

Grassroots Advocacy in Action
2015 Congressional Towboat Tours
 August 31, 2015

Thank you to the AWO members that donated assets:

<p><i>AmNav Maritime Services, Inc.</i> <i>Bay-Houston Towing Company</i> <i>Foss Maritime Company</i> <i>Hunter Marine</i> <i>Ingram Barge Company</i> <i>James Marine, Inc.</i> <i>Buffalo Marine Service, Inc.</i> <i>American Commercial Lines, Inc.</i> <i>Marquette Transportation Company, Inc.</i> <i>Economy Boat Store</i> <i>McGinnis, Inc.</i></p>	<p><i>Marathon Petroleum Company, LP</i> <i>McAllister Towing</i> <i>Tidewater Barge Lines, Inc.</i> <i>Upper Mississippi Fleeting, LLC</i> <i>American River Transportation Company</i> <i>Crowley Maritime Corporation</i> <i>Illinois Marine Towing, Inc.</i> <i>Murray American Transportation, Inc.</i> <i>Wepfer Marine, Inc.</i> <i>AEP River Operations</i></p>
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2015 Congressional Attendee Totals	
Congressmen	3
House Staffers	61
Senate Staffers	52

On January 28, **Foss Maritime Company** hosted congressional staff onboard the *m/v Carolyn Dorothy* for a tour of the port of LA/Long Beach. Topics discussed included the Jones Act, vessel discharge legislation, and maritime 101.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
Foss Maritime Company	Susan Hayman; Paul Hendriks
American Waterways Operators	Charlie Costanzo

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Staff Member
Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA)	Sabiha Khan, Staff Assistant
Rep. Mimi Walters (R-CA)	Kate Randle, Field Representative Grace Hsieh, Field Representative

On May 15, **AmNav Maritime Services, Inc.** hosted a congressional tugboat tour in Oakland, CA onboard the *m/v Revolution*. Topics discussed included the Jones Act, vessel discharge legislation, and maritime 101.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
AmNav Maritime Services, Inc.	Milt Merritt Ted Blanckenberg Brad Westlund Chris Holt
Foss Maritime Company	Susan Hayman
American Waterways Operators	Charlie Costanzo
Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA)	Caitlin Meyer, Staff Assistant
Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA)	Brandon Thomson, Deputy District Director
Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA)	Adrienne Ursino, Manager of Public Outreach
Rep. Mike DeSaulnier (D-CA)	Christopher Whitmore, Outreach Coordinator

On May 27, **Tidewater Barge Lines, Inc.** hosted congressional staffers for a tour of the Port of Morrow in Boardman, OR onboard the *m/v Captain Bob*. Topics discussed included the Jones Act, vessel discharge legislation, and the Columbia-Snake River System.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
Tidewater Barge Lines, Inc.	Bruce Reed; David Konz
Shaver Transportation Company	Rob Rich
American Waterways Operators	Charlie Costanzo
Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	Karen Wagner, East Oregon Field Representative
Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA)	Sharra Finley, District Director

On May 28, **McAllister Towing** hosted congressional staffers for a tour of the Port of Baltimore onboard the *m/v Kaleen McAllister*. Issues discussed included the Jones Act, vessel discharge legislation, and improvements within the Port of Baltimore

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
McAllister Towing	Mike Reagoso
Dann Marine Towing, LC	Jason Wisneski
Express Marine, Inc.	Croft Register
American Waterways Operators	John Harms; Eleanor Brown Anne Fazzini
Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)	Carleton Atkinson, State Director Danny Evans, Caseworker; Chris Pumphrey, Caseworker Tim Zink, Press Secretary Max Green, Staff Assistant Kayla Williams, Intern Christine Que, Intern Jack Brower, Intern David Birkenthal, Intern
Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)	George Pleasant, Community Affairs Liaison
Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD)	Terrence Taylor, District Director

On May 29, **Ingram Barge Company and Deloach Marine Service** hosted a congressional tugboat tour in Baton Rouge, LA onboard the *m/v E. Bronson Ingram*. Topics discussed included the Jones Act and vessel discharge legislation.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
Ingram Barge Company	David Sehr Holly Normand Patrick Morton
Deloach Marine Services	Z.David DeLoach Sharon DeLoach Elissa DeLoach
American Commercial Lines, Inc.	Sam Williams
American Waterways Operators	Lynn Muench

