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# Columbia Snake River System Federal Investment

## Columbia River Ports A Case Study



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# Federal Infrastructure

## Mouth of the Columbia River



**North Jetty – 2.5 mi long (4.02 km)**

**South Jetty – 6.6 mi long (10.62 km)**

**Spur Jetty – 0.3 mi long (0.48 km)**

**Entrance Channel – 2600 ft x 55 ft deep (792 m x 16.8 m)**

**Annual Maintenance Dredging: 4.5 Mcy (3.5 hm<sup>3</sup>)**



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## Columbia & Lower Willamette River Channel

40 foot (12.2 m) x 600 feet (183 m) wide

Mouth to Portland & Vancouver - 106 mi (107 km)

Willamette River - 10 mi (16 km)

Annual Maintenance Dredging - 6 Mcy (4.6 hm<sup>3</sup>)

Presently deepening to 43 feet (13.1 km)

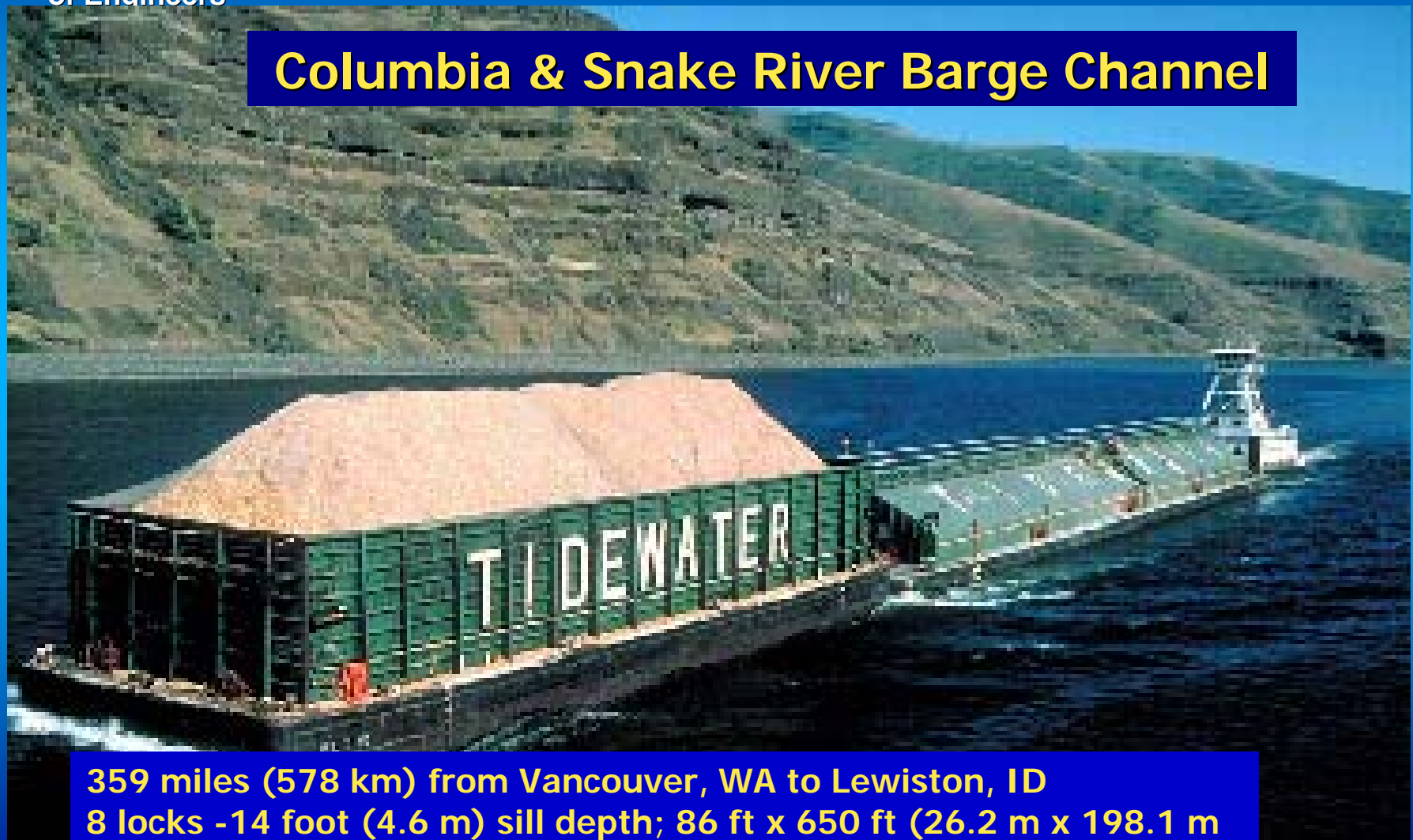




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## Columbia & Snake River Barge Channel



