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PNWA Presents 2022 Legislator of the Year Award to Senator Maria Cantwell



PORTLAND, OR - The Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) presented its 2022 Legislator of the Year Award to Senator Maria Cantwell of Washington State during its Annual Convention at the AC Hotel at the Vancouver Waterfront in Vancouver, Washington on Oct. 13.

This award memorializes PNWA's appreciation for the Senator's steadfast support on science-based salmon recovery, freight mobility, the maritime industry and multi-modal infrastructure investment in the Pacific Northwest. PNWA is honoring the Senator for her support on a number of regional projects to drive our economy, including improvements and maintenance of our small harbors and jetties, the Washington Coast and Puget Sound, and the deep draft and inland Columbia Snake River System.

PNWA recognizes Senator Cantwell support for projects like the 2015 West Vancouver Freight Access \$251 million rail project at the Port of Vancouver USA. Senator Maria Cantwell has always been a long time port advocate. Senator Maria Cantwell is known as "Senator Freight" for a reason. Senator Cantwell's fingerprints are all over the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) which is a very transformational investment in our nation's infrastructure.

PNWA annually awards its Legislator of the Year award to a Member of Congress who has gone above and beyond in supporting waterborne commerce, economic development, and navigation infrastructure in the Pacific Northwest.

It is with great respect that we present this award to Senator Cantwell, acknowledging her invaluable contributions and steadfast advocacy for our region. Thank you for your continued support and participation in PNWA.

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The Pacific Northwest Waterways Association is a non-profit, non-partisan trade association of ports, businesses, public agencies and individuals who support navigation, energy, trade and economic development throughout the region. Learn more at www.pnwa.net.