

# AWO Pacific Region Roundtable and U.S. Coast Guard Luncheon

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*August 28, 2024*

*0900 PT – 1215 PT (Roundtable with AWO members)*

*1230 PT – 1345 PT (Lunch with Sector Columbia River)*

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## **Member Roundtable: Open Forum**

- **Safety Briefing** (Craig Nelson, Tidewater Barge Lines)
- **Introductions and Welcome**  
AWO Pacific Region Chair Michael Myers  
AWO Chair Kelly Teichman  
AWO President & CEO Jennifer Carpenter  
Tidewater Operations Manager Craig Nelson
- **Regional Update** (Mr. Peter Schrappen)  
*Discussion:*
  - *What emerging issues are most poised to impact your operations locally?*
  - *Update on USCG lunch discussion. Future issues to raise to local USCG units?*
- **Trends and port outlook from Washington Public Ports Association and Port of Vancouver USA** (WA Public Port Association CEO Eric ffitich and Port of Vancouver's Zack Merrill on business trends and marine issues they are tracking)
- **Legislative & Regulatory Developments** (Mr. Craig Montesano and Ms. Caitlyn Stewart)  
*Discussion:*
  - *Safer Seas Act of 2022 advocacy update*
  - *Coast Guard Authorization Act status report*
  - *Coast Guard-AWO relationship check-in*
  - *Are there any other issues on the advocacy priorities list that you'd like to discuss?*
  - *Are there any emerging issues that need Congressional or Administration action?*
- **Safety & Sustainability** (Mr. Michael Breslin)  
*Discussion:*
  - *What safety, sustainability or compliance challenges impacting your operations does AWO need to understand or address?*
- **Political Affairs Update** (Mr. Joe Manion)
- **Open Discussion** (all)

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