359 miles (578 km) from Vancouver, WA to Lewiston, ID  
8 locks - 14 foot (4.6 m) sill depth; 86 ft x 650 ft (26.2 m x 198.1 m)  
Annual Dredging 200 kcy (15.3 dam<sup>3</sup>)



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## 8 Locks through Multipurpose Dams 700 ft Vertical Lift (214 m)



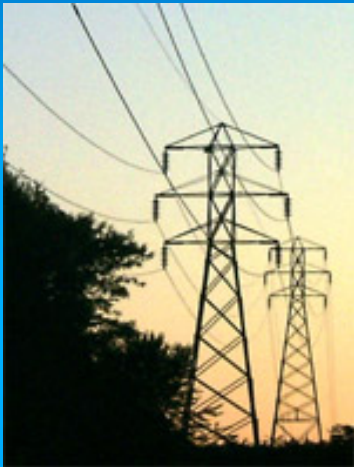




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# Columbia Snake River Dams 8 Multipurpose Projects

**Power – Generation Cap. 10.3 MWatt**  
**Navigation – 359 mi of barge channel**  
**Flood Control - 534,000 AF**  
**Irrigation – 6.5 MAc land (26,304 km<sup>2</sup>)**  
**Recreation – Over 100 Camps, Parks  
& Recreational Facilities**  
**Environmental – Fish Passage Facilities**





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# Selected Commodities Forecast vs. Actual

139% of 1958 projections (Thousands of Tons)

Commodity Group	1977 Forecast	Actual Traffic 1998
Grain	5417	6578
Lumber, Wood, & Paper	1422	1354
Petroleum & Petrochemical	622	2051

(As measured at Bonneville Dam for Col-Snake River System)





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# Columbia River Basin Multi-District, International

## Coordinated Project Management

- Maximizing Power Outputs
- Maximizing Fish Survival Rates
- Maximizing Flood & Irrigation Value
- Streamlining Navigation





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# Columbia Snake River System

## Operated in Partnership With

- Users
- Stakeholders
- Associations
- Port Sponsors
- Bonneville Power Administration
- Resource Agencies
- Other Federal, State & Local Agencies



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# Columbia Snake System USACE Coordination

## ASSOCIATIONS

Columbia River Towboat Association  
PNWA  
Migrants Exchange  
Pacific Northwest Growers  
Columbia River Pilots  
Columbia River Bar Pilots

## USERS

Tidewater Barge Lines  
Foss Marine Company  
Shaver Lumber  
Bernert Lumber  
SDS Lumber Co.  
Puget Sound Naval Shipyard  
BNSF Railway  
Brusco Tug and Barge  
Island Sand and Gravel

## Cruise Lines

American West Steamboat Company  
Lindblad Expedition  
Glacier Bay Cruise Lines  
Great American River Journeys  
Lewis and Clark Columbia River Cruises  
Yachts-O-Fun River Cruises  
Great Rivers Cruises and Tours

## GRAIN ELEVATORS

Almota Elevator Co.  
AMorrow County Grain Growers Inc.  
Cargill Inc.  
Central Ferry Terminal Association  
Columbia County Grain Growers Inc.  
Columbia Grain International Inc.  
Continental Grain Co.  
Harvest States Cooperatives  
Inland Terminal Inc.  
Mid Columbia Producers Inc.  
Mitsui Grain Corporation  
Oregon Wheat Growers League  
Peavey Grain Co.  
Pindleton Grain Growers Inc.  
Stegner Grain & Seed Co.  
United Grain Corp.  
Walla Walla Grain Growers Inc.  
Whitman County Growers Inc.

