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Tidewater, PNWA and AWO host Congressional tour on the Lower Columbia River



Tidewater Barge Lines, PNWA and the American Waterways Operators (AWO) hosted a tour for Congressional staff on Friday, August 19th. Six Congressional offices were represented, with staff based in both DC and in the Northwest. We were able to highlight the importance of navigation infrastructure in our region, and specifically highlight projects along the Columbia Snake River System and the commodities moving through the trade gateway.

Tidewater brought folks out on one of their newest tugs, the Ryan Point, to see the waterfront in action.

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Congressional staff were able to observe wheat terminals, a bulk carrier being loaded with grain, and the stern buoys, as well as hear updates from PNWA, AWO, U.S. Wheat Associates, and Tidewater about the many benefits of this system. PNWA thanks everyone who was able to join us and who worked to make this event possible.



ODOT Announces *ConnectOregon* grant recipients

The most recent round of [ConnectOregon](#) grant recipients have been announced and we are pleased to report that six PNWA members received funding:

- Morrow County Grain Growers - \$2.5 million for the Boardman grain elevator unit train unloading project
- Port of Astoria - \$1.54 million for Pier 2 West rehabilitation
- Port of Hood River - \$1.36 million for an aviation technology and emergency response center
- Port of Portland - \$2.62 million for Terminal 6 Auto Staging Facility
- Port of Toledo - \$2.01 million for an environmental work building for the boatyard
- Teevin Brothers Land & Timber Company - \$750K for Mooring points at river mile 66.5

ConnectOregon is a program run by the Oregon Transportation Commission with the goal of improving intermodal connections and supporting Oregon's economy. Since its start in 2005, the program has provided more than \$380 million to fund over 180 projects across the state. This year, 39 projects were selected out of 75 applicants. Congratulations to all six PNWA members on their successful applications!

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