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)	Drew Maranto, Outreach Coordinator Kathy Stuart, Southeast Louisiana Representative Michael Eby, Constituent Service Representative
Rep. Ralph Abraham (R-LA)	Congressman Abraham; Courtney Alexander, Legislative Aide Allen Cambon, Legislative Assistant
Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA)	Congressman Graves Paul Sawyer, Chief of Staff Kevin Roig, Deputy Chief of Staff/ Communications Director; David Cavell, District Director; Eric Graalman, Caseworker Stacy Schlieve, Field Representative/ Deputy Communications Director

On June 4, **Bay-Houston Towing Company** hosted a congressional towboat tour in Corpus Christi, TX. Topics discussed included the Jones Act, vessel discharge legislation, and maritime 101.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
Bay-Houston Towing Company	Larry Perryman
American Waterways Operators	Mark Wright

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Member/Staff
Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)	Michael Koerner, Regional Director
Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)	Rosealba Martinez, Deputy Regional Director
Rep. Blake Farenthold (R-TX)	Luis Buentello, Field Representative
Rep. Filemon Vela (D-TX)	Jose Pereida, District Director

On June 10, **Upper Mississippi Fleeting, LLC and SCF Marine Inc.** hosted congressional staffers onboard the *m/v Lindwood Endeavor* in Davenport, IA for a tour on the Upper Mississippi River. Topics discussed included the Jones Act, vessel discharge legislation, invasive species, and environmental benefits of barge transportation.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
Upper Mississippi Fleeting, LLC	Randy Carmichael CAPT Shawn Jensen
SCF Marine Inc.	Paul Wellhausen
American Waterways Operators	Tom Horgan

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Member/Staff
Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)	Kate Jennings, Western Outreach Coordinator
Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	Penny Vacek, Regional Director
Rep. Rod Blum (R-IA)	John Ferland, District Director
Rep. Dave Loebsack (D-IA)	Henry Marquard, District Representative
Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-IL)	Chris Swallow, District Director

On June 18, **Marathon Petroleum Company, LP** hosted congressional staffers onboard the *m/v Galveston Bay* in Catlettsburg, KY for a tour on the Ohio River. Topics discussed included the Jones Act, vessel discharge legislation, waterways infrastructure, and invasive species.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
Marathon Petroleum Company, LP	Fred Nyhuis David Earl
Amherst Madison, Inc.	Bill Barr
AEP River Operations	Mike Weisand
Kirby Corporation	Doug Hodges
Superior Marine Ways, Inc.	Frank Kiser
American Waterways Operators	Tom Horgan Amelia Townsend

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)	Shane Noem, Field Representative
Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)	Billy Matthews, Field Representative
Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)	Max Hyman, Field Representative Todd Gunter, Field Representative
Rep. Evan Jenkins (R-WV)	Michael Chirico, Deputy Chief of Staff
Rep. Alex Mooney (R-WV)	Fred Joseph, District Director Payne Warner, Constituent Services Representative
Rep. Hal Rogers (R-KY)	Adam Rice, Field Representative
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (R-OH)	Kaci Compton, Field Representative
Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH)	Sarah Poulton, District Director Juli Stephens, Staff Assistant

On June 24, **Foss Maritime Company** hosted congressional staffers onboard the *m/v Andrew Foss* for a tour of the Port of Tacoma, WA. Topics discussed included vessel discharge legislation and the Jones Act.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
Foss Maritime Company	Susan Hayman Mike Stone
American Waterways Operators	Charles Costanzo

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)	Rosa McLeod, Peninsula Outreach Director
Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA)	Joe Dacca, District Director
Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA)	Christine Nhan, Office Manager

On June 25, **Hunter Marine** hosted four congressional staffers onboard the *m/v James H. Hunter* for a tour on the Cumberland River, TN. Topics discussed included the Jones Act, vessel discharge legislation, waterways infrastructure, and invasive species.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
Hunter Marine	Glenn Hendon Reggie Tubbs
Trinity Marine Products, Inc.	Jason Knoll Jo Ann Harris
Ingram Barge Company	Chuck Arnold
American Waterways Operators	Tom Horgan

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)	Charlotte Jackson, Senior Constituent Services Representative
Rep. Jim Cooper (D-TN)	Kathy Floyd-Buggs, Director of Office and Community Services
Rep. Scott DesJarlais (R-TN)	Tina Jones, Field Representative Shirley Pond, Constituent Services Representative

