



PROPELLER CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING
December 15, 2009

**PROPELLER CLUB
OF THE UNITED STATES
Port of the Columbia River
Presents:
Kristin Meira
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Pacific Northwest
Waterways Association
Bio attached**

**Topic - "Building for Tomorrow: Federal Investment in the deep draft and inland
Columbia Snake River System"**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provided an opportunity for the Corps of Engineers to secure a tremendous amount of funding to address major maintenance projects on the Columbia Snake River System. As a result, new lock gates will be installed at John Day and Lower Monumental, and major repairs will take place at The Dalles. This will require an extended lock outage in late 2010 and early 2011. The Corps, shippers, farmers, and others are preparing for the lock outage, and PNWA will give you the latest on potential impacts the region, and efforts to deal with the short-term logistical challenges that will occur during the outage.

Kristin will also be providing information regarding the Dec. 2010-March 2011 extended lock outage.

DoubleTree Hotel—Lloyd Center

Complimentary Parking in the hotel structure

**Networking—11:30
Lunch & Program—Noon
Members—\$35 Non-Members—\$45**

**Please complete the attached reservation form and return prior to Friday, December 11.
Cancellation deadline—Friday, December 11**

Questions—Call Doris—503-220-2098 or e-mail allen@pdxmex.com



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Kristin Meira has been with PNWA since 2002, and is responsible for working with federal and regional officials to identify, define, analyze and resolve public policy issues that affect PNWA's membership. Kristin represents the association in the Pacific Northwest and in Washington, DC before federal and regional agencies, Congress and the media. She serves on the Board of Directors of the National Waterways Conference, and the Harbors, Navigation and Environment Committee of the American Association of Port Authorities.

Kristin moved to Portland in 2000 after spending five years on Capitol Hill in Washington DC, where she worked for U.S. Senator Patty Murray and U.S. Senator Bill Bradley. Prior to joining PNWA, she worked for several high tech and Internet firms in the Northwest. Kristin's political experience also includes work as a legislative assistant for a N.J. State Assemblyman, briefing aide to N.J. Governor Jim Florio, and work on several state-wide campaigns around the nation.

Kristin has a BA with a dual major in Political Science/History and a double major in English from Rutgers University. She makes her home in Damascus, Oregon with her husband Erik, daughter Alex, dog Toby, and horse DJ. When not lobbying for PNWA, she enjoys horseback riding, running, snowboarding, and world travel.