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Online Registration for PNWA Summer Conference Closes Today!

The PNWA Summer Conference will kick off next week, on Tuesday June 21st. We will be closing our online registration option today, so register to secure your spot! If you miss the date for online registration but would still like to attend, please contact [Randi Besser](#).

[Click to review our Final Draft Conference Schedule!](#)

Door prize drawing

Our ever-popular door prize drawing will be held during the 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!

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.

We look forward to seeing you in Spokane next week!

NOAA Fisheries Invites Public Comment on New Draft Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy



NOAA Fisheries has shared its first draft [Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy](#) and is seeking public review and comments. The goal of this strategy is to “to serve stakeholders equitably by engaging underserved communities in the science, conservation, and management of the nation’s ocean resources and their habitat.” Along with digital materials, NOAA will also host four webinars on the strategy, during which it will accept comments. Additional in-person meetings and opportunities to comment via phone will be announced on a rolling basis once details are finalized. Public comments will be **accepted through August 19, 2022.**

To review the draft strategy, find information about public involvement and submit comments, [click here](#).

WSDOT Requests Responses to State Freight System Plan Survey

WSDOT is updating its Freight System Plan and is seeking responses to a short survey to share how stakeholders, businesses, and families rely on the freight transportation system.



The goal is to understand impacts of freight movement to inform a Plan update, which happens every five years. Washington’s freight system is made up of trucks, ships, planes, trains, delivery vehicles, and warehouses that supply us with all our material needs. The freight system affects residents, businesses, and consumers every day—from how packages are delivered, the availability of goods, prices in stores, and jobs created. These systems can also create impacts to communities, such as traffic congestion, land-use planning and greenhouse gas emissions.

For more information on the update and to complete the survey, visit: [Freight System Plan | WSDOT \(wa.gov\)](#)

Marine Ferry built at the Port of Skagit Christened in San Francisco Bay

A new high-speed passenger ferry built by Mavrik Marine—a Port of Skagit tenant in La Conner, Washington—has arrived in San Francisco.

The MV Dorado, which was built at and delivered from the La Conner Marina, was christened in a public ceremony at the Port of San Francisco on May 27. It's the newest high-speed passenger ferry in the fleet of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA). The MV Dorado has a 320-passenger capacity and a service speed of 36 knots, making it the fastest vessel in WETA's fleet.



In 2021, Mavrik Marine and Port of Skagit held a ribbon-cutting event to mark the opening of Mavrik Marine's newly expanded facility at the La Conner Marina—a facility that was built large enough to house the construction of the 140-foot vessel. It is exciting to see such high caliber vessels coming out of our region to serve maritime industries across the country.

To read the full press release, visit [Press Release: Mavrik Marine Ferry Christened in San Francisco Bay - News - Burlington Chamber of Commerce, WA \(burlington-chamber.com\)](https://www.burlingtonchamber.com/press-release/mavrik-marine-ferry-christened-in-san-francisco-bay)



Port of Longview seeks Chief Operating Officer

The Port of Longview is seeking a Chief Operating Officer (COO) to develop, oversee, and integrate the overall direction and management of the operational functions at the Port. The COO provides the leadership, management, and support necessary for Port operations, and serves as a member of the Port's executive team.

This position requires a bachelor's degree in a related field and at least ten years of progressively more responsible managerial experience, as well as demonstrated skill in integrating cross-functional teams.



Learn more and apply at www.governmentjobs.com/careers/portoflongview.

Merchants Exchange Hiring: Association Account Specialist



The Merchants Exchange is seeking a detail-oriented and personable self-starter to join the team at their downtown Portland office as an Association Account Specialist.

Successful candidates will typically have either a four-year college degree and/or at least three years of experience in program management, event planning, and administrative support, including experience working with sensitive or confidential information.

This recruitment is being coordinated by Cascade Employers Association on behalf of the Merchants Exchange. All inquiries and applications should be addressed to Trudy Hylemon at recruitment@cascadeemployers.com.

For more information and to submit an application visit: [Apply now through LinkedIn](#)

White House, USDOT Appoint New Port and Supply Chain Envoy to Work on Supply Chain Disruptions

The White House and the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) have announced that General Stephen R. Lyons (U.S. Army, retired), former Commander of the U.S. Transportation Command, will be the new Port and Supply Chain Envoy to the Biden-Harris Administration Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force. General Lyons will work with the USDOT, the White House National Economic Council, ports, rail, trucking and other private companies across our supply chains to continue to address bottlenecks, speed up the movement of goods, and help lower costs for American families.



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