On July 7, **American River Transportation Company** hosted eleven congressional staffers onboard the *m/v Cooperative Spirit* in St. Louis, MO for a tour on the Mississippi River. Topics discussed included the Jones Act, vessel discharge legislation, waterways infrastructure, and invasive species.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
American River Transportation Company	Brent Nissen Bernie Heroff
AEP River Operations	Marty Hettel Blake Calhoun
Upper Mississippi Fleeting, LLC	Gerry Vick
JB Marine Service, Inc.	Tina Dinsmoor; Karen Shoot; Dave Heyl
American Waterways Operators	Tom Horgan Frank Leach Amelia Townsend

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO)	Brendan Fahey, Deputy Regional Director
Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)	Jennifer Hoskins, Field Representative
Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)	Bart Ellefritz, Deputy Downstate Director
Rep. Anne Wagner (R-MO)	Jaci Winship, Field Representative
Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO)	Bryan Nichols, Field Representative
Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL)	Philip Lasseigne, Field Representative
Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL)	Steven Tomaszewski, Senior Advisor
Rep. Bob Dold (R-IL)	Philippe Melin, District Director Alma Herrera, Field Representative
Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL)	Matt Rice, District Director
Rep. William Lacy Clay (D-MO)	Sean Weller, Field Representative

On July 15, **James Marine, Inc.** hosted seven congressional staffers onboard the *m/v William Hank* for a towboat tour in Chattanooga, TN on the Tennessee River. Topics discussed included the Jones Act, vessel discharge legislation, waterways infrastructure, and invasive species.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
James Marine, Inc.	Jeff James Sarah McGee Gordon Southern
Serodino, Inc.	Peter Serodino III Peter Serodino IV
American Waterways Operators	Tom Horgan

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)	Jeff Lewis, Field Representative
Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN)	Claire McVay, Outreach Coordinator and Field Representative
Sen. David Perdue (R-GA)	Evan Karanovich, State Field Director
Rep. Tom Graves (R-GA)	Travis Loudermilk, Field Representative
Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA)	John Wallace, Field Representative Stephen Hall, District Aide
Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)	Bob White, Deputy Chief of Staff

On July 15, **Nichols Bros. Boat Builders, Crowley Maritime Corporation and Kirby Offshore Marine, LLC** hosted three congressional staffers for a shipyard and tugboat tour in Freeland and Anacortes, WA. Topics discussed included the Jones Act and vessel discharge legislation.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
Nichols Bros. Boat Builders	Matt Nichols
Crowley Maritime Corporation	Julia Shemesh Mark Homeyer
Kirby Offshore Marine, LLC	Dan Nutt
American Waterways Operators	Charlie Costanzo, Joe Manion

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)	Anne Seabott, Northwest Regional Director
Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA)	Matt Isenhower, District Director
Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA)	Mike Schanche, Veterans Outreach/ Community Outreach Representative

On July 22, **Murray American Transportation, Inc.** hosted five congressional staffers onboard the *m/v Jonathan Robert Murray* for towboat tour in Pittsburgh, PA on the Monongahela River. Topics discussed included the Jones Act, vessel discharge legislation, and invasive species.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
Murray American Transportation, Inc.	Mike Somales David Podurriel
Campbell Transportation Company, Inc.	Paul Peoples
Imperial Towing Inc.	Dave Johnson
American Waterways Operators	Lynn Muench Tom Horgan

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)	Elizabeth Fishback, Southwest Regional Director
Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA)	Matt Blackburn, Western Pennsylvania Director
Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)	Jessica Sell, Regional Coordinator
Rep. Keith Rothfus (R-PA)	Jeremy Honhold, Field Representative
Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH)	Bianca Koup, Field Representative

On July 28, **Buffalo Marine Service, Inc.** hosted four congressional staffers for tugboat tour on the Houston Ship Channel. Topics discussed included the Jones Act and vessel discharge legislation.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
Buffalo Marine Service, Inc.	Pat Studdert Tom Marian
American Waterways Operators	Mark Wright Joe Manion

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)	William Miller, Southeast Texas Deputy Regional Director
Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)	Jay Guerrero, Regional Director
Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX)	Kelly Waterman, District Director
Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)	Brooke Bacuetes, Field Representative

