



# Nor'wester Newsletter

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## New Maritime Administration head sworn in

The new Maritime Administrator, retired Rear Admiral Mark Buzby, was sworn in on August 14th by Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao. Admiral Buzby previously served as president of the National Defense Transportation Association, a non-profit which focuses on solving logistics, transportation and passenger travel service challenges for the purpose of national defense. Admiral Buzby also has 34 years of experience in the U.S. Navy including serving on the staff of the Sixth Fleet, the U.S. Fleet Forces Command and as the commander of the Military Sealift Command.

As the new MARAD Administrator, Admiral Buzby will be responsible for the promotion of waterborne transportation, the integration of the maritime transportation network with other transport modes and the development of the U.S. Merchant Marine.

## FY2017 TIGER grant application period opens; applications due October 16th

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has opened the application period for the [FY2017 TIGER grant program](#). \$500 million in funding is available and applications are due through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) by 5:00pm PDT on October 16th. For additional information, USDOT and the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) are hosting a webinar on September 26th at

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11:00am PDT. Registration is [required](#) for the webinar, which will focus on this round of TIGER as well as the INFRA grant program formerly recognized as FASTLANE.

TIGER funding remains a key PNWA priority and we are working with our Congressional delegation and others to advocate for full funding of the program in FY2018.

## Ports of Astoria & Portland, MFSA included in latest round of Port Security Grant Program recipients

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced the recipients of the FY2017 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). The PSGP provides funding for improvements in port-related security which can include infrastructure improvements, disaster preparedness, and cyber security.

Funding for FY2017 was set at \$100 million and over 200 organizations received grants nationwide, including 33 ports. The Ports of Astoria and Portland were included in this year's recipients, with \$214,898 and \$1,252,800 in awards, respectively. The Maritime Fire and Safety Association also received \$195,319 in funding. PNWA would like to congratulate these organizations on the successful funding of their grants.

## Corps extends comment period on regulatory reform

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Earlier this summer, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers opened a comment period for stakeholders to provide comments on regulations for the Corps to review, update, or replace. The original deadline for the comment period was September 18th, however the Corps has extended the deadline by 30 days to allow time for additional comments. The new deadline is now October 18th. The Corps has published a notice in the [Federal Register](#) with additional information on the scope of the review and how to provide comments. If any PNWA members have questions about this review or would like information on how to draft their comments, contact [Heather Stebbings](#).

## Environmental scoping period opens for Coos Bay deepening project

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The Oregon International Port of Coos Bay's deepening project took a step forward with the announcement of a public scoping period by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The public scoping period is part of the environment impact statement process for [the project](#) which is proposed to deepen the channel to -45' and widen it to 450'. To learn more about the project and to submit comments by October 3rd, visit the Corps' [project website](#).

## Port of Seattle wins national port environmental award

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The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) has named the Port of Seattle as one the winners of their 2017 Environmental Improvement awards. These awards highlight port accomplishments in one of four areas: environmental enhancement, mitigation, comprehensive environmental management, and stakeholder education, awareness, and involvement. The Port of Seattle received the award for the comprehensive environmental management category thanks to the new marine storm water utility which the Port created to help manage storm water in Puget Sound, Elliott Bay, and the Duwamish Waterway.

The Port of Seattle created the utility to help fund improvements to infrastructure and to spread the implementation of best management practices to limit the discharge of pollutants into the environment. The utility's goal is to raise \$5M a year in fees over the next five years to help fund these activities. [AAPA's press release](#) has additional information about the project and the other award winners.

PNWA would like to congratulate the Port of Seattle on this important industry award and for their work to help keep our waterways clean.

## PNWA Member Spotlight: Port of Longview on track for record breaking year

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The Port of Longview has published tonnage numbers for 2017 and so far, the Port is on track for another record breaking year. 2016 was the best year in the Port's history, however 2017 is set to break that record. The Port's mid year tonnage is currently at 5.2 million metric tons, a 10% increase over 2016. Grain makes up the majority of the gains, with over 4 million tons shipped out of the Port's export terminal, EGT. Logs and wind turbine cargo made up the remainder of the Port's tonnage. For more information, visit the Port of Longview's [website](#).



# Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation & Conservation District job opening

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The Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation & Conservation District is seeking a new Executive Director to oversee the operations of the organization. Ideal candidates will have a four-year degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, Engineering, Environmental Planning, or a similar field along with seven years of management experience or five years of port management. Port and shipping operations experience is a plus. The salary for the position is \$100K-\$130K DOE and the application deadline is October 20th. For more information, visit [www.humboldtbay.org](http://www.humboldtbay.org).