

Oregon's Maritime Industry Reflects Oregon Values

SUSTAINABILITY FOOD COMMERCE SAFETY

Oregon's past, present, and future are tied to the water. The Columbia River and its tributaries stretch deep into the Pacific Northwest, connecting this storied land's people, farms, and resources to the Pacific Ocean. These rivers have long been the heart of trade and transportation for the region, bringing vital commodities to communities in Oregon and to the world.

Home to 362 miles of coastline, Oregon is home to several ports. The Port of Coos Bay is Oregon's largest deep-draft coastal harbor and the largest coastal shipping port between San Francisco and Portland. It and Oregon's other coastal ports are critically important to moving cargo both domestically and overseas.

Connecting the Pacific Ocean to America's heartland, Oregon's waterways are a vital link in the American supply chain. Thanks to the Jones Act, American mariners and American vessels are at the ready, around the clock, to ensure that critical cargoes get where they need to be – safely and securely.

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More than 26 million tons of freight move on Oregon's waterways every year. Oregon is a critical link in the efficient movement of products that we use every day.



More than 2 million tons of food products are moved by barge in Oregon every year, feeding people all over the country and the world.



WHICH MODE IS THE MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY?



WHICH MODE IS THE SAFEST?

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Rail produces over 40% more carbon emissions and trucks emit over 800% more than moving freight by barge.



TIDEWATER OREGON

The maritime industry provides thousands of well-paying careers in Oregon. These non-exportable jobs offer strong opportunities for advancement without the need for a college degree, or college debt.



Tugboat captains are licensed every 5 years by the Coast Guard and have a minimum of 11,520 hours of training – more than a commercial airline pilot – ensuring the safety of the waterways.

Thanks to the Jones Act, goods moved on Oregon waters are moved by American-owned, American-crewed, and American-built vessels. These vessels are the eyes and ears of the waterways – helping provide security to the nation.





OREGON ECONOMIC IMPACT

HOW DOES MARITIME SUPPORT OREGON JOBS?

8,590 ASSOCIATED JOBS

\$553 MILLION

MILLION IN LABOR INCOME

HOW DOES MARINE TOWING
BENEFIT THE OREGON ECONOMY?

\$269 MILLION

CONTRIBUTED TO THE STATE GDP

MORE THAN

\$60 MILLION

IN STATE & LOCAL TAX REVENUE



ABOUT AWO

The American Waterways Operators is the tugboat, towboat and barge industry's advocate, resource and united voice for safe, sustainable and efficient transportation on America's waterways, oceans and coasts. Industry vessels move more than 665 million tons of America's commerce each year on the U.S. inland and intracoastal waterways, the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf Coasts and the Great Lakes.

For more information about the importance of waterway transportation, please contact AWO at (703) 841-9300 or visit AWO's website at www.americanwaterways.com.

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