



PNWA STAFF



Neil Maunu, Executive Director

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Mr. Maunu joined the PNWA team in August 2023. As PNWA's Executive Director, Neil Maunu leads the association's work with Congress, federal agencies, and regional decision-makers on transportation, trade, energy, and environmental policies and projects. Maunu has over 20 years of leadership experience in business and the military. For more than 16 years, he has led teams in the Pacific Northwest (PNW) maritime industry, including roles in operations, business development, and commercial negotiations. He recently retired from the Oregon National Guard as a Lieutenant Colonel. Maunu holds a BS in environmental geography and engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and an Executive MBA from Washington State University.



Dena Horton, Government Relations Director

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Dena Horton joined the PNWA team in September 2019. She brings significant federal and regional experience and a deep knowledge of the issues and projects in PNWA's portfolio, having served as Senator Maria Cantwell's Southwest Washington Outreach Director for over five years. Horton was also a project manager for over seven years for PNWA member Normandeau Associates and served as a district representative for former Congressman Brian Baird for over four years. Horton earned a bachelor's in Political Science from Gonzaga University and completed master's degree coursework in Public Affairs at Washington State University - Vancouver. She is also a General George C. Marshall Public Leadership Award Recipient, graduate of Leadership Clark County, and has a long record of volunteer service in her community.



Anthony Peña, Government Relations Manager

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Anthony Peña joined the PNWA team in September of 2022. For over two years, Anthony served Senator Patty Murray's office in the Southwest Washington region as Outreach Director and District Representative bringing strong knowledge and understanding on the region and issues within the PNWA portfolio. Anthony also worked in the Washington State Legislature for State Senator Annette Cleveland, and as a labor and political organizer for Working America AFL-CIO.

Anthony earned a bachelor's 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.



Mary Wiley, Communications Manager

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Mary Wiley joined the PNWA team in October of 2023. Mary Wiley provides leadership and management for communications and public relations activities. Additionally, Mary coordinates member services to ensure a positive member experience and manages event planning. In her previous position working for a regional maritime trade association, Mary led the Shipping Education Series and worked to expand member outreach and increase engagement. In prior positions, Mary provided marketing communications services for architects and engineers including energy efficiency programs for utilities companies and corporate communications for a major rail transportation manufacturer. She graduated from Iowa State University and is a certified professional in digital marketing strategies from Portland State University.



Carli Kreinbring, Operations Coordinator

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Carli joined the PNWA team in January of 2024. Bringing more than seven years of expertise in the banking and mortgage industry, Carli possesses strong customer service skills and a keen understanding of financial practices. As well as abilities to create and maintain organizational systems to increase productivity and enhance efficiency. She earned an Associate's degree with honors from Clark College.