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Ports of Tacoma, Ilwaco earn MARAD PIDP grants

Congratulations to PNWA members Port of Tacoma and Port of Ilwaco for earning U.S. Maritime Administration [Port Infrastructure Development Program grants](#).

The Port of Tacoma was awarded \$15.7 million to fund construction of an Off-Dock Container Support Facility. The project is part of the port's capital improvement program to modernize and optimize the use of its container terminals and support facilities. The project improves 24.5 acres of land adjacent to the Husky, West Sitcum, and Washington United terminals. The site will provide space to store empty containers and chassis, freeing up dock-side space at the terminals for cargo operations. Work includes new gates, a guard shelter, perimeter security fencing, energy-efficient lighting fixtures, stormwater system improvements, and refurbishment of a railroad crossing adjacent to the site.

The Port of Ilwaco was awarded \$2.4 million for its East Bulkhead Resilience Project. The project includes reconstruction and rebuilding of a decades-old wooden bulkhead and related utilities to support transportation operations. Work includes acquisition and installation of sheet piling, jet grouting to stabilize and strengthen the ground behind the new bulkhead, and site utility work.

PNWA was proud to bolster both ports' grant applications with letters of support. We also extend thanks to Sen. Patty Murray (D, WA), a senior member of the Senate's transportation and infrastructure appropriations subcommittee, for her letters of support for the two projects.



ODOE to host floating offshore wind study kickoff meeting



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Join the Oregon Department of Energy on January 20 to kick-off its [Floating Offshore Wind Study](#). Passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2021, [HB 3375](#) directs the Department to develop a legislative report that summarizes its key findings relating to the benefits and

challenges of integrating up to 3 gigawatts (GW) of floating offshore wind into Oregon's electric grid by 2030, including opportunities for future study and engagement.

The study process consists of gathering data, convening stakeholders for input, and developing the report. Stakeholder and public input will focus on the benefits and challenges of integrating up to 3 GW of floating offshore wind, including its potential effects on Oregon's renewable energy goals, jobs, equity, and resilience.

This initial kick-off meeting will introduce key topics identified in the Department's literature review, introduce prompting questions for gathering initial feedback on key topics, and introduce the Department's web portal for submitting feedback. After collecting initial feedback, the Department will convene at least two public input meetings in spring 2022.

The final report is due to the Legislature by September 15, 2022.

Kick-Off Meeting

January 20, 2022 | 9 – 11 a.m.

Meeting log-in information, an agenda, and additional meeting materials will be available on the [study website](#) ahead of the meeting.

For more information, please contact Jason Sierman at Jason.Sierman@energy.oregon.gov.

Reminder: Pacific Coast port access route study comments due

Comments on the U.S. Coast Guard's Pacific Coast Port Access Route Study are due by Jan. 25, 2022.

The PAC-PARS will consider whether existing or additional routing measures are necessary to improve navigation safety due to factors such as planned or potential offshore development, current port capabilities and planned improvements, increased vessel traffic, existing and potential anchorage areas, changing vessel traffic patterns, effects of weather, or navigational difficulty.



Vessel routing measures are implemented to reduce the risk of marine casualties. Examples of potential measures include traffic separation schemes, two-way routes, recommended tracks, deep-water routes, precautionary areas, and areas to be avoided. The recommendations of the study may subsequently be implemented

through rule makings or in accordance with international agreements. The primary areas of this study include: San Diego, CA, Los Angeles/Long Beach, CA, San Francisco, CA, Humboldt Bay, CA, Coos Bay, OR, Yaquina Bay, OR, Astoria, OR, Grays Harbor, WA, and Puget Sound, WA.

Mariners are encouraged to participate in this study by submitting comments and input to the Federal Register. To submit your comment online, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, and insert Federal Register docket number "USCG2021-0345" in the "search box". Click "Search" and then click "Comment Now".

Reminder: PNWA Executive Director applications due Jan. 14



Recruiting is underway for PNWA's next Executive Director. Our recruiter is seeking application materials from interested candidates no later than Jan. 14, 2022.

Under the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, the Executive Director has two important roles. The first is the responsibility for carrying out the strategic mission of PNWA. The second is the responsibility for managing operations and ensuring PNWA is a leader in providing its members valued services to strengthen the regional economy by

increasing economic and environmental sustainability.

PNWA seeks a seasoned leader who is deeply committed to the success of the membership and is a strategic big-picture thinker who will be able to deliver the level of services that members value. The ideal candidate will be an accomplished professional who exhibits a high level of transparency, diplomacy, and professionalism.

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