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Welcome new member: Idaho Grain Producers Association



We are pleased to welcome the Idaho Grain Producers Association (IGPA) to the PNWA family! We've collaborated with IGPA on many issues over the years and are grateful for their membership and continued partnership.

With over 600 wheat and barley farm families as members, the IGPA is the key policy advocacy organization working on behalf of Idaho's grain industry with local, state, and federal leaders. IGPA's mission is to serve the grain producers of Idaho by representing their interests at the county, state, and federal levels to enhance their profitability and long-term viability.

Executive Director Stacey Satterlee will be IGPA's official representative to PNWA. Stacey can be reached at ssatterlee@idahograin.org, 703-851-8361 (cell) or 208-345-0706 (office).

Federal webinar series: RSVP today for our April 20 Agriculture Panel discussion!

This spring, PNWA is bringing you webinars that highlight critical issues currently facing our industries and members. **Wednesday, April 20 at 10:00-11:00 a.m. PST**, hear from national experts in the grain and agriculture fields on the latest issues and challenges, both domestic and international, affecting movement of grain and ag products from farms to global markets.

April 20 Agriculture Panelists:

- **Shelby Swain Myers**, American Farm Bureau Federation, Economist
- **Taylor Williamson**, National Association of Wheat Growers, Government Relations Representative
- **Bobby Frederick**, National Grain and Feed Association, Director of Legislative Affairs
- **Alexa Combelic**, American Soybean Association, Director of Government Affairs

Visit our [event page](#) to learn more and [RSVP for the April 20 webinar](#) today!

I-5 Bridge input needed by April 12

PNWA is seeking multimodal freight user perspectives on options for [Hayden Island/Marine Drive](#), as recently presented by the Interstate 5 Bridge Replacement (IBR) Program.



PNWA Government Relations Director Dena Horton participates in the Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) for the IBR Program. Please view the concepts and provide your comments to Dena by April 12, so she may represent our industry's needs and perspectives at the next CAG meeting on April 14.

Contact Dena at 503-234-8553 or dena.horton@pnwa.net.

Learn more about the IBR Program at www.interstatebridge.org.

I-5 Bridge navigation-related comments needed by April 20



PNWA needs your unique, navigation-related comments and concerns as we draft a letter to the U.S. Coast Guard about proposed replacement of the Interstate 5 Bridge between Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington.

Please send your comments to PNWA Government Affairs Director Dena Horton by April 20 so they may be included in our letter. All comments are due to the Coast Guard by April 25.

You can find the Coast Guard's public notice and learn more about navigation-related comments [here](#).

USDOT provides funding opportunities list

The USDOT has published a simple list of anticipated dates for Notice of Funding Opportunities for key Bipartisan Infrastructure Law programs. The intent of this list is to provide stakeholders with more visibility into upcoming funding opportunities.



According to the USDOT, this list is not comprehensive and will be updated periodically with new programs and dates.

Click [here](#) to access the list, which also provides links to funding opportunity web pages.

USACE, Ecology Sediment Management Annual Review Meeting scheduled for May 4

Public issue paper submissions accepted through April 27

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Washington State Department of Ecology are hosting the 34th [Sediment Management Annual Review Meeting](#) (SMARM) on May 4, 2022. The meeting will be held virtually and is free to attend; registration is required.

A portion of the SMARM agenda is always held open for stakeholders to present proposed modifications to the Dredged Material Management and the Sediment Management Standards programs. Submissions for these public issue papers or presentations will be accepted through April 27 and should include:

- A statement of the issue/concern/topic
- Why the topic is relevant and important to the DMMP and/or SMS programs, tribes and stakeholders
- Alternatives or suggestions for topic resolution

For more information on submittals, contact the Dredged Material Management Office at CENWS-DMMOTeam@usace.army.mil.



FEMA shares timeline for Port Security Grant Program applications
Coast Guard recommends proactive process as 2022 timeline is compressed

Many organizations are waiting for the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this year's Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). FEMA recently shared the information below about the planned timeline and expected priorities for this year's round of grants.



FEMA

The 2022 timeline will be compressed, with only a month expected between NOFO release and the application deadline. The U.S. Coast Guard highly recommends that anyone interested in applying should start drafting project applications based on the priorities below, last year's NOFO guidance, and previous submissions.

- The NOFO is expected to be released on May 13, 2022, and applications due by June 13, 2022.
- National priorities of enhancing cybersecurity and protecting soft target and crowded places are eligible for 20% score boost from the National Review Panel.
- Planning, training and awareness, equipment and capital, and exercises also remain eligible project types.

The Coast Guard does not have dates for PSGP project field review but will share them soon.

For more information on the PSGP, including 2021 guidance for reference, visit www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/port-security.

Application available for USDOT Multimodal Project Discretionary Grants and due May 23



The USDOT published a combined [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) last week for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) opportunity. The MPDG NOFO is soliciting grant applications for the INFRA discretionary grant program and for the newly created Mega and Rural discretionary grant programs established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Applications are due by May 23, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. EST.

[Click here for the NOFO](#). Find additional information, including how to apply, frequently asked questions, and the Department's Benefit Cost Analysis Guidance for Discretionary Grant programs at www.transportation.gov/grants.

Rep. Schrier helps secure \$220 million for downstream fish passage at Howard Hanson Dam

On March 30 Congresswoman Kim Schrier announced \$220 million in federal infrastructure funding for the long-needed downstream fish passage at the Howard Hanson Dam. Of more than 300 U.S. Army Corps of Engineering projects funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Howard Hanson Dam project is one of the largest.

“I am thrilled to hear that the downstream fish passage project at Howard Hanson Dam is slated for a whopping \$220M in infrastructure funding. I’ve been working with stakeholders across the 8th district to ensure this critical project be included in funding from our infrastructure package,” said Rep. Schrier. “This stands to do more for Chinook salmon populations than any other project to date. And that is something Washingtonians care deeply about.”

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