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Monthly Meeting

Reminder:

Tuesday, May 21 at 2 p.m

M-84 Corridor Workshop



PNWA participated in the M-84 Marine Highway Workshop held in Pasco. It marked

the second year of the DOT's Maritime Administration hosting this event, collaborating with several upriver ports. The workshop aimed to facilitate discussion on economic development, emphasizing the vital connection the Columbia-Snake River system holds for our region.

PNWA Staff, represented by Neil Maunu and Anthony Peña, joined numerous members to discuss the pivotal role of critical infrastructure and the significance of the M-84 Marine Highway in facilitating the transportation of over \$27 billion worth of cargo annually along our river system.

We had a great time connecting with over 75 stakeholders, businesses, partners, and public entities. Thank you for supporting our river system.

Port of Portland T6 Announcement

 **PORT OF PORTLAND** Oregon Governor Tina Kotek announced that she is proposing a \$40 million state investment to allow container service to continue at Port of Portland's Terminal 6. Of the total \$40 million proposed, \$35 million will come from the Governor's 2025-2027 recommended budget, and \$5 million will be requested from the legislative Emergency Board during its September meeting.

[...] Port of Portland Executive Director Curtis Robinhold said. "We are also extremely grateful for the strong backing from a bipartisan group of legislators who recognize the value of trade to businesses and communities throughout our state. With the support of the Oregon Legislature, container shipping at Terminal 6 will continue, along with the benefits it provides for Oregon businesses and the quality jobs it provides for our community. This level of government and community support is something Oregonians should be proud of."

[Read the Press Release](#)

PNWA 2024 Summer Conference

This June, PNWA is heading back to the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley area to the Holiday Inn, Clarkston, WA for our 2024 Conference! This event is a favorite among our members, providing an opportunity to touch base mid-year with your colleagues from around the region. Our agenda will feature experts presenting on a range of timely issues and projects. We're also planning some fun activities you won't want to miss! Featured speakers and information about the agenda will be announced in the coming weeks.

[Click here to Register!](#)

Tuesday, June 4

- 10:00 am-12:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting (Box Lunch)
- 12:00 pm- 1:00 pm Registration
- 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm General Session with Featured Speakers
- 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hells Canyon Boat Tour (\$55 tickets)

Wednesday, June 5

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm General Session with Featured Speakers

- 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm IPNG Meeting
- 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Sponsored Happy Hour Reception

Thursday, June 6

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am PNWA Member Meeting

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Oregon Coastal Management Program

Federal Action:

Leasing of areas on the Outer Continental Shelf for purposes of offshore wind exploration

Federal Agency: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Public Comment Period: 5/2/24 to 6/15/24

Submit Comment: coast.permits@dlcd.oregon.gov

Mailed to: 635 Capitol St NE # 150, Salem, OR 97301

Location: Leasing would occur within the Wind Energy Areas in federal waters offshore Brookings and Coos Bay, Oregon. Site assessment activities would occur within the lease areas and outside the lease areas within federal waters on the Outer Continental Shelf. Activities within state territorial jurisdiction (i.e., between 0-3 nautical miles or within estuaries or onshore) would be reviewed as separate activities under existing federal, state, or local authorities.



Community Meetings:

DLCD & OCMP is hosting a series of in-person meetings in coastal Oregon and one virtual webinar to provide background information on the State's review of the BOEM consistency determination. These meetings are an opportunity to share feedback.

During the community meetings, staff will provide information about the proposed activities that are being reviewed and the applicable state policies and authorities related to a consistency review. Community members are encouraged to provide comments on the consistency review during the 45-day comment period, which ends on June 15, 2024.

The community meetings will be an opportunity to provide comments in person which will be recorded by OCMP staff. The meeting program is as follows:

- Open House 5:30 p.m.
- Presentations 6:00 p.m.
- Public Comment 6:30 p.m.
- Next Steps and Adjourn 8:00 p.m.

Meetings are planned for the following locations and days:

- Brookings, OR - June 3, 2024
- Coos Bay, OR - June 4 or 5, 2024 (to be confirmed)
- Florence, OR - June 6, 2024
- Newport, OR - June 7, 2024

More information about these meetings will be posted on the [DLCD website](#) and through this email list serv. If you wish to receive future information about our work related to Offshore wind [sign up here](#).

Visit Oregon Coastal Management Program

Port Security Grant Program



FEMA

As you know, the release of the 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FEMA's Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) was delayed until Congress passed the FY2024 appropriations. If you plan to apply for PSGP funding, you can utilize the [2023 NOFO](#) to start

fleshing out the investment justification (IJ) section while you wait for the release of the 2024 NOFO which is anticipated between mid/late April and May 22.

GPD is hosting a series of webinars accompanying the publication of the FY 2024 Notices of Funding Opportunity for the suite of Preparedness grants to connect stakeholders with program staff. These discussions will help ensure our stakeholders have the information they need to successfully participate in the relevant FY 2024 grant programs.

[FY 2024 PSGP Overview](#)

Tuesday, May 28th, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern

Link to register : https://fema.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Lf83WTXHTrKJU-h94Np_xw

U.S. Dept of Transportation Grants



The U.S. Department of Transportation recently posted the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the *FY 2025-2026 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity*. This NOFO contains three grant programs: the [National Infrastructure Project Assistance grants program](#) (Mega), the [Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects](#)

[grants program](#) (INFRA), and the [Rural Surface Transportation Grant program](#) (Rural).

Funding opportunities are allocated through a competitive process for projects concerning surface transportation infrastructure. These opportunities prioritize projects that demonstrate substantial national or regional significance, as well as those aimed at enhancing and extending surface transportation infrastructure within rural areas. Learn more here: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/mpdg-program>

Applications are due by May 6, 2024 on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

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