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2024 PNWA 90th Annual Convention





Thank you, PNWA Members & Partners!

We had our largest turnout ever with over 200 people participating in our 2024 Annual Convention!! It was a fantastic week with exceptional speakers, great food, and opportunities to reconnect with our members. We can not thank you enough for helping us make this event a success!

We hope to see you at our next event in March 2025 - Mission to Washington!

Upcoming PNWA Hill Visits



Each year, PNWA typically does a large fly-in event to Washington, DC with 80 or more of our members in March (Mission to Washington). However, throughout the rest of the year, PNWA conducts shorter, more targeted visits with a few PNWA members. These Hill visits have a limited number of seats available. For planning purposes, we would travel on Tuesday and anticipate a dinner meeting in Washington, DC for a brief trip overview at approximately 7:30pm. The last Hill visit meeting is anticipated to be completed by 3:00pm on Thursday to allow for time to get to the airport and return travel. If you are interested in joining us for an upcoming Hill visit, please reach out to the contacts below:

- **October 29-31** Government Relations Manager Anthony Peña will be leading a PNWA Hill visit to focus on issues including Snake River Dams, benefit replacement studies, and the Columbia River Treaty. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Anthony Peña (anthony.pena@pnwa.net)
- **November 19-21** Deputy Director Dena Horton will be leading a PNWA Hill visit to focus on PNWA's priorities for FY2025 appropriations, Corps work plan, and the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024.

If you are interested in joining this group, contact Dena Horton (dena.horton@pnwa.net).

IBR Roundtable with Transportation Leaders



On October 9, PNWA staff participated in a roundtable discussion hosted by Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D, WA-03) featuring House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Ranking Member Rep. Rick Larsen (D, WA-02) regarding the I-5 Bridge Replacement (IBR) project.

Local state legislators, community and business leaders, labor, and freight industry participated too. Congressman Larsen discussed the importance of building infrastructure to last for decades and to continue the types of investments that came about through the bipartisan infrastructure law (BIL). The IBR Project Administrator provided a presentation on the current status and the Draft Supplemental EIS available for public comment until November 18. The Congresswoman asked a few questions and then moderated discussion highlighting the importance of workforce development and labor, increasing freight and commuter capacity, and how the bridge affects community health and well-being. PNWA staff reiterated the need to ensure the new bridge will be tall enough to accommodate maritime uses. Comments can be submitted via email to draftseis@interstatebridge.org and including "Draft SEIS public comment" in the subject line.

Interstate Bridge Replacement Program seeks public comment on Draft Supplemental EIS



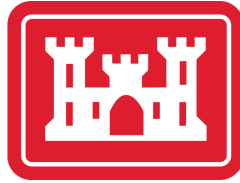
The [Interstate Bridge Replacement program](#) announced the opening of a 60-day public comment period for the program's Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. The comment period will end at 11:59 p.m. PST Monday, Nov. 18, 2024.

During the public comment period, the community is encouraged to review the document and provide feedback on the potential benefits and effects of program investments on transportation, the environment and the local community.

The full document includes an executive summary available in multiple

languages, the chapters of the Draft SEIS, appendices and technical reports. It can be accessed on the IBR [Draft SEIS webpage](#)

Chittenden Large Lock Center Gate Closure



As part of its large lock miter center gate replacement project, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin its fourth large lock closure, Oct. 15, 2024. This closure is to install the new gates.

While the large locks will be closed to vessel traffic from 12:00 a.m. Oct. 15, 2024, till Nov. 4, 2024, the small lock will remain open during this period and can pass vessels up to 120 feet long and 26 feet wide.

For the complete, updated large locks closure and full chamber opening schedule, click our Lock Closures webpage or <https://www.nws.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Locks-and-Dams/Chittenden-Locks/Closures/>.

Columbia River Maritime Museum Announces New Exhibits for Fall 2024

ntsayka ilfi ukuk - This is Our Place

Open: Now

A collaboration with the Chinook Indian Nation to share Chinook maritime traditions and culture as lived today through the photography of Amiran White.

Cedar and Sea Exhibit

The Maritime Culture of the Indigenous People of the Pacific Northwest Coast

Opens: Friday, November 1, 2024

Cedar and Sea features voices of contemporary Indigenous artisans presenting their work as part of their living traditions, demonstrating resilience as they blend old and new tools, technologies and knowledge to prosper in the face of continuing threats to traditional lifeways.

Learn more at: <https://www.cmmm.org/upcoming-exhibits.html>

COLUMBIA RIVER
MARITIME MUSEUM

Great Lakes Dredge & Docks Project



Congratulation to our member, Great Lakes Dredge & Docks!

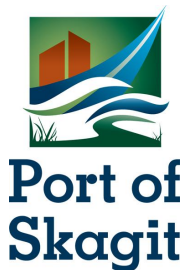
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Jacksonville District, awarded a \$40.6 million contract Sept. 20, 2024, to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock, LLC., of Houston, Texas, for the sixth iteration of the Canaveral Harbor Sand Bypass project.

WPPA Environmental Seminar



PNWA's Dena Horton spoke at a recent Washington Public Ports Association Environmental Seminar in Walla Walla, WA regarding regulatory issues. Our presentation covered Endangered Species Act (ESA) Key Rulemaking, Salish Sea Nearshore Programmatic (SSNP) Consultation & Conservation Calculator Update, Court Decisions and Lawsuits and PNWA Advocacy. Thank you to WPPA for the opportunity to present. Read more here: [WPPA Environmental Seminar](#)

Port of Skagit Mourns Sudden Passing of Commissioner Steve Omdal



We would like to extend our heart felt condolences to the Port of Skagit and the friends and family of Steve Omdal. He was a passionate advocate for the Port of Skagit and dedicated to the economic and environmental initiatives surrounding our waterways. As an active member of PNWA, he contributed his insights, experience, and enthusiasm, always brightening our collaborative efforts with his warm smile.

Read more at [Port of Skagit Press Release](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



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

U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration

MARAD is a Federal agency responsible for promoting the development of a strong, sustainable and safe U.S. maritime industry. Our mission is to ensure the U.S. has a strong and viable maritime industry supporting our National security and economic growth.

[Check out their job openings](#)

To submit job postings please email Mary Wiley at mary.wiley@pnwa.net



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