



# Nor'wester newsletter

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## Northwest support for small ports continues

Members of the Northwest Congressional delegation continue to voice their support for small ports. With many of our region's smaller navigation projects zeroed out in the President's FY2018 budget, Members of Congress in Oregon and Washington have reached out to the Administration, urging support for our small coastal ports in the FY2018 workplan.

[Sen. Patty Murray, along with Sen. Cantwell and Reps. Larsen, Herrera Beutler, DelBene and Kilmer](#), sent a letter on December 20th to OMB Director Mick Mulvaney and Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Ryan Fisher urging them to include funding for federal navigation projects at the Ports of Anacortes, Bellingham, Ilwaco, Skagit and Willapa Harbor in the FY2018 workplan. In a separate letter, [Rep. Peter DeFazio was joined by Sens. Wyden and Merkley and Rep. Schrader](#) requesting that Acting Secretary Fisher provide FY2018 funding for federal projects at the Ports of Astoria, Siuslaw, Umpqua, Bandon, Gold Beach and Garibaldi. PNWA was pleased to provide important information to Congressional offices as these letters were drafted, regarding the many benefits these projects provide to the ports and their surrounding communities. We are extremely grateful for the support these Members of Congress and their staff provide on this issue, and we look forward to continuing our work with our Congressional delegation as well as the Administration to increase funding for small ports in our region.

The FY2018 appropriations process continues to be delayed, with the latest continuing resolution (CR) expiring on January 19th. PNWA is watching this process closely and will alert our members to any

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developments as we near this new deadline. It is anticipated that once Congress completes their work on FY2018, the Corps will then begin drafting their workplan for spending any programmatic dollars included in a final omnibus.

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## PNWA welcomes Vanport Marine & Industrial

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Vanport Marine & Industrial specializes in industrial services, fabrication and top-side ship repair. Their experienced crews of trained fitters, welders, pipe fitters, and millwrights serve the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, California, Hawaii and remote locations. They are available 24/7 to provide their clients with top quality products and services, safely, on-time and on budget.

Vanport services many of the tug, barge, dredge, and shipping companies, as well as local ports and terminals throughout the region. Vanport is able to provide turnkey project delivery and support their mobile and traveling crews with a full service fabrication and machine shop. Their clients include the Corps of Engineers, NOAA, Tote Services, Ash Grove Cement, Crowley Marine Services, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company, as well as many more. Within PNWA, Vanport will be represented by Vince Piscitello. Vince can be reached by email at [vincep@vanportmarine.com](mailto:vincep@vanportmarine.com).

## PNWA Spotlight: Port of Skagit hosts Washington State University's new Bread Lab

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This summer, Washington State University's Bread Lab opened a new 12,000 square foot facility at the Port of Skagit to serve as their new home. The Bread Lab is a WSU research center which works with local farmers and bakers to develop special varieties of wheat and other grains. The facility hosts a milling room, a science and analytical lab, and a professional kitchen.



The improved facility will provide additional value to fifteen other businesses at the Port of Skagit and help create partnerships with the local community. The facility was completed in time to host the seventh annual Grain Gathering Conference, which brings bakers and growers from five nations together to discuss new technology and approaches to farming, milling, and baking. For more information on the new facility and the other businesses at the Port, visit the Port of Skagit's [website](#).

## Registration open for Mission to Washington and Regional Meetings

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[Early registration](#) for the 2018 PNWA Mission to Washington is now open at a discounted rate of \$915 until Friday, February 16th. After February 16th the regular registration rate will be \$950. This year's event will be held March 11th to 15th at the Madison Hotel in Washington DC. PNWA has reserved a block of rooms for attendees at a discounted rate of \$289/night, if the reservation is made before February 16th. There is a limited number of rooms available so we encourage our members to make their room reservations early. Information about the Mission and the hotel room block can be found [here](#). If you are interested in sponsoring the Mission or donating

food or beverages for the *Taste the Northwest* Reception on Capitol Hill, please contact [Tereza Edwards](#).

PNWA will also hold three Regional Meetings in February as we prepare to head to Washington. Regional Meetings are an opportunity for PNWA members to provide updates on individual projects and to hear from the PNWA staff on our latest advocacy efforts in DC and around the region. The Regional Meetings are free to all PNWA members. Click below to register.

<a href="#">Inland Empire Meeting</a>	Port of Benton Richland, WA	February 15th 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
<a href="#">Columbia River and Coast Meeting</a>	Port of Portland Portland, OR	February 23rd 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
<a href="#">Western Washington Meeting</a>	Port of Seattle Seattle, WA	February 26th 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

## Port of Siuslaw job posting

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The Port of Siuslaw is recruiting a new Port Manager to serve as the chief executive officer for the Siuslaw Port District. The Port manager will be responsible for day to day management of the Port, promoting economic development in the port district, and the general administration of other port activities. The Port is offering a salary range of \$50,000 - \$70,000 along with benefits. The application deadline is 5:00 pm January 31, 2018. More information about the job and information on how to apply are available at the port's [website](#).

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