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Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) weighs in on Snake River dams

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), a longtime supporter of the dams and river system, has written a [guest op-ed](#) which was recently published in the *Walla Walla Union-Bulletin*. The Congresswoman's op-ed highlights the value of hydropower and navigation to her constituents and our region. She also notes the strong commitment to fish recovery efforts and the resulting successes, and encourages Northwest residents to take part in the BiOp NEPA scoping process meetings and comment period.

Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers also recently released a 90-second video about hydropower on her official [Facebook](#) page. The video reminds viewers of the history of hydropower in the Pacific Northwest, and the significance of this renewable energy source in our region today.

To learn more about the river system NEPA process, including dates and locations for scoping meetings, visit www.crsso.info. PNWA also has a [one-pager](#) on this process.

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For more information about the Snake River dams, check out www.snakeriverdams.com or the Snake River dams [Facebook page](#).

Portland District revises proposal for southern Oregon coast

The Portland District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers [announced](#) they have expanded the area of the regional general permit (RGP) for the southern Oregon coast to include the Port of Siuslaw. The RGP authorizes maintenance activities in the waters of the U.S. for members of the Oregon South Coast Ports Coalition, which the Port of Siuslaw recently joined. The Corps modified the RGP to include the Port because of the similar nature of work compared to the rest of the coalition. Public comments are still being accepted for the revised permit through December, 7 2016.

Morrow County Grain Growers job opening

[Morrow County Grain Growers](#) is looking to fill the position of Chief Executive Officer/General Manager. The position is responsible for the day to day operations of the cooperative and managing the 70 employees of the organization and will be based in Lexington, Oregon. More details can be found on the [job posting](#).

PNWA Member Spotlight:
Port of Todelo, OR

The Port of Toledo, Oregon was founded in 1910, and is a critical part of the region's economic



base. They actively seek to promote the economic, recreational and cultural health of Toledo and the surrounding area, and support the local maritime industry and other businesses through the Yaquina Boatyard repair facility and industrial property rental opportunities.

On October 31st, the port celebrated a major milestone in their boatyard expansion with the first haul out using their new mobile lift. The Port of Toledo received funding from ConnectOregon V and Business Oregon's Infrastructure Finance Authority to purchase the 660-ton heavy vessel lift. A time lapse video of the inaugural event can be seen [here](#).

In addition to their economic development efforts, the Port also supports recreation in the region through their moorage and launch facilities, non-motorized paddle park and a day launch area, all of which are a draw for kayak and canoe enthusiasts and wildlife watchers. The Port also sponsors the annual Toledo Wooden Boat Show, which brings many visitors and considerable outside recognition to their community.

PNWA is so pleased to have the Port of Toledo as a member of our organization. We congratulate them on their new boat lift, and the opportunities this will bring up and down the Oregon coast. For more information, please visit www.portoftoledo.org.

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