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## PNWA Promotes Dena Horton to Deputy Director



Portland, Oregon – PNWA announced today that Dena Horton will serve as PNWA's Deputy Director, effective immediately. Dena joined PNWA in 2019 as Government Relations Director and has served in that capacity since.

Dena's dedication to the Association, to its members, and to the maritime industry is unmatched. Her willingness to put in the extra effort and become an expert in a broad range of areas to better support the Association's members is a testament to the value that she will continue to bring in this new role.

Horton brings extensive federal and regional experience along with a deep understanding of the issues and projects within PNWA's portfolio. She served for more than five years as Senator Maria Cantwell's Southwest Washington Outreach Director. Additionally, she worked for over seven years as a project manager at Normandeau Associates and spent over four years as a district representative for former Congressman Brian Baird. 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.

As Deputy Director, Horton will have no direct reports, but continue to lead advocacy in key areas, provide support to the executive director and board of PNWA, provide leadership in the executive director's absence, and continue to grow administrative responsibilities.



PNWA's Executive Director, Neil Maunu, said Thursday, "Dena was my right-hand person from before I even started at PNWA. She cares so much about the issues that we fight for, and she is not afraid to make tough decisions for the good of the industry and the Association." Maunu remarked, "just like in the military, we aren't promoting Dena just because of what she's accomplished – though it's been a lot! We are promoting her for her potential to serve in a greater capacity, with greater responsibility. We are all better off because of the expertise and experience she brings to the table."

"I am very excited to usher in this next chapter of my career with the PNWA team. The issues and projects we shepherd and the challenges we tackle are significant. I have enjoyed the relationships we have cultivated and the partnerships I have been part of, and I look forward to continuing to strengthen PNWA's relationships and success going forward," said Horton.

Please join us in congratulating Ms. Horton on her new role.

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