

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024

- 0800 - 0815 Meet at Sector Columbia River, Training Room (Breakfast generously provided by sponsor)
6767 N Basin Ave, Portland, OR 97217
- 0815 - 0915 COBALT Program Overview and Columbia River Steamship Operators' Association (CRSOA) - **Ms. Kate Mickelson**, Executive Director
- Discussion of CRSOA History, Membership, Mission, and Industry Activities
 - Introduction to the 2024 COBALT program and agenda review
- 0915 - 1000 A Day in the Life of an Agent - **Mr. Cale Karrick**, Southport Agencies, Inc.
- Advantages of using an Agent
 - Bringing ships to the Columbia River
 - Contracts / Charter Parties
 - Vendors / Form Work
 - 96 Hours Prior to Arrival / 48 Hours Prior to Arrival / 24 Hours Prior to Arrival / At Berth
- 1000 - 1015 Break (Snacks provided by CRSOA)
- 1015 - 1100 Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) - **Mr. Neil Maunu**, Executive Director
- Discussion of PNWA's history, membership, structure, and approach in successfully creating consensus among its highly diverse membership base and in crafting solidarity for regional positions on critically important infrastructure issues
 - Regional overview of PNWA's primary areas of engagement: federal navigation funding and policy, salmon restoration, Snake River Dams and the Columbia River Treaty
 - Highlight top federal navigation projects and funding outlook
- 1100 - 1145 Columbia River Towboat Association - **Mr. Sam Diedrick, FOSS Maritime; Mr. Jon Hellberg, Shaver Transportation; and Ms. Jennifer Riddle, Tidewater Barge Lines**
- History, Overview, and Mission of CRTA - Mr. Sam Diedrick, Chairman CRTA
 - Shaver Transportation Overview, Tidewater Transportation Overview, FOSS Maritime Company Overview
- 1145 - 1215 Lunch (Lunch generously provided by the Columbia River Pilots)
- 1215 - 1245 Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots (OBMP) - **Mr. Tom Griffiths**, Executive Director
- Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots
 - Regulation and Licensing of State Pilots
 - Board Functions
 - Accident Investigations/USCG – OBMP relationship

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- 1245 - 1330 Columbia River Bar Pilots (CRBP) - **Captain Steve Ackerman**
- Helo-Fast Boat pilot transport system
 - Heavy weather policies and practices coordinated with USCG relating to bar closures, suspension of piloting services, and management of the Astoria anchorage
 - Recent studies and analysis of vessel squat and response
 - Other planned initiatives
- 1330 - 1415 Columbia River Pilots (COLRIP)
- Presentation of Vessel Traffic Information Service history in the Columbia River
 - Demonstration of TV-32/AIS supported VTIS
 - Discussion of VTIS vs VTS from an industry perspective
 - Industry Continued Professional Development programs
 - Discussion of the general river and piloting issues
 - Discussion of anchorage and stern buoy issues
- 1415 - 1445 Launch Companies
- Anchorage Launch Company - **Mr. Alex Scott**, Chief Operating Officer
 - Columbia River Launch Service - **Mr. Brett Bybee** Owner/Operator
 - Ship to Shore - **Mr. John Downs**, Owner/Operator
- 1445 - 1500 Seaport Marine Surveys, Inc. - **Mr. Christopher Morrison**, President
- 1500 - 1515 NOAA, Office of Coast Survey - **Ms. Laura Pagano**, Northwest Navigation Manager
- 1515 - 1545 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Navigation
- Deep draft shipping channel downstream of Vancouver, WA to the Pacific Ocean
 - Corps hopper dredges ESSAYONS and YAQUINA, annual contract hopper and dredge OREGON and placement of dredge material
 - Corps surveys and review of surveys
 - Current channel condition status report
- 1545 - 1615 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District -
- Discussion on critical infrastructure projects and challenges, ongoing navigation safety, and commercial issues USACE is facing, and plans for improved commercial movement and status information collection and sharing
- 1615 - 1630 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - **Col. Larry "Dale" Caswell, Jr.**, District Commander of the Portland District

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024

(** All participants will drive their cars to Clean Rivers Cooperative and return to Sector Columbia River for the remaining sessions.)

0730 - 0800 Travel to Clean Rivers Cooperative Operations Facility:
5882 NW Saint Helens Road, Portland, OR 97231

If you are using a GPS system, type in the address:

5816 NW Balboa Avenue
Portland, OR 97231

*Access to the facility is via NW Front Avenue. From Front Avenue, take a left turn onto NW 61st Street and follow the road to the end. You'll see signs for the Transfer Station. The facility will be on your left.

0800 - 0815 Welcome and Review Agenda (Breakfast provided by sponsor)

0815 - 0845 Merchants Exchange - **Mr. Curtis Cannizzaro**, Executive Director, **Mr. Carl Bertapelle**, Marine Operations Services Manager

0845 - 0915 Maritime Fire and Safety Association (MFSA) & Fire Protection Agencies Advisory Council (FPAAC) - **Mr. Curtis Cannizzaro**, Executive Director

0915 - 0930 Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee - **Mr. Larry Landgraver**, Port of Longview

0930 - 0945 Break

0945 - 1030 Clean Rivers Cooperative Presentation & Tour - **Ms. Vanessa Green**, General Manager, and **Mr. Carl Boelter**, Operations Manager

1030 - 1115 NOAA's Northwest River Forecast Center (NWRFC) - **Mr. Henry Pai**, Hydrologist

- Overview of Northwest River Forecast Center Services
- Description of Lower Columbia River forecast services
 - o Routine daily forecasts
 - o Special Decision Support Services
- Low water forecast for 2024
- Low water forecast verification for 2023

1115 - 1200 Lunch (generously provided by Merchants Exchange, Clean Rivers Cooperative, and Maritime Fire and Safety Association)

