



National
Waterways
Conference

2026 LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT
April 20—22, 2026
Hamilton Hotel
Washington, D.C.

Monday, April 20 – NWC Internal Meetings and Opening Day		
Time	Event	Location / Notes
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	NWC Executive Committee Meeting	McPherson Square
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	NWC Board of Directors Working Lunch	
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Welcome Networking Coffee	TBD
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	NWC General Session (Day 1)	<p>Mr. Eric Bush, Chief, Planning and Policy (Civil Works), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (tentative)</p> <p>Mr. Wes Coleman, Programs Integration Division (Civil Works), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (confirmed)</p> <p>Mr. Thomas Smith, Director, Engineering and Construction Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (invited)</p> <p>Mr. Steven Hill, Director, Operations and Regulatory (Civil Works), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (invited)</p> <p>Mr. Richie O’Connell, Professional Staff (Majority), Natural Resources Committee. U.S. House of Representatives (tentatively confirmed)</p>
5:30pm— 6:30pm	Strategic session (PNWA only)	
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	NWC/PNWA Joint Welcome Reception	Hamilton Ballroom and Pre-Function

Tuesday, April 21 – Joint NWC and PNWA Policy Day

Time	Event	Location / Notes
7:30am a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Joint Breakfast (NWC + PNWA)	Grand Ballroom, Schuyler
8:30am— 8:45am	Welcome	NWC/PNWA
8:45am— 9:30am	ASACW	The Honorable Adam Telle , Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), U.S. Army (invited)
9:30am— 10:15am	Corps headquarters	General Butch Graham Jr. , Chief and Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (invited) Mr. Ryan Fisher , Deputy to the Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (confirmed)
10:15am— 10:30am	Break	
10:30am— 11:15am	MARAD Admin	Administrator Stephen Carmel , Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation (invited)
11:15am-- noon	NOAA	Dr. Tim Petty , Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and Deputy Administrator, NOAA (Confirmed, time TBD)
Noon— 1:15pm	Lunch/speaker	TBD
1:15pm— 1:30pm	Break	
1:30pm— 2:15pm	Regulatory Panel	Ms. Stacey M. Jensen , Director of Oceans, Wetlands, and Communities Division, Office of Water, U.S. EPA (confirmed, time TBD)

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Time	Event	Location / Notes
		<p>Mr. William “Tom” Walker,” (Acting) Regulatory Chief (Civil Works), USACE Headquarters (confirmed)</p> <p>TBD, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</p> <p>TBD, National Marine Fisheries Service</p>
<p>2:15pm— 3:00pm</p>	<p>Appropriating panel</p>	<p>Ms. Katie Williams, Professional Staff Member (Republican), Energy and Water Development Subcommittee, Appropriations Committee, U.S. Senate (invited)</p> <p>TBD (Democrat), Energy and Water Development Subcommittee, Appropriations Committee, U.S. Senate (invited)</p> <p>Mr. Corey Kuipers, Professional Staff Member (Republican), Energy and Water Development Subcommittee, Appropriations Committee, U.S. House of Representatives (invited)</p> <p>Mr. Scott McKee, Clerk (Democrat), Energy and Water Development Subcommittee, Appropriations Committee, U.S. House of Representatives (invited)</p>
<p>3:00pm— 3:15pm</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>3:15pm— 4pm</p>	<p>Authorization Panel</p>	<p>Ms. Libby Callaway, Professional Staff (Republican), Environment and Public Works Committee, U.S. Senate (invited)</p> <p>Ms. Mayely Boyce, Professional Staff (Democrat), Environment and Public Works Committee, U.S. Senate (invited)</p> <p>Mr. Ryan Hambleton, Subcommittee Staff Director (Republican), Water Resources and Environment</p>

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		Subcommittee, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, U.S. House of Representatives (invited) Mr. Ryan Seiger , Subcommittee Staff Director (Democrat), Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, U.S. House of Representatives (invited)

Wednesday, March April 22 – Closing General Session Day

Time	Event	Location / Notes
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	NWC Breakfast (Caucus TBD)	Hamilton Ballroom – NWC-only breakfast with possible caucus session
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	NWC General Session / Caucus Meetings	Grand Ballroom, Schuyler – Tentative caucus meetings and closing discussions
12:00 p.m.	Adjournment	Hill meetings