## PORTS AUTHORITIES & SPONSORS

Port of Astoria  
Port of Cascade Locks  
Port of Clarkston  
Port of Columbia  
Port of Skamania County  
Port of Klickitat  
Port of Lewiston  
Port of Longview  
Port of Morrow  
Port of Pasco  
Port of Portland  
Port of Skamania County  
Port of St Helens  
Port of The Dalles  
Port of Vancouver, WA  
Port of Walla Walla

**69 Commercial Interests  
Plus State, Local &  
Other Federal Agencies**



# Environmental Challenges

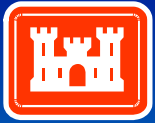
**Dredging & Disposal Restrictions due to ESA fish in the Columbia – Snake River System**

**Lower Columbia Deep Draft Channel: Operational, Disposal, Timing**

**Shallow Barge Channel: Operational, Timing, Delays;**

**Snake River Dredging Delayed 3 years**

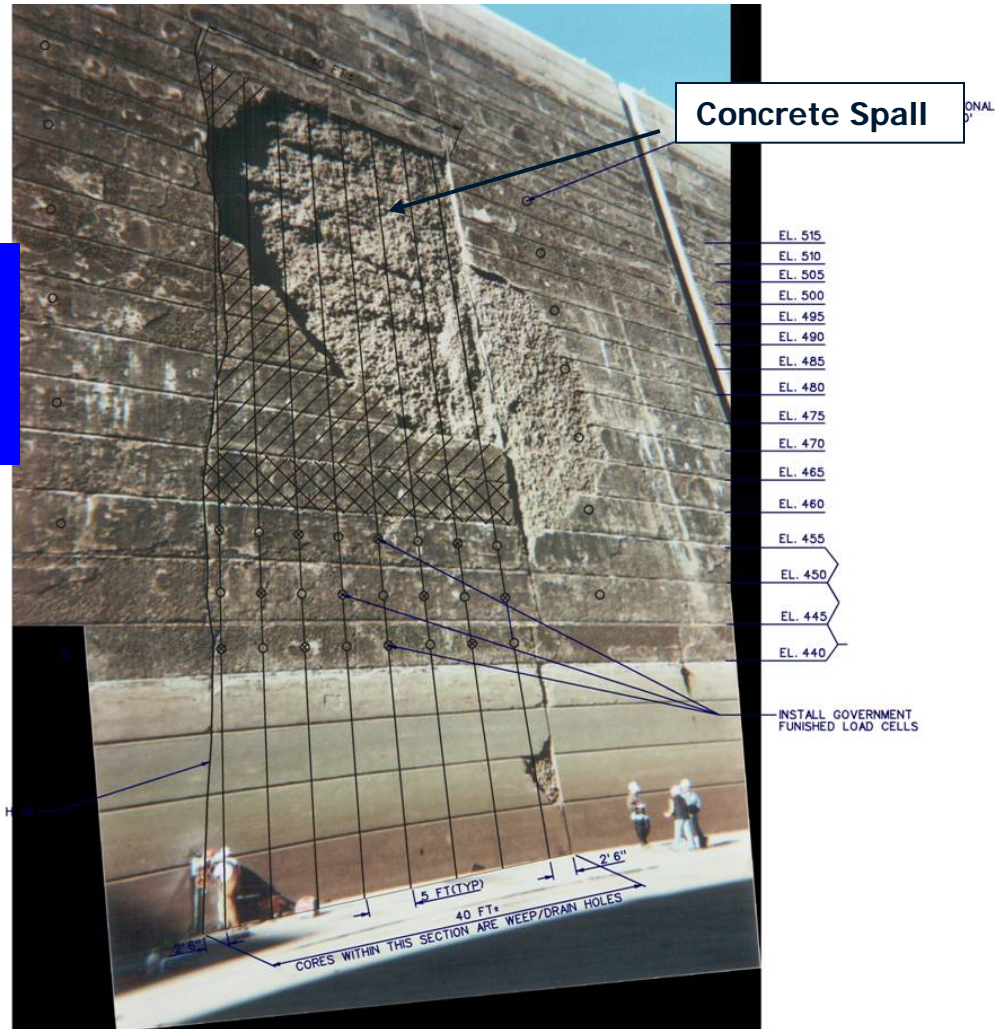




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# Infrastructure Challenges Columbia Snake River System

Lower Monumental Dam  
Est. Cost = \$22M  
(all repairs)





