



# Nor'wester Newsletter

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## PNWA launches new logo!

PNWA is proud to announce the launch of our new logo!



Throughout the process, it was important for us to design a look with a modern feel that also pays homage to PNWA's proud history. The image has elements of previous logos, as well as references to the original two organizations that merged to create PNWA in 1971.

Our updated [website](#) showcases the new logo and has also been upgraded to provide a more streamlined user experience. We have updated our [fact sheets](#) with a new look that matches the website and is also easier to read.

We hope you enjoy the refreshed website and other materials. And for you history buffs, [check out the history](#) of PNWA logos, plus the groups that merged to form PNWA in 1971 - the Inland Empire Waterways

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## PNWA welcomes the Columbia River Crab Fisherman's Association to our membership

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The Columbia River Crab Fisherman's Association is proud to become an active part of PNWA and to help protect Pacific Northwest jobs dependent on



navigation. CRCFA is a natural resource based fishing organization that relies 100% on access to sustainable fish, healthy water quality, and ecosystem functions that support an abundant sustainable fishery harvest. CRCFA supports maintaining and protecting our maritime infrastructure and understands the benefits that properly maintained navigation channels provide for our region. CRCFA is small but their voice is heard nationally and they will be a great asset to our membership. CRCFA will be represented at PNWA by Dale Beasley, who can be reached at [crabby@willapabay.org](mailto:crabby@willapabay.org).

## Portland and Walla Walla Districts continue extended lock maintenance closure outreach

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On June 1st, the Portland and Walla Walla Districts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers held a joint meeting in Boardman, Oregon to provide updates on the upcoming extended lock maintenance closure on the Columbia Snake River System (CSRS). We are pleased to report that

the closure, which will take place from December 12, 2016 through March 20, 2017, remains on schedule and planning is proceeding smoothly.

The lock closure is a joint effort between the two districts to look systematically at the eight projects on the CSRS and plan coordinated repairs for large scale components and systems. Major repairs are being performed on six of the eight locks to maintain the efficiency, reliability and safety of the inland navigation system.

The Districts have been providing quarterly updates regarding the closure. This outreach will increase as we get closer to the December 12th start date, with teleconferences taking place monthly on September 8th, October 6th and November 3rd. Beginning December 1st, the Corps will hold weekly conference calls to update stakeholders on the status of repairs. To learn more, visit <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/FY17LockOutage.aspx>. To sign up for outage updates, simply email [FY17LockOutage@usace.army.mil](mailto:FY17LockOutage@usace.army.mil).

## PNWA joins with colleagues to urge Senate leadership to consider WRDA

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PNWA has joined with colleagues including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) and the National Waterways Conference (NWC), to urge Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to bring the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) to the Senate floor for a vote. Our association has signed a [letter](#) supported by 87 entities from around the nation, strongly requesting that the bill be considered and passed this year.

WRDA is critical to ensuring that policies are in place to support Northwest navigation, economic development and environmental restoration. We've been very [active on a number of provisions](#) in the bill, and are extremely supportive of moving this legislation forward in 2016.

## LTG Todd Semonite assumes command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Lieutenant General Todd Semonite assumed position as the 54th Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on May 19, 2016. LTG Semonite replaced LTG Thomas Bostick, who led the Corps since 2012 and retired on May 20, 2016. LTG Semonite previously served as the Deputy Chief of Engineers and Deputy Commanding General of the Corps and has experience serving overseas in Afghanistan, Iraq, and in Europe. PNWA looks forward to working with LTG Semonite in his new position, as we continue to advocate for funding and support of our Northwest infrastructure.

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