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## Additional Columbia River System Operations EIS session announced for December 7th

The Corps, Bureau of Reclamation and Bonneville Power Administration have announced an [additional session](#) to update interested parties on developing the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Columbia River System Operations (CRSO). The agencies will hold a total of two sessions to share the results of the public scoping process, discuss how alternatives are developed and the progress to date, discuss the work for the coming year, and provide background information about the current operation, maintenance and configuration of the Columbia River System. The full schedule is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	December 7th
<b>Times</b>	Afternoon Session: 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm Evening Session: 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm
<b>Location</b>	Portland Convention Center, Portland Ballroom 777 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Portland, OR 97232

Additional details can be found on [www.crso.info](http://www.crso.info).

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## New stern buoys installed on lower Columbia River

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Three new stern buoys have been installed on the lower Columbia River over the past week. The buoys were placed in U.S. Coast Guard designated anchorage locations, and will help reduce congestion by adding new "parking spots" for vessels to moor outside of the shipping channel. The buoys will also increase safety by providing additional space for vessels to maneuver within the navigation channel. Installation of these buoys is the second phase of a Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) Section 107 project that was initiated in 2009 by the Ports of Vancouver, Longview, Kalama and Portland. The Ports along with PNWA, the Columbia River Pilots, and the Columbia River Steamship Operators Association, have worked with the Corps over several years on this project and have secured a total of six buoys. PNWA is so pleased that this project has been completed, increasing capacity, safety and efficiency for cargo transport on the Columbia River.

## PNWA Member Spotlight: Tidewater Barge Lines

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Tidewater Barge Lines was recently featured in an Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) story which featured the crew of the *Ryan Point* as they transported a barge tow from Clarkston to Vancouver. OPB sent two reporters who sailed on the vessel with the crew and interviewed them about life on the river. Along the way, OPB was able to capture some stunning visuals of the river and the navigation locks as the barge tow moved downriver. The resulting story is available [here](#) and is an incredible inside look at what it is like to work on the Columbia and Snake River System.



## Job posting for Port of Newport

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The Port of Newport, an exciting, diverse organization located on Yaquina Bay, is seeking a qualified and collaborative professional to lead the Port into the future.

To learn more, please visit their website [www.portofnewport.com/job-announcements.php](http://www.portofnewport.com/job-announcements.php)

The application deadline is December 8, 2017

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