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PNWA hires Heather Stebbings as Executive Director

The Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) has hired Heather Stebbings as Executive Director. Stebbings' hire was approved by the PNWA Board of Directors today. Her first day in the position will be Feb. 15, 2022.

Stebbing has 15 years of advocacy and public policy experience for the Pacific Northwest maritime community, including 13 years directing communications and government relations for PNWA. She joins the association from member Shaver Transportation, where she has served as Marine Services & Government Liaison since 2020.

"Heather is a proven, well-rounded leader with deep experience and relationships in our industry, across the Northwest, and in Washington, D.C.," said Glen Squires, Washington Grain Commission CEO and PNWA Board President. "We are pleased to welcome her back to the PNWA team and are enthusiastic about her leadership and the continued success of the association."

Stebbing holds a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Mathematics from the University of Connecticut. She has served with multiple regional transportation and public policy groups, including current positions on committees for the City of Portland, the Portland Business Alliance and Oregon Business and Industry.

Stebbing replaces outgoing Executive Director Kristin Meira, who served with PNWA for 20 years, the last 10 as Executive Director. Meira has joined PNWA member American Cruise Lines as its Director of Government Affairs, Pacific Northwest. Meira's last day with PNWA is Feb. 17.

"Kristin has served this association faithfully for many years, growing our membership by 50%, expanding our connections, and steadily advocating for our members and communities," said Squires. "Her impact can be felt across PNWA and the Pacific Northwest. We are grateful for her leadership and wish her all the best, and we look forward to continuing to work with her as the PNWA contact for American Cruise Lines."

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The Pacific Northwest Waterways Association is a non-profit, non-partisan trade association of ports, businesses, public agencies and individuals who support navigation, energy, trade and economic development throughout the region. Learn more at www.pnwa.net.