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REMINDER: DUE

- 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.

- Monday, August 19, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm -Lewiston, Idaho
 - Hells Canyon Grand Hotel, MJ Barleyhoppers Brew House

PNWA Promotes Dena Horton to Deputy Director

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.

To read more click here:

<https://www.pnwa.net/news/recent-pnwa-press-releases/>

Yaquina Tour



Yesterday, PNWA staff, the Columbia River Steamship Operators, and representatives of the ports of Vancouver and Kalama, participated in a tour of the *Dredge Yaquina* with the Portland District Corps and U.S. Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez. The tour provided a valuable opportunity to discuss the importance of dredging, beneficial use of dredge material, the process for determining dredged material placement sites, operational needs, permitting challenges, and replacement of the aging Federal dredge fleet. *Yaquina* Captain Jane Favors assisted by her crew provided the tour of the vessel, the engine room, and a demonstration of dredging and placement of dredged material in the river.

Oregon Dept of Emergency Management Updates

Effective Aug. 7, FEMA has implemented Immediate Needs Funding (INF) due to the remaining balance in the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF). This means FEMA will prioritize funding for



response and urgent recovery efforts without interruption. However, FEMA will pause new obligations not essential for lifesaving and life-sustaining activities.

BRIC and FMA FY2024 NOFOs will not be released until Congress passes supplemental funding for the DRF so that the INF may be lifted.

While INF is in place:

- Region 10 mitigation staff will continue reviewing and process submitted projects up until the point of award.
- Public Assistance and Mitigation projects will continue to be built and moved through the review and approval process to be ready for obligation once INF is lifted.
- FEMA has provided a fact sheet and an FAQ explaining Immediate Needs Funding and what that means for the HMA mitigation programs funded out of the Disaster Relief Fund.

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Due to ongoing wildfire activity throughout Oregon, coupled with the FEMA INF announcement, **OEM Mitigation is extending the BRIC/FMA 2024 Pre-Application deadline to Friday, September 27, 2024.** OEM Mitigation will also extend the current schedule for drop-in hour on Thursdays, through September 19th. Anyone interested in participating should send an email requesting to be added to the sessions

to oem.hazardmitigation@oem.oregon.gov. The drop in sessions are currently open agenda. OEM Mitigation will provide specific agenda topics for drop in hours during the upcoming subapplication period following the NOFO announcement.

PNWA supports U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Projects

PNWA previously reported (<https://www.pnwa.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Norwester-879.pdf>) on the passage of the Senate version of WRDA 2024 and the Senate Appropriations Committee passage of the Energy & Water Development appropriations bill that includes U.S. Army Corps of Engineers funding. The House Appropriations passed (<https://www.pnwa.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Norwester-876.pdf>) at the end of July.

PNWA has updated our Supported Corps Projects List (aka "the matrix" <https://www.pnwa.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/PNWA-Supported-USACE-Projects-081424.pdf>) to include funding from both the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Appropriations Committees.

As mentioned previously, we do not anticipate Congress completing passage of appropriations before the end of September and expect to see a

Welcome New Member - Stewardship Solutions



Stewardships Solutions Inc. is a woman-owned and operated environmental permitting strategy firm founded on the idea that there is a better way to approach permitting – strategically. Since 2013, Stewardship Solutions Inc. has been executing a unique approach to permitting and has helped companies and Port's expedite their projects on time and within budget while also fostering relationships with regulators and local communities. [Learn more](#)

Improving salmon habitat and transportation



A 2013 federal court order directed WSDOT to correct hundreds of outdated fish barriers and open hundreds of miles of habitat. We're doing just that: working to remove 400 fish passage barriers and restore 90% of habitat blocked by state highways in little more than a decade once the Legislature ramped up funding.

The federal court order requires this work and sets the parameters (prioritizing projects by potential habitat gain) – and that's how we're going about it. As of June 2024, we have corrected 146 injunction barriers, opening 571 miles of potential fish habitat – 50 percent of the total blocked habitat of injunction culverts.

Read more at: wsdotblog.blogspot.com/2024/08/

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.

Learn More about the Annual Convention

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



The region has a variety of career opportunities available. Please visit their websites for more information.



Northwest RiverPartners

NW RiverPartners is hiring a Deputy Executive Director [Link Here](#)
Qualified applicants should submit a resume and cover letter

to hireing@nwriverpartners.org — application material review will begin September 3, 2024.

Port of Whitman County is hiring for 3 positions:

- Communications Director
- Properties Manager
- Special Projects Manager

Link to find out more: <https://www.portwhitman.com/careers>



**Port of
Whitman
County**

Port of Vancouver is hiring for 1 positions:

- Project Manager

Link to find out more:

<https://www.portvanusa.com/about/job-center/>



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