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90th Anniversary Happy Hour Celebrations

Join PNWA President, Tom Kammerzell, Executive Director, Neil Maunu, and PNWA Staff to celebrate our 90th Anniversary! We hope you can come out and celebrate with us.

You are invited to join us for Happy Hour Receptions

- **Wednesday, July 17, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Everett, Washington**
 - Sound 2 Summit Craft Brewery
- **Thursday, August 8, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Kalama, Washington**
 - Westin Amphitheater, MECH Band
- **Monday, August 19, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Lewiston, Idaho**
 - Hells Canyon Grand Hotel, MJ Barleyhoppers Brew House

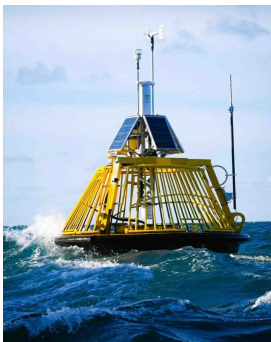
Oregon Coast Tour



This week, we spent a few days on the Oregon coast, meeting with our members at Port of Garibaldi, Port of Newport, Port of Toledo, Port of Umpqua, and Port of Coos Bay with a 90th Anniversary Happy Hour Celebration at Rogue Brewery in Newport. During our 90th Anniversary Happy Hour, we were joined by current PNWA president Tom Kammerzell and former PNWA presidents Dave Harlan and Don Mann.

Neil and Anthony engaged in meaningful discussions with port staff throughout their coastal expedition, gaining firsthand knowledge of current initiatives and future aspirations. These visits provided invaluable insights into the critical work and innovative projects shaping our coastal communities. As we reflect on this successful coastal tour, we're energized by the dedication and vision of our members. The direct interaction strengthens our commitment to supporting and advancing the interests of our Oregon coastal members, and we look forward to continuing our efforts in championing the growth and success of these vital port communities.

Weather Buoy Operational



National Data Buoy Center successfully serviced NOAA/NWS [weather buoy 46029](#), Columbia River Bar, 20 nm west of Columbia River Mouth. The station is now providing real-time marine weather observations.

Accurate weather reporting and forecasting is essential to navigation safety. Thank you to everyone who advocated to get this buoy in place! Special thanks to Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp Perez and her tenacious staff for tracking this issue to successful conclusion.

PNWA Reacts to Biden Administration Announcement



On June 18th, the Biden Administration announced the creation of the Columbia River Task Force and the release of a report concluding that the federal dams have inflicted harm on Tribes in the region. These steps advance the Administration's agreement with Tribes and states from the Pacific Northwest to work to restore wild salmon populations in the Columbia River Basin. Nonetheless, the agreement did not involve navigation stakeholders and was not based on scientific evidence.

"Our concerns with the Biden Administration's actions are their excessive lack of transparency and the failure to account for all interests affected by this complex issue", states Neil Maunu, Executive Director of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association and Inland Ports and Navigation Group.

To read the full press release, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Coordinated Press Statements with Partner Organizations

- [Public Power Council \(PPC\) Statement](#)
- [Northwest River Partners Statement](#)
- [Northwest Requirement Utilities Statement](#)

Agencies Initiate Lower Snake River Study



The Bureau of Reclamation and the Washington State Department of Ecology have initiated the Lower Snake River Water Supply Replacement Study and will host two virtual public meetings to share information and address questions from interested parties throughout the study area. Ecology, tasked by the state legislature with investigating water replacement, is teaming with Reclamation to oversee the study.

The first virtual meeting will occur on **June 25, 2024, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** PDT, and the second will occur on **June 27, 2024, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.** PDT.

For those who cannot participate at the designated times, the meetings will be recorded and uploaded to Reclamation's web site.

To read the full press release, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Annual Convention Update



2024 Annual Convention
October 1-3, 2024
Hilton Hotel in Vancouver, WA

As our most popular event of the year, the PNWA Annual Convention provides the perfect opportunity to meet with key regional and federal partners and over 150 PNWA colleagues from the Northwest.

This is the ideal time to touch base as the calendar year winds down, and we elect PNWA officers, bestow distinguished service awards, and kick off preparations for the coming year's vital advocacy efforts. In addition to giving you the opportunity to connect with your colleagues, our goal is to

always provide you with the most timely and relevant information. You'll have the opportunity to mingle with and hear from experts from our region's working waterways, transportation corridors, economic development industries, and regulatory community.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

[Learn More about the Annual Convention](#)

REMINDER:

- Please be thinking about award nominations for 2024. Nomination requests will be coming out soon!
- PNWA members will receive an email regarding updating the policies and projects documents in the upcoming weeks. Please respond in a timely manner.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Check out the latest career opportunities in the Pacific Northwest!!

Members, please submit your job postings to mary.wiley@pnwa.net and we will share them.

American Cruise Lines - [*Government Affairs Manager*](#)

Port of Portland - [*Chief Trade and Economic Development Officer*](#)

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