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## PNWA Honors Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers as Legislator of the Year



PORTLAND, OR - The Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) is proud to announce Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers as the recipient of its Legislator of the Year Award for 2024. This prestigious recognition celebrates the Congresswoman's unwavering support and outstanding contributions to the prosperity of our ports, navigation, economic development, and the environment throughout her tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives and as Chairwoman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers has demonstrated exceptional leadership on critical issues that have significantly impacted our region. Her unwavering support in protecting the many purposes and value of the Columbia Snake River Locks and Dams, advocacy for a new flood control agreement and modernized Columbia River Treaty between the U.S. and Canada and supporting federal funding for the Corps of Engineers has been vital to the improvement and maintenance of our waterways.

Additionally, her commitment to infrastructure improvements from investments in lock and dam maintenance, water supply and storage, highway and rail connections, to increasing broadband access, as well as opening new markets for Washington and U.S.

agricultural products has been instrumental in fostering a thriving maritime industry in the Pacific Northwest.

The Congresswoman has also worked collaboratively across the aisle for the greater good of Washington State and the Northwest. Her bipartisan support for toxics reduction in the Puget Sound and fish passage at Howard Hanson and Mud Mountain Dams advance policies and environmental outcomes that benefit our region and ensure that salmon and dams can coexist.

It is with great respect and gratitude that we present this award to U.S. Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers, acknowledging her invaluable contributions and steadfast advocacy for our region. Thank you for your support and participation in PNWA.

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