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It's nearly here! A first look at our 2022 Summer Conference agenda

Only a couple of weeks before we see you at the 2022 Summer Conference in Spokane! As always, we're proud to bring you timely, informative discussions with engaging speakers from across our industry. Featured speakers and topics for this year include:

Grants 101

- Lisa Lefeber, Port of Everett
- Jennifer Wray-Keene, Port of Woodland
- David Hodges, CFM Advocates

Economic Development Challenges and Opportunities

- Todd Coleman, S3R3 Strategies

Building on History to Create a Vision and Success

- Michael McElwee, Port of Hood River

Cybersecurity Awareness for the Maritime Community

- Chris Carter, Port of Vancouver USA
- James Merten, U.S. Coast Guard

State and Federal Developments in Environmental Justice

- Molly Lawrence, Van Ness Feldman

Trade Impacts and Opportunities

- Lisa White, U.S. Commercial Service - Seattle

Attracting and Retaining Employees in a Changing Landscape

- John Horvick, DHM Research

Lobbyist Panel

- Ben McMakin, Crossroads Strategies
- Ivo Trummer, Port of Portland
- Eric ffitch, Port of Seattle

PNWA Member Pop-Up Panel

- John Burns, Oregon International Port of Coos Bay
- Rob Fix, Port of Bellingham
- Jim Kuntz, Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority

Northwest Regulatory Round-Up!

- Maureen Bayer, Jordan Ramis
- Matthew Boyle, Grette Associates
- Mara McGrath, Ecological Land Services
- Matt Love, Cascadia Law Group
- Jenna Rice Mandell, Van Ness Feldman

Door prize drawing

Our ever-popular door prize drawing will be held after the luncheon speaker on Wednesday, June 22. **Don't forget to bring your door prize and your business card for this fun annual tradition!** Please bring your door prize to the meeting on Wednesday, June 22nd and either place it on the table to the left of the riser or leave it with a PNWA staff member.

Past drawings have featured goody baskets, Northwest wines, gift cards, logo wear and – of course – Cougar Gold cheese! Drop off your door prize with any PNWA staff member upon arrival at the conference, or bring it to the luncheon on June 22.

Sponsorship

Whether you're already a sponsor for this year's Summer Conference or are planning your sponsorship, let us know ASAP if you want a display table! Space is limited; reach out to [Randi Besser](#) today to reserve.

PNWA welcomes McKinley Research Group

We are pleased to welcome new member [McKinley Research Group](#) to the PNWA family!

McKinley Research is a full-service consulting firm providing clients with a range of professional



Formerly McDowell Group

services in market research, planning, economics, data analytics, needs assessments, and evaluation. Its team of 20 professionals in Washington State and Alaska is committed to giving their clients the highest possible return on their investment. They have served more than 400 public and private-sector clients since the firm was founded in 1972.

McKinley has conducted dozens of projects for ports in Washington, Alaska, and Idaho. These include economic impact studies, feasibility studies, market assessments, comprehensive schemes, and development plans. Port clients include the Ports of Seattle, Anacortes, Kalama, Clarkston, Lewiston, Anchorage, Juneau, Dillingham, Nome, and Valdez.

McKinley Research's PNWA contact is Heather Haugland, Senior Consultant. Heather can be reached at 360-594-2360 and hhaugland@mckinleyresearch.com.

Michael McElwee to retire as Port of Hood River Executive Director



After 16 years of service as the executive director of the Port of Hood River, [Michael McElwee has announced](#) that he will retire from his position on July 8, 2022. Under Michael's leadership, the port has transformed the Hood River waterfront, attracted private investment, supported job growth in and around Hood River, upgraded its facilities, remediated and developed brownfield property, accelerated efforts to replace the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge, and more.

Michael has served on the PNWA Board of Directors and Executive Committee for many years, and we are grateful for his dedicated service to our association and our region!

Port of Lewiston welcomes new General Manager

The Port of Lewiston Commission has [named Scott Corbitt](#) as the port's new General Manager. Scott holds a bachelor's degree in Biological Oceanography from the University of Washington and a Juris Doctor from the University of Montana School of Law. Scott's diverse professional experience includes economic development, law, navigation, and oceanography.

Welcome, Scott! We look forward to working with you and continuing to collaborate with the Port of Lewiston on critical issues for Northwest ports and navigation.



Scott takes over as current GM David Doeringsfeld retires after 28 years of service to the Port of Lewiston. David's leadership, experience, and commitment have supported PNWA, our members, and our industry in countless ways. In 2021, we recognized David with a Distinguished Service Award for his tireless work on behalf of our industry.

We are grateful for the opportunity to work with you all these years, David. Thank you, and we wish you all the best in your next adventures!

Port of Skagit welcomes new Harbormaster



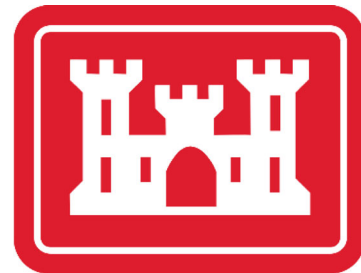
The Port of Skagit is pleased to welcome Chris Omdal as its new Harbormaster at the La Conner Marina.

Chris grew up in the Skagit Valley. He holds a master's degree in Marine Affairs from the University of Washington and a master's degree in Logistics from the Air Force Institute of Technology. He served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. His professional experience also includes public-private partnerships and marine services.

[Learn more about Chris and the port's La Conner Marina.](#)

USACE hosts listening sessions on modernizing Army Civil Works policy priorities

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has announced a series of virtual meetings to gather oral and written input on the following: Native American/Tribal Nation issues; potential rulemaking actions regarding the Corps' Regulatory Program's implementing regulations for the National Historic Preservation Act as well as Civil Works implementation of the Principles, Requirements, and Guidelines; and, environmental justice, including definitions of certain terms used in policy making.



The Army will hold a virtual overview of the policy initiatives on June 22, 2022, with public virtual meetings to follow in July. Written comments are due on or before Aug. 2, 2022.

Click [here](#) to go directly to the virtual meeting schedule and meeting links. Visit the [USACE notice in the Federal Register](#) for background information and instructions on submitting comments.

USDA accepting applications for Commodity Container Assistance Program



The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting applications for the [Commodity Container Assistance Program](#) (CCAP), which currently includes partnerships with the Port of Oakland in California and the Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) in Washington State.

To be eligible for CCAP, each applicant must:

- Own domestically grown or produced agricultural commodities or be the designated marketing agent of the owner;
- Have picked up containers from the Port of Oakland or stored containers at the Port of Oakland or NWSA and filled the containers with agricultural commodities that are grown or produced in the United States for food, feed, or fiber, and products made from those commodities;
- Have properly executed power of attorney or signature authority if representing an individual or entity;
- Submit completed application as specified in the [Notice of Funding Availability](#); and
- Have a Unique Entity Identifier (created in and used by www.SAM.gov).

Applicants must complete a CCAP Application according to FSA-862 instructions and submit the form to the FSA National Office by email to SM.FPAC.FSA.CCAP@usda.gov. **Applications must be submitted by Jan. 31, 2023.**

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Don't forget to [register](#) for the 2022 Summer Conference, June 21-23 at the Historic Davenport Hotel in Spokane.

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