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Columbia Basin Partnership nomination process open

NOAA Fisheries and the Marine Fisheries Advisory Council (MAFAC) have issued a [Federal Register notice](#) formally opening the nomination process for the Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force. The [Task Force's goal](#) will be to help NOAA Fisheries and MAFAC develop a plan to manage both ESA-listed and non-listed fish in the Columbia Basin for recovery and harvest. The Task Force is intended to bring together a broad range of 25-35 river stakeholders to create a collaborative plan. The agencies intend to have the Task Force begin in December 2016, and each member would serve a two-year term. Nominations are due by Tuesday, September 6th and can be e-mailed to Katherine Cheney of NMFS West Coast Region at Katherine.cheney@noaa.gov.

PNWA staff and members were active participants in preliminary workshops held earlier this year by NOAA. These workshops brought together diverse interests from the region to learn more about the status of fish species in the river system and current management efforts. To learn more about this effort, visit [NOAA's Columbia Basin Partnership website](#).

If you are a PNWA member and intend to seek a nomination to the Task Force, or if you have questions about this NOAA effort, please contact [Kristin Meira](#).

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National Harbor Safety Committee Conference coming to Portland

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) is holding the [16th Biennial National Harbor Safety Committee Conference](#) in Portland next month. The conference, titled *21st Century Waterways: The Changing Tide of Harbor Safety*, will take place September 13th-15th at the Red Lion Jantzen Beach. The event is co-hosted by the Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee and features a program that highlights best practices in collaboration, safety, technology, maritime domain awareness and training. Session topics include cyber security and safety, energy transport on America's waterways, collaborative waterways management, port resiliency and much more. Registration is open on the [conference website](#), along with a copy of the [program](#).

AAPA Energy & Environment Seminar scheduled for September in Vancouver, BC

The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) is hosting their 2016 Energy and Environment Seminar in Vancouver British Columbia. The seminar is being held on September 14th and 15th and focuses on the various roles that ports can play in the energy sector. The complete agenda is available on the AAPA [website](#) along with registration information. The room block at the Marriott Pinnacle in Downtown Vancouver is available through August 24th, so there is still time to register!

EPA releases draft port partnership tools

The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) has reported the availability of three draft tools developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), to help ports manage public outreach and build better relationships with their communities. The tools are part of EPA's greater [Ports Initiative](#) and are also intended to help ports meet new environmental and health

standards, as well as provide a primer on the new environmental justice considerations EPA is developing. The agency is seeking comments on the draft tools until August 31st at 1:00pm PST. More information can be found on the EPA website or in the attached [briefing paper](#).

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