1200 - 1230 Travel to Sector Columbia River
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1245 - 1445 Port of Portland - **Mr. Fred Myer**, Terminal 6 and Waterways Manager, Marine Operations

- Operations of the Port of Portland
- Current and future marketing efforts and forecasts for the river
- Lessons learned to facilitate Coast Guard/Port operations

Mr. Richard Vincent, Waterways Planning Manager

- LoadMAX

Mr. Don Tjostolvson, Navigation Director, Dredge Oregon - Navigation Division

- Port of Portland's operation of the dredge OREGON

Mr. Kelly Madalinski, Harbor Environmental Manager

- Willamette Superfund Cleanup

1445 - 1500 Break

1500 - 1515 Oregon Department of Environmental Quality - **Mr. Joshua Emerson**, Ballast Water Program Coordinator

- Overview of aquatic invasive species concerns for Oregon Waters
- DEQ Ballast Water Program history and current regulatory landscape
- DEQ vessel inspection and compliance verification activities
- State ballast management enforcement authorities and processes
- DEQ response to the pending shift in ballast management practices

1515 - 1530 Washington Department of Ecology - **Mr. Matt Bissell**, Preparedness Section Manager

- Washington state regulatory authority in prevention, preparedness, and response activities
- Washington shared responsibility on the Columbia River with Oregon
- Partnerships within the Northwest Area Contingency Plan

1530 - 1630 Fire Response Boat Tours

- Portland Fire and Rescue
- Clark County Fire and Rescue
- Vancouver Fire

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024

(**All participants will drive their cars to Vancouver. Please bring a government-issued ID, TWIC card.)

- 0730 - 0800 Travel to Port of Vancouver USA, Administrative Offices:
3103 NW Lower River Rd, Vancouver, WA 98660
- 0800 - 0815 Welcome and Review Agenda
- 0815 - 0900 Port of Vancouver USA - **Mr. Kent Cash, P.E.**, Chief Operations Officer
- Operations at the Port of Vancouver USA
 - Current and future port programs and plans
 - Current and future marketing efforts and forecasts
 - Comparisons and discussion of similarities and differences between Columbia Region and other West Coast port systems
- 0900 - 1000 Tour of Port of Vancouver USA - **Mr. Kent Cash, P.E.**, Chief Operations Officer
- Discussions of the different commodities and markets served, and the complexities associated with the different technologies, operating procedures, economics, and regulations
- 1015 - 1115 United Grain Corporation Presentation & Tour led by **Mr. John Todd**, Vice President, Operations, and **Ms. Stephanie McClintock**, Public Affairs/Sr. Executive Assistant
- 1115 - 1200 Return to Sector Columbia River
6767 N Basin Ave, Portland, OR 97217
- 1200 - 1245 Lunch (Generously provided by Port of Portland)
- 1245 - 1315 TEMCO (TEMCO Kalama, TEMCO Portland) - **Mr. Tom Rodman**, Plant Manager
- 1315 - 1345 EGT - **Mr. Matthew Kerrigan**, Operations Manager
- 1345 - 1415 Pacifcor - **Mr. Jerry Bahe**, Vice President of Operations
- 1415 - 1445 National Cargo Bureau - **Captain Anthony Atthowe**, Staff Surveyor

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024

(All participants will drive their cars to Kalama and Longview and then return home from Longview at the end of the session.)**

- 0800 - 0815 Welcome and Review Agenda
Meet at Sector Columbia River
6767 N Basin Ave, Portland, OR 97217
- 0815 - 0830 Sector Columbia River Port Coordination Team - **Mr. Jim Merten**, Port Security Specialist (Recovery/Salvage)
- Marine Transportation Recovery Planning
- 0830 - 0845 Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation - **Ms. Xochitl Castaneda**, Pacific Northwest and Alaska Gateway Director
- 0845 - 0900 Cybersecurity - **Mr. Sean Morrison**
- 0900 - 0945 U.S. Customs and Border Protection - **Mr. Ian Bow**, Assistant Area Port Director
- Forms and reporting
 - Repatriation, deserters, and absconders
 - Weekend inspections
- 0945 - 1000 NOAA Office of Coast Survey - **Mr. Jeffrey Ferguson**, CA Navigation Manager
Acting OR/WA Navigation Manager
- 1000 - 1015 Ballard Marine Construction - **Mr. Vince Piscitello**, Vice President of Business Development, Western Region
- 1015 - 1030 American Cruise Lines - **Ms. Kristin Meira**, Director of Government Affairs
- 1030 - 1045 Port of Columbia County - **Mr. Sean Clark**, Executive Director
- History/Mission
 - Port district location
 - Port by the numbers
 - Existing maritime industries
 - Future opportunities
- 1045 - 1130 Lunch (Generously provided by the Port of Kalama)
- 1130 - 1230 Travel to Port of Kalama Offices
110 West Marine Drive Kalama, WA 98625

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- 1230 - 1245 Port of Woodland - **Ms. Jennifer Wray - Keene**, Executive Director
- History/Mission
 - Port district location
 - Port by the numbers
 - Existing maritime industries
 - Future opportunities
- 1245 - 1315 Port of Kalama - **Mr. Mark Wilson**, Executive Director
- Port of Kalama's purpose and overview
 - Economic Impact, employment, and tourism
 - Current and future projects at the port
 - Marine projects & cargo
- 1315 - 1415 Travel to the Port of Longview Offices
10 International Way, Longview, WA 9863
- 1415 - 1515 Port of Longview Presentation and Tour - **Mr. Mark Price, Director of Marine Terminals**
- Port overview and history
 - Cargo
 - Industry Involvement
 - Current and future projects
- 1515 - 1545 Wrap-up comments and COBALT Commencement Ceremonies