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Snake River family fun festival tomorrow!

The Ports of Whitman County, Clarkston, Lewiston, and Moses Lake along with the Idaho Wheat Commission, the Oregon Wheat Commission, and the Washington Grain Commission are hosting an event to celebrate the importance of the Snake River to our region. The event is tomorrow and is being held at the Port of Whitman County's Boyer Park, on the Snake River. The event will offer free food, music, and kids activities and PNWA will be helping to present information on the important role that the river system plays in our region. See you there!

FREE ENTRANCE

MAY 20

SNAKE RIVER FAMILY FESTIVAL

MUSIC, FREE FOOD & KIDS ACTIVITIES!

**BOYER PARK AND MARINA
1753 GRANITE PARK ROAD
COLFAX, WA**

Snake River Family Festival Committee

**MAY 20, 2017
11:00AM - 3:00PM**

SPONSORED BY: Washington Grain Commission, Oregon Wheat, Idaho Wheat, Port of Whitman County, Port of Lewiston, Clarkston, Port of Moses Lake

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PNWA has joined with the Association of American Port Authorities (AAPA), American Waterways Operators (AWO), U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and dozens of other groups from around the nation in a [letter](#) to House Appropriations leadership to encourage their continued support for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers navigation program. *Nor'wester* readers will remember that the current fiscal year funding package was just enacted, and provided \$2.604 billion for the Corps' navigation program and [enabled funding for a number of PNWA policy priorities](#).

Congress must now turn its attention to the coming fiscal year, which begins October 1, 2017. The stakeholder letter encourages the House Appropriations leadership to fund the Corps navigation program at \$2.9 billion for FY2018. This funding level would follow the path toward full use of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund laid out in WRRDA 2014 and would include full use of Inland Waterways Trust Fund revenues. AAPA has created an [infographic](#) for the FY2018 bill which details these funding requests.

PNWA will continue its work with the Northwest Congressional delegation and our colleagues as we drive toward robust funding for the Corps of Engineers in the coming fiscal year. For more information about how Northwest navigation infrastructure benefits our regional and national economy, visit our [website](#) for fact sheets and more!

FEMA hosts online grant training

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is hosting three online training sessions on the Non-Disaster Grants 3.0 system. Topics covered will include an overview of the Non-Disaster grants system - including the Port Security Grant Program - and how to go through the application process on www.grants.gov. The dates for the seminars are:

- May 24 1:00-3:00 (Eastern)// 10:00-12:00 (Pacific)
- May 30 1:00-3:00 (Eastern)// 10:00-12:00 (Pacific)
- May 31 1:00-3:00 (Eastern)// 10:00-12:00 (Pacific)

Training sessions are limited to 65 participants each and space is available on a first come first served basis. To register, please download, fill out and submit [this request form](#). If you do not receive confirmation of your registration within 48 hours of submission, please email NDGrants@fema.dhs.gov to ensure your registration form was received. Any questions about the online training can be sent to NDGrants@fema.dhs.gov.

This year's Port Security Grant Program is expected to start by early June, with a Notice of Funding Opportunity being released no later than June 2nd. Similar to other grant programs this year, the application process is likely to be accelerated with the application deadline occurring around early July.

PNWA Member Spotlight: Port of Toledo's new boathouse

Volunteers from the Port of Toledo have completed construction on a new floating boathouse for the port. A ceremony

to welcome it was held earlier this week at the port's Waterfront Park. The new boathouse will be used by the Oregon Boating Foundation as a floating classroom for kayak and sailing camps. It will also provide additional space for the existing Toledo Community Boathouse. The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and a community development grant from Lincoln County helped provide the funds for the materials for the boathouse.



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