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PNWA announces Anthony Peña as new Government Relations Manager

PNWA is pleased to announce that Anthony Peña has been selected as the association's new Government Relations Manager.

Anthony joined the team on Tuesday, September 6th and brings significant federal and regional experience, as well a strong understanding of many issues and projects in PNWA's portfolio. For over two years, Anthony served as U.S. Senator Patty Murray's Southwest Washington Representative and Outreach Director. Prior to that, Anthony worked for Washington State Senator Annette Cleveland, and as a Labor and Political Organizer for Working America AFL-CIO for three years.



Anthony earned a bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Eastern Washington University, where he also served as President of the Association of Student Planners. He is also a graduate of the Institute for a Democratic Future, and has a strong record of civic engagement and volunteerism in his community.

PNWA is very excited to welcome Anthony, and looks forward to introducing him to PNWA's members and colleagues at our Annual Convention in Vancouver this October.

You can reach Anthony at 503-234-8551 or anthony.pena@pnwa.net.

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Rail Grant Opportunity

The Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program was published in the [Federal Register](#). This is funding that is available from both the FY2022 appropriations and the Infrastructure

Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA). Applications must be submitted via the www.Grants.gov website. Applications for funding are due no later than 5:00 pm Eastern time on December 1, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact:

Mr. [Douglas Gascon](#), Office of Policy and Planning, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W38-212, Washington, DC 20590; or by phone 202-493-0239

Ms. [Deborah Kobrin](#), Office of Policy and Planning, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W33-311, Washington, DC 20590; or by phone 202-420-1281.

Dates for Spring 2023 Lock Closures



US Army Corps of Engineers®

Each year in the early spring, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Portland District and Walla Walla District perform routine maintenance on the inland Columbia Snake River System locks and dams. They coordinate a short term closure to perform this work, and have announced dates below. The Districts will be sending separate communications on this directly to stakeholders, however, PNWA wanted to communicate the dates and times as early as possible to assist members with advance planning and serving the needs of customers.

Closure:

March 4, 2023 - all locks on the Lower Columbia and Lower Snake Rivers are scheduled to close at 6:00AM

Re-opening:

The locks are scheduled to reopen as follows:

March 18, 2023 - Bonneville, The Dalles, John Day, McNary, and Lower Monumental will reopen at 11:59PM

March 25, 2023 - Little Goose and Lower Granite will reopen at 11:59PM

The reopening date for Ice Harbor Lock and Dam is still to be determined and is anticipated to be confirmed in the coming weeks.

For additional information, please contact [Dena Horton](#).

Port of Brookings Harbor Port Manager Position

The Port of Brookings Harbor is currently recruiting qualified applicants to become the new Port Manager in one of the most desirable locations on the Southern Oregon Coast. The Mission of the Port of Brookings Harbor is to preserve and enhance its economic activities; to facilitate, through the creation of local, state and federal partnerships, the full economic potential of the Port of Brookings Harbor and Curry County; and to develop a course of action, that over time, ensures the self-sufficiency of the Port District. The Commissioners, management and staff of the Port of Brookings Harbor recognize their primary responsibility is to optimally manage the publicly owned asset of the Port for the purpose of serving the public interest by encouraging economic growth of the Port District as well as Curry County as a whole.

To learn more about the Port of Brookings Harbor, visit portofbrookingsharbor. Additional information on the Port Manager position and application materials can be found [here](#).

Request for Information (RFI) for Hydrogen Hub Projects

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Hydrogen Hub (H2Hubs) program plans to invest \$8 billion in a network of regional clean hydrogen producers, potential clean hydrogen consumers, and connective infrastructure. The Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Association (PNWH2) in Washington State is coordinating regional efforts aimed at clean hydrogen deployment. PNWH2 reopened the request for information (RFI) [survey](#) for regional clean hydrogen hub projects. The RFI is collecting information about all potential projects in the Northwest that should be considered in the development of a single concept paper and proposal to DOE. This is the first step of an interactive process. PNWH2 will review submissions and may ask follow-up questions to respondents as needed. Submissions are due September 19, 2022. Instructions can be found [here](#). To complete the survey, click [here](#).

Submissions may include projects, programs, studies, demonstration projects and relevant services. PNWH2 anticipates a final H2Hubs proposal which primarily funds infrastructure projects ready to scale, but could be complemented by programs, studies and other investments that will help to reduce risk associated with infrastructure investments that reduce emissions in hard to decarbonize sectors over the longer term. If you have questions, contact [Jaci Perez](#).

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