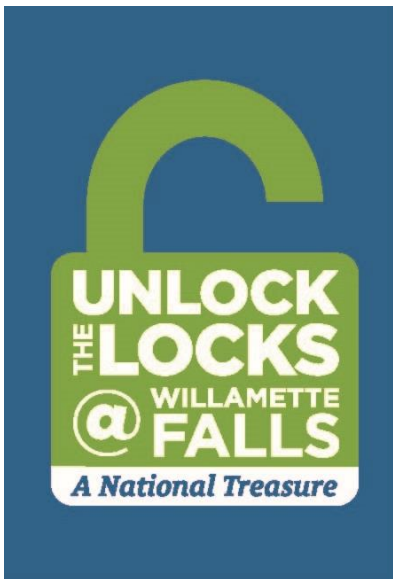
being referred to as the FASTLANE Grant program. The grant program is funded at \$800 million and reserves 25 percent for rural projects and 10 percent for smaller projects. The deadline for FASTLANE grants is April 14, 8:00pm EDT. The notice of funding opportunity can be found [here](#). Applications for grants must be submitted through grants.gov. For more information on the FAST Act and FASTLANE process, please click [here](#).

Updated PNWA Supported Projects factsheet

Based on the feedback we received from our regional meetings, we have updated our PNWA Supported Projects factsheet. You can find the new version on our website or by clicking [here](#). Thank you to everyone who attended the regional meetings and we will see everyone in DC for the Mission in a few weeks.

PNWA welcomes new member Willamette Falls Locks Working Group

Supported by the [Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation](#), the Willamette Falls Locks Working Group aims to lead efforts with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to repair and reopen the Locks to full operational status for river travel. The Work Group is comprised of county, city and regional government officials, local business leaders and non-profit organizations who have signed resolutions supporting the repair and reopening of the Locks. The organization is supported primarily by the One Willamette River Coalition, the Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation, Clackamas County, Oregon's Metro Regional Government, the City of West Linn, and other interested stakeholders such as Portland General Electric, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the cities of Oregon City, Milwaukie and Wilsonville, and businesses that rely on the river. The PNWA representative will be Gary Schmidt, who can be reached by email at gschmidt@clackamas.us.



Register Today for the 2016 PNWA Mission to DC

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.

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