On July 30, **Illinois Marine Towing, Inc.** hosted four congressional staffers onboard the *m/v William C.* for towboat tour on the Chicago Area Waterways System. Topics discussed included the Jones Act, vessel discharge legislation, and invasive species.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
Illinois Marine Towing, Inc.	Del Wilkins
American Waterways Operators	Lynn Muench Tom Horgan Amanda Kohut

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Mark Kirk (R-IL)	Robert Johnson, Outreach Coordinator
Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)	Greg Bales, Suburban Outreach Coordinator
Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN)	Lauren Varga, Regional Director
Rep. Reid Ribble (R-WI)	Carl Soderberg, Field Representative

On August 4, **Ingram Barge Company** hosted Congressman Ed Whitfield and three congressional staffers onboard the *m/v Ozzie* in Paducah, KY for towboat tour on the Ohio River. Topics discussed included the Jones Act, vessel discharge legislation, and invasive species.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
Ingram Barge Company	Dave O'Loughlin Aaron Barrett
James Marine, Inc.	Jeff James Sarah McGee Gordon Southern
AEP River Operations	Jeff Stover; Michael Morris
McNational Inc.	Larry Daily
Marquette Transportation Company, Inc.	Darin Adrian
American Waterways Operators	Tom Horgan Amelia Townsend

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)	Sue Tharp, Field Assistant
Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY)	Congressman Whitfield Michael Pape, District Director Kate Prince, Caseworker

On August 6, **American Commercial Lines, Inc.** hosted five congressional staffers onboard the *m/v Larry Y. Strain* in Louisville, KY for towboat tour on the Ohio River. Topics discussed included the Jones Act, vessel discharge legislation, and invasive species.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
American Commercial Lines, Inc.	Paul Tobin Mark Carr Mark Murphy Jeremy Wooten
JEFFBOAT LLC	John Nugent
American Waterways Operators	Tom Horgan Dustin Antonello

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Dan Coats (R-IN)	Brenda Goff, Southwest Indiana Regional Director; Justin Stevens, Southeast Indiana Regional Director
Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN)	Melanie Douglas, Regional Director
Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)	Kelsey Cooper, Field Representative
Rep. Todd Young (R-IN)	Lucas Phillips, Staff Assistant

On August 11, **McAllister Towing** hosted four congressional staffers onboard the *m/v Buckley McAllister* for tugboat tour in New Haven, CT. Topics discussed included the Jones Act and vessel discharge legislation.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
McAllister Towing	Eric Wiberg Fred Hall
American Waterways Operators	Lynn Muench Brian Vahey; Amanda Kohut

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT)	Evan Johnson, State Economic Development Director Max Goldman, Outreach Assistant
Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)	Allison Dodge, Outreach Coordinator
Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT)	Tyrone McClain, District Director

On August 21, **Marquette Transportation Company, Inc., Wepfer Marine, Inc., and Economy Boat Store** hosted six congressional staffers onboard the *m/v Rickie Robinson* and the *m/v Blake Denton* for towboat tour on the Lower Mississippi in Memphis, TN. Topics discussed included the Jones Act, vessel discharge legislation, waterway infrastructure, and invasive species.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
Marquette Transportation Company, Inc.	Chris Myskowski Gary Fraser
Wepfer Marine, Inc.	George Leavell Trevor Knight
Economy Boat Store	Jody Davenport
American Waterways Operators	Lynn Muench; Tom Horgan; Frank Leach; Brian Vahey; Eleanor Brown

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)	Lora Jobe, Field Representative
Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)	Ty Davis, Field Representative
Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR)	Russell Hagood, Field Representative
Rep. Stephen Fincher (R-TN)	Chris Connolly, Field Representative
Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN)	Jeremy Jordan, Constituent Service Representative
Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR)	Jay Sherrod, Senior Field Representative

On August 25, **AEP River Operations and McGinnis, Inc.** hosted four congressional staffers onboard the *m/v Mountain State* in Cincinnati, OH. Topics discussed included the Jones Act, vessel discharge legislation, waterway infrastructure, and invasive species.

AWO Members/Staff in Attendance	
Company	Staff Member
AEP River Operations	Blake Calhoun Greg Walburn Gary Johnson
McGinnis, Inc.	Doug Ruschman
American Waterways Operators	Mark Wright

Congressional Staff in Attendance	
Office	Congressional Staff
Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)	Shane Noem, Field Representative
Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)	Billy Matthews, Field Representative
Rep. John Boehner (R-OH)	Brody Nein, Field Representative
Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH)	Mike Cantwell, District Director Joe Abner, Office Manager