

INLAND PORTS AND NAVIGATION GROUP (IPNG)



The Inland Ports and Navigation Group (IPNG) is comprised of ports, farmers, pilots, transportation companies, terminals and water resources stakeholders who work to balance economic prosperity with environmental stewardship. They strive to protect inland navigation, hydropower, irrigation on the Columbia Snake River System, while supporting a healthy environment and robust fish runs in the Northwest. IPNG is a subset of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA), a broad regional trade group representing over 150 members from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

The Columbia Snake River system is a vital transportation link for the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. The economies of these four states rely on the trade and commerce that flows up and down this critical commercial gateway. The inland portion of the system is a 360-mile long “water highway” from the Portland/Vancouver area to Lewiston, Idaho. It moves approximately 8.6 million tons of commercial cargo each year. The eight navigation locks and associated 14-foot inland channel are vital components to this river system, and significant assets to the nation’s navigation infrastructure.

IPNG represents stakeholders in the courtroom & in mediation

IPNG is an intervener in the Columbia River System Operation EIS lawsuit, which is currently stayed to focus on mediating a negotiated path forward outside of the courtroom. IPNG maintains an active role in this process, ensuring stakeholder concerns are represented in the courtroom.

IPNG has also historically supported the Corps’ Snake River Programmatic Sediment Management Plan (PSMP) and Snake River channel maintenance when they have been challenged in court. Judge James Robart found in favor of the Corps on both of these matters in 2015 and 2016, and dredging was successfully completed.

The Inland Ports and Navigation Group is managed by the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association. Legal counsel is provided by Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt.

Members of the Inland Ports and Navigation Group

AgriNorthwest	Port of Clarkston
Almota Elevator Company	Port of Kalama
American Cruise Lines	Port of Lewiston
Benton PUD	Port of Longview
Clearwater Paper	Port of Morrow
Columbia River Pilots	Port of Pasco
Consumers Power, Inc.	Port of Umatilla
Foss Maritime	Port of Vancouver
Franklin PUD	Port of Walla Walla
Lewis-Clark Terminal, Inc.	Port of Whitman County
Northwest Grain Growers	Shaver Transportation
Oregon Wheat Growers League	TEMCO
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