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Port of Bremerton featured in GAO study

PNWA member Port of Bremerton was featured in a [maritime infrastructure study](#) conducted by the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

The study highlights government funding of non-freight activities of smaller ports nationwide, and the value those activities provide for recreation, tourism, commercial fishing, public transit, economic development, environmental improvements, and overall community benefits.

The Port of Bremerton has been seeking funding partnerships with the federal government for a [breakwater replacement at the Port Orchard Marina](#), and reports like this, when provided to congressional committees, are hoped to be of assistance for those non-freight infrastructure projects.

PNWA worked with our members and GAO to gather information for this study, and are pleased GAO chose to highlight a Pacific Northwest small port's economic contributions. We have extended an invitation to GAO to discuss the study in more detail at a webinar with our members; stay tuned for details.



United States Government Accountability Office
Report to Congressional Committees

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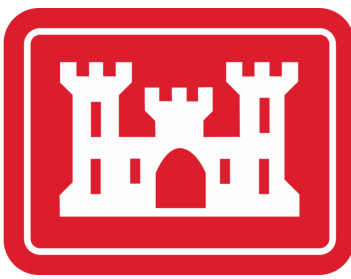
MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE

Public Ports Engage
in an Extensive
Range of Activities
beyond Freight
Movement



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Corps funding from the Infrastructure Bill



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has an estimated \$109 billion construction backlog of maintenance and projects that have been authorized but not yet funded. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 dedicated approximately \$17 billion in emergency appropriations to the Corps to address this backlog, separate from anticipated annual appropriations. The FY2022 appropriations are anticipated to be taken up before the current Continuing Resolution expires on Feb. 18, 2022.

With the passage of the IJA, the Corps had 60 days to develop a work plan detailing to Congress how the Corps will allocate the infrastructure package funding. While it was initially thought the work plan would be released on Jan. 14, 2022, it is now anticipated that the work plan will be released on Tuesday, Jan. 18. Following release of the document, PNWA staff will report back which of PNWA's priorities will receive infrastructure package funding.

MARAD recruiting for PNW Gateway Director

The U.S. Maritime Administration has posted a [vacancy announcement for its Pacific Northwest Gateway Director position](#) on USAJOBS.

The ideal candidate must be able to provide technical advice on port operations, maritime and inter-modal transportation, and port preparedness programs. The candidate must be able to gather data and facts; prepare guidance, policies, and directions, provide routine updates on progress of critical projects; analyze and measure effectiveness, efficiency, and productivity of the office programs; as well as develop recommendations for improvement.



This position is located in MARAD's Office of Maritime and Intermodal Outreach. The mission of the Office is to promote, develop and lead projects to improve economic competitiveness, enhance the state of good repair for the Maritime Transportation System and its infrastructure, improve the quality of life in communities within proximity to ports, address environmental sustainability and safety, and augment security and preparedness goals.

[Click here for more information about MARAD's Gateway Offices](#)

Outgoing PNW Gateway Director Bruce Lambert will be happy to talk to anyone interested in applying for the position before the Jan. 21 closing deadline. Bruce can be reached at 206-200-5744.

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.

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.

[Read the full recruiting announcement and application instructions here](#)

Reminder: Floating offshore wind study kickoff meeting Jan. 20

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.

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