



# Nor'Wester Newsletter

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### REMINDER: DUE

- If you have any update or comments regarding the PNWA Bylaws, please notify a staff member by July 31, 2024.
- Nominations for PNWA Executive Committee and Officers are due by July, 31.
- Distinguished Service Awards and the Walt Evan Award are due by July 31, 2024. Please email a staff member with your nominee.
- Please respond by Sept 6, regarding Polices and Projects updates. Separate emails will be sent to address this issue over the next few weeks with more details.



## 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.

- **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

## Puget Sound Tour



This week, we toured Puget Sound and visited members at the Ports of Anacortes, Bellingham, Everett, Olympia, and the Northwest Seaport Alliance. We capped it off with a 90th Anniversary Happy Hour Celebration at Sound 2 Summit Pub in Everett!

Neil and Mary met with port staff, learning about current initiatives and future goals. The insights gained were invaluable, highlighting the critical and innovative work shaping these communities. We're inspired by our members' dedication and vision; we're committed to supporting their growth and success.

## Port of Grays Harbor and Quinault Indian Nation Reach Historic Agreement



**Port of Grays Harbor**  
On Washington's Pacific Coast

The Port of Grays Harbor Commissioners authorized the Executive Director to finalize and execute a monumental agreement relating to the Quinault Indian Nation's treaty rights as a component of Ag Processing Inc a cooperative (AGP) and the Port's Terminal 4

Expansion & Redevelopment Project. The Agreement marks the first of its kind between the Port and the Nation who have been in discussions about the project and framing the Agreement for more than two years. The Terminal 4 Expansion & Redevelopment project includes a \$170 million private investment by AGP to construct a second soymeal export facility at the Port's Terminal 4B.

[\*Click here for the Press Release PDF\*](#)

## Abandoned/Derelict Vessel Information



The Oregon Department of State Lands' new Waterway Stewardship Program is to proactively seek out funding to address abandoned and derelict vessels throughout the state of Oregon. The BoatUS Foundation recently announced a competitive grant opportunity for removal/disposal of vessels. The funding was provided to the BoatUS Foundation by the NOAA Marine Debris Program to distribute nationwide. A total of \$7.5 million is available.

Full details are located here <https://www.boatus.org/advgrant/removal>.

Applicants have until August 12th, 2024 to complete the LOI.

[\\*Submit Vessel Info Here](#)

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## Columbia River Treaty Press Release

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PNWA is grateful for the work of the U.S. negotiating team led by the U.S. State Department. Efforts by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bonneville Power Administration were critical in ensuring a fair agreement was reached, considering the needs of our diverse river users. Navigation stakeholders appreciate the certainty this agreement brings to river operations and the over \$31.5B of U.S. and Canadian cargo that flows across the Columbia River bar each year. It is vital that our river system remains reliable, predictable, and safe - it is the lifeblood of our region.

PNWA continues to work with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the State Department to ensure Navigation and River users needs are met before an Agreement in Force is completed. *There remains much work to be done.*

[Click here for the Press Release PDF](#)

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## Welcome New Members

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Welcome Gunderson - Operating from the largest side-launch shipyard on the West Coast, Gunderson Marine is a deep-water facility, fully equipped for constructing all types of river and ocean-going barges. With up to 700 feet of capacity, the company is capable of producing large, ocean-going vessels and conventional deck barges for transporting aggregate, heavy equipment, and other industrial cargo. Gunderson Marine & Iron is

the premiere West Coast shipyard for building large Jones Act compliant articulated tug barges, deck barges, dump scows, oil spill recovery vessels, crane barges hopper barges and more. Learn more here: <https://www.gjwx.net/>



Welcome Tri Cities Grain - Tri Cities Grain was formed in July of 1999. We are operating a 500,000 bushel river terminal on the Snake River in Franklin County, and we have storage available for up to 3.3 million bushels! The 3 owning companies of Tri-Cities Grain are Tidewater

Barge Lines headquartered in Vancouver, Wa., Northwest Grain Growers headquartered in Walla Walla, and Central Washington Grain Growers headquartered in Waterville. Tidewater is the largest barge shipping company on the Columbia and Snake River system, and our elevator is located on their property near Pasco. These 3 partners give Tri-Cities Grain a strong financial base to build our business on. Learn more here: <https://www.tcgrain.com/>

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## Smart Rivers 2025 - Call for Abstracts

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The Smart Rivers conference covers all themes associated with the latest advancements, lessons learned, and building a vision for a sustainable future in inland waterborne transport. Solicited



topics listed below are a mix of previous Smart Rivers topics with new and emerging topics that may influence our future. Presentations on these and other topics possibly not listed are highly encouraged. Abstracts on any topic related to advancing inland waterborne transportation and the forces driving its direction are welcome at

[www.smartivers2025.com/abstracts](http://www.smartivers2025.com/abstracts).

Smart Rivers 2025: Celebrating the World's Navigable Rivers  
September 8-12, 2025, Memphis, Tennessee

## 2024 PNWA Annual Convention



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!

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