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PNWA 2016 Mission to Washington - record attendance and a great success!

Our 2016 Mission to Washington took place March 13-17, and was a resounding success. We had 74 PNWA members participate this year - the highest in our 82 year history. As always, it was a busy and exciting week, with speakers ranging from federal agency and industry leaders to Members and staff representing our entire Northwest Congressional delegation. We were able to highlight critical issues and projects, including Corps of Engineers funding, a possible 2016 Water Resources Development Act, and the Columbia River Treaty.



PNWA President Paul Amos and Executive Director Kristin Meira present U.S. Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers with our 2015 Legislator of the Year award.



A well-attended *Taste the Northwest* Reception



U.S. Senator Patty Murray addresses PNWA

Our *Taste the Northwest* reception was another outstanding event, with hundreds of friends and colleagues from DC. A big thank you goes out to our sponsors who made food, beverage and monetary donations to make this event happen.



Just a few of the Northwest goods donated by our membership!

The following organizations helped to make our 2016 reception a great success:

Bell Buoy Crab, Columbia River Bar Pilots, Columbia River Pilots,
Columbia River Steamship Operators Association, Jessie's Ilwaco Fish Company,
Millennium Bulk Terminals, The Northwest Seaport Alliance,
The Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, PNGC Power,
Pomeroy Grain Growers, Port of Bandon, Port of Benton, Port of Cascade Locks,
Port of Chelan County, Port of Chinook, Port of Clarkston, Port of Coos Bay, Port of Everett,
Port of Grays Harbor, Port of Ilwaco, Port of Kalama, Port of Lewiston, Port of Longview,
Port of Morrow, Port of Newport, Port of Pasco, Port of Portland, Port of Ridgefield, Port of
Seattle, Port of Siuslaw, Port of Skagit, Port of St. Helens, Port of Vancouver USA, Port of Walla
Walla,
Port of Whitman County, Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt, Shaver Transportation Company,
Tidewater Barge Lines, Washington State Potato Commission, Westwood Shipping Lines

PNWA views projects at Ice Harbor navigation lock

PNWA members and staff were joined by colleagues from the Northwest Congressional delegation on March 21st to view projects at the Ice Harbor navigation lock on the [lower Snake River](#).

As always, this kind of lock tour is a rare opportunity to see this amazing infrastructure up close. This was also a chance for industry reps and Congressional staff to see the components which we collectively discuss so often. The Columbia Snake River System navigation locks provide key [transportation and trade benefits](#) for the Pacific Northwest and the nation. The continued maintenance of the river system is of critical importance to safe navigation and the efficient movement of cargo. It was wonderful to tour just a few of the Corps' many efforts to ensure these projects continue providing benefits for many years to come.

PNWA looks forwards to continuing to partner with the Corps, Congress, and many in the Northwest as the region prepares for another successful [extended lock maintenance closure](#) this coming winter. To be added to the Corps' e-mail list to receive updates about the closure, send them a message here: FY17LockOutage@usace.army.mil. To check out the Corps' website on the closure, visit here: <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/FY17LockOutage.aspx>.



Walla Walla District staffer Jeannette Wilson explains the role of the sheave for the lock's downstream gate



The tour group poses in front of the lock's massive downstream gate

Port of Vancouver releases new TV ads

The Port of Vancouver released two TV ads which highlight the important roles ports play in the region. The [first](#) video showcases the many daily products that are either produced at ports or depend on ports. The [second](#), produced in partnership with the Ports of Ridgefield and Camas-Washougal, shows how important the ports are to the Southwestern region of Washington. The videos are part of the Port's community outreach efforts, which also include public tours and are aimed to raise the profile of the Port in Southwest Washington.

PNWA applauds this effort to educate the public about the important role ports and navigation play in their daily lives in this region. Stay tuned for more media and communications highlights from the PNWA membership in the coming months.

Barney & Worth joins PNWA!

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