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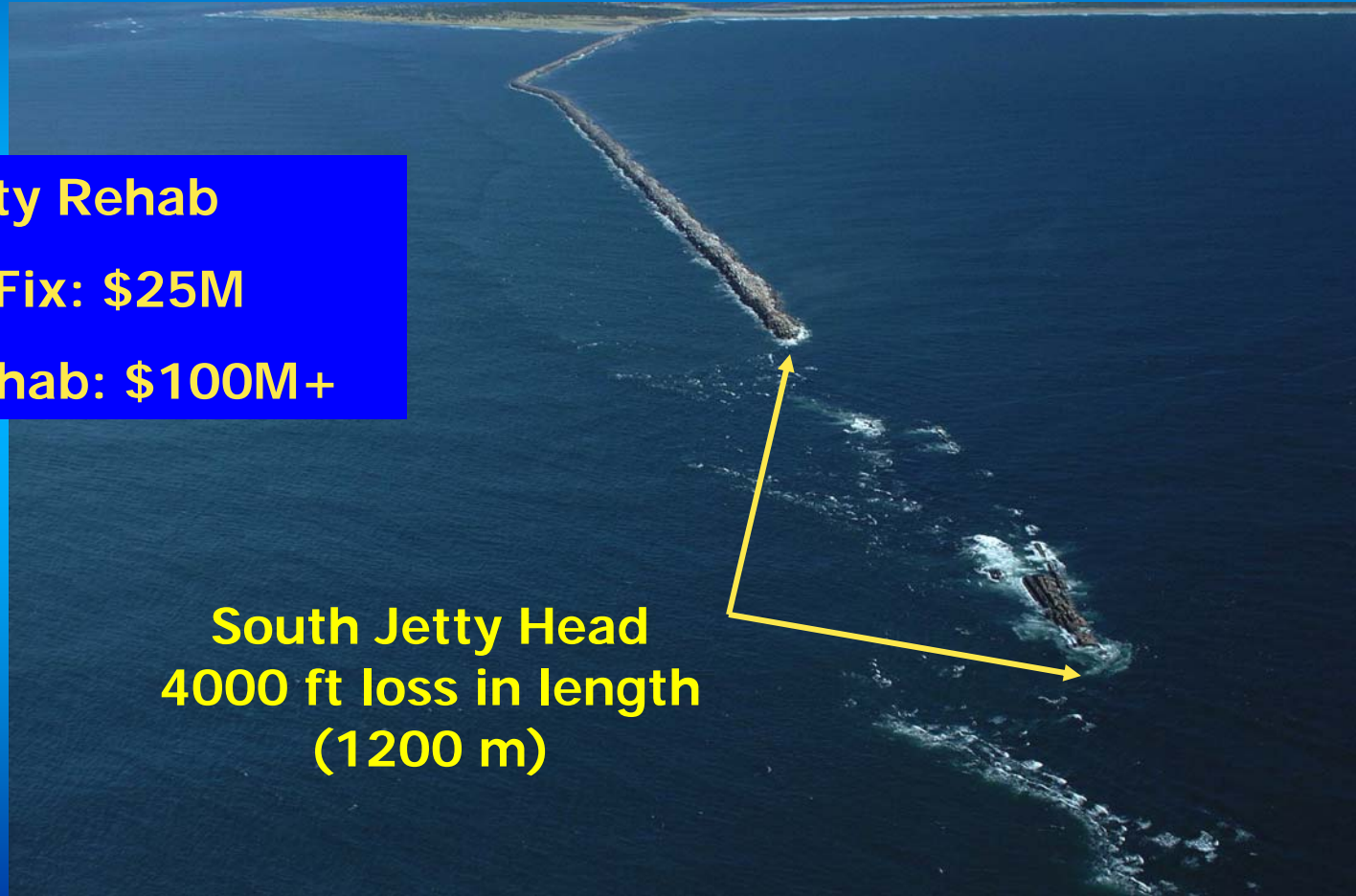
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**MCR Jetty Rehab**

**Interim Fix: \$25M**

**Total Rehab: \$100M+**

**South Jetty Head  
4000 ft loss in length  
(1200 m)**





# Infrastructure Challenges Unplanned Expenditures



2003 – Coos Bay Jetty Breach – Emergency Winter Interim Repair  
Final Repair Est.: \$20M

2003 / 2004 – John Day Lock Failure – Emergency Repair to U/S  
Gate, Foundation, and Monolith - \$16M

2005 Fern Ridge Dam – Active Failure Emergency Repairs \$17M



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# Funding Challenges for Traditional Corps Missions

**Constrained Budget Forecasts**

**GWOT**

**Hurricane Recovery**

**Failing National Infrastructure**





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