

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION STAFF



### **Neil Maunu, Executive Director**

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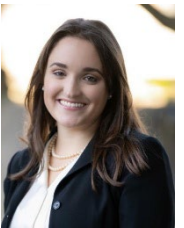
Mr. Maunu joined the PNWA team in August 2023. As PNWA's Executive Director, Neil Maunu leads the association's work with Congress, federal agencies, and regional decision-makers on transportation, trade, energy, and environmental policies and projects. Maunu has over 20 years of leadership experience in business and the military. For more than 16 years, he has led teams in the Pacific Northwest (PNW) maritime industry, including roles in operations, business development, and commercial negotiations. He recently retired from the Oregon National Guard as a Lieutenant Colonel. Maunu holds a BS in environmental geography and engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and an Executive MBA from Washington State University.



### **Dena Horton, Deputy Director**

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Dena Horton joined PNWA in September 2019, bringing extensive federal and regional experience and deep knowledge of the association's priorities. She previously served over five years as Southwest Washington Outreach Director for Senator Maria Cantwell. Horton also worked as a project manager for PNWA member Normandeau Associates for seven years and served as a district representative for former Congressman Brian Baird for more than four years. She holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Gonzaga University and completed master's coursework in Public Affairs at Washington State University – Vancouver. A General George C. Marshall Public Leadership Award recipient, she is also a Leadership Clark County graduate and active community volunteer.



### **Nicole Kach, Government Relations Specialist**

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Nicole Kach joined the PNWA in March 2026 bringing experience in federal policy, legislative research, and strategic communications, most recently serving as a Legislative Assistant with the National Waterways Conference, where she tracked appropriations and water resources policies. Her background also includes service with Communications & Public Policy Fellow with Voices for National Service, AmeriCorps and an internship in the office of U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey, focused on environmental and energy policy. Kach earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science with a concentration in International Relations from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, where she graduated with honors and held multiple leadership roles.



### **Mary Wiley, Communications & Membership Manager**

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Mary Wiley joined the PNWA team in October of 2023. Mary Wiley provides leadership and management for communications and public relations activities. Additionally, Mary coordinates member services to ensure a positive member experience and manages event planning. In her previous position working for a regional maritime trade association, Mary led the Shipping Education Series and worked to expand member outreach and increase engagement. In prior positions, Mary provided marketing communications services for architects and engineers including energy efficiency programs for utilities companies and corporate communications for a major rail transportation manufacturer. She graduated from Iowa State University and is a certified professional in digital marketing strategies from Portland State University.



### **Carli Kreinbring, Operations & Finance Coordinator**

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Carli joined the PNWA team in January of 2024. Bringing more than seven years of expertise in the banking and mortgage industry, Carli possesses strong customer service skills and a keen understanding of financial practices. As well as abilities to create and maintain organizational systems to increase productivity and enhance efficiency. She earned an Associate's degree with honors from Clark College.