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## PNWA says farewell to Dan Boone, longtime Port of Whitman County Commissioner and PNWA Board member

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Dan Boone, a longtime Commissioner for the Port of Whitman County and friend of PNWA, passed away March 2, 2017 at the age of 89.

Dan was a lifelong resident of Pullman, WA and graduated from Pullman High School. He served a two-year tour of duty in the United States Coast Guard at the end of WWII, and following his honorable discharge he returned home to Pullman in 1947. Dan worked for Brotherton Seed Co. & Everett Will Tractor for a time until taking over operation of the 500-acre Boone family farm. Dan

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spent his entire career farming the land he so loved, and the Boone family now farms 3,500 acres near Pullman.

Dan had a lengthy history of public service. He began his tenure on the Port of Whitman County Commission in 2000, and had one year remaining on his third six-year term. Dan served on the Pullman School Board from 1970 to 1978 and was appointed as a County Commissioner in 1978. He went on to be reelected for two additional terms as Whitman County Commissioner and retired in 1988. Dan was the past President of the six-state Pacific Rim RC&D (Resource Conservation and Development Council) and served on the national, state and local RC&D councils. He also served on the Federal Land Bank Board of Directors, and was active with the Grange.

Dan was an active participant in PNWA for decades, and was elected as a member of PNWA's Board of Directors from 2005 through 2012. Dan brought considerable expertise to our group, and was especially eloquent about the importance of the Columbia Snake River System to his constituents in eastern Washington. We were also privileged to spend time with his late wife Nancy over the years, who preceded him in death in 2015.

Memorial donations are suggested to Gideons International or to the Pullman Regional Hospital Foundation.

## PNWA celebrates a remarkable Mission to Washington

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The 2017 PNWA Mission to Washington was a success from start to finish. Last week, 81 PNWA members traveled to Washington DC to advocate for policies and projects which support economic development in the Pacific Northwest. The Mission included meetings with Members and staff from our entire Northwest Congressional delegation. We also had the opportunity to hear from experts from the State Department, Corps of Engineers, MARAD, BPA, Capitol Hill, AAPA, AAEE, AASHTO, NAWG, NGFA, and more.



Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) discusses PNWA issues and projects with attendees



Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R,WA) addresses the PNWA membership



Another packed house at the PNWA Taste the Northwest reception



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Our annual Taste the Northwest Reception was another big hit this year as well. This year's event was extremely well attended by several hundred colleagues from Capitol Hill, federal agencies, and organizations which partner with PNWA in DC. We sincerely thank the PNWA members who coordinated sponsored Northwest food and beverage products, making this reception a one of a kind event on the Hill.

The following organizations helped to make our 2017 reception a resounding success:

Bell Buoy Crab Company	Port of Kalama
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Columbia River Pilots	Port of Longview
Columbia River Steamship Operators Association	Port of Morrow
Great Lakes Dredge and Dock	Port of Newport
Jessie's Ilwaco Fish Company	Port of Pasco
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Port of Bandon	Port of Skagit County
Port of Benton	Port of Vancouver
Port of Cascade Locks	Port of Walla Walla
Port of Chinook	Port of Whitman County
Port of Clarkston	Port of Whitman County
Port of Coos Bay	Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt
Port of Everett	Shaver Transportation
Port of Grays Harbor	Tidewater Barge Lines
Port of Hood River	Washington Potato Commission
Port of Ilwaco	Westwood Shipping

## PNWA Member Spotlight: Port of Coos Bay welcomes new Travel Lift

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Earlier this year, the Port of Coos Bay completed the first step in their Charleston Shipyard Expansion project with the installation of a new 100-ton Travel Lift. The lift, which was commissioned on February 2nd, is capable of moving vessels up to 220,000 pounds and will enable the port to accommodate larger boats than currently possible. Future plans at the shipyard call for a 4.8 acre expansion of the property and the purchase of a second 100-ton lift, to double the size and capability of the yard. For more information, visit the [Port of Coos Bay website](#).



# Six locks reopen on the Columbia Snake River System

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As *Nor'wester* readers will recall, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been conducting an extended lock maintenance closure on the Columbia Snake River System since December 12th. After 15 weeks of major repairs, six of the eight locks have been reopened. The closure was scheduled through March 20th and despite significant winter weather challenges in the region, Bonneville, The Dalles, John Day, McNary and Lower Monumental have all reopened on schedule.

Additional unanticipated repairs still need to take place at the [Little Goose](#) and [Ice Harbor](#) projects. An unexpected mechanical issue at Ice Harbor will require that the lock remain out of service until 11:59pm on March 23rd. Weather delays, onsite efficiency and unforeseen crack repair requirements on the south navigation lock gate at Little Goose will require the lock to be closed an additional two weeks, with a planned opening at 11:59 pm on April 2nd. The Corps has committed additional resources to these two locks, including increasing shifts at the projects, to restore safe, reliable lock service on the system as soon as possible.

PNWA will continue to update our membership as these repairs progress. For a full overview of the repairs taking place during the closure, please visit the [PNWA](#) or [Corps](#) website.

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