



Hood River – White Salmon BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

19 February 2019

Dear Columbia River User:

RE: Request for vessel navigation and dimensional characteristics.

The Port of Hood River (Port) is conducting environmental studies under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and advancing the design of the replacement of the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge. The Port owns and operates the bridge, which was constructed in 1924, and the project would construct a new bridge to replace it.

The design of the new bridge includes a fixed span with a vertical clearance of 80 feet and a horizontal clearance of 450 feet at the federal navigation channel. The new bridge would be directly west of the existing bridge (see <https://portofhoodriver.com/bridge/bridge-replacement-project/> for more information). As part of the NEPA process, the Port must prepare a navigation impact report that identifies the current and future needs of vessels that use the Columbia River and navigate under the bridge.

You (or your organization) have been identified as a user of the Columbia River (or a business/entity that serves users) that may navigate under the bridge. That is why we are asking you to complete the attached River User Data Sheet(s) and tell us about the vessels that use the river and how they use it. We will use the information you give us to identify the impact of the bridge on navigation.

Some vessel information is available from public documents and/or earlier navigation studies, but we need your help to update the information. Please fill out the attached data sheet by noting any vessels that are no longer in service or used on the waterway and by adding any new vessels. In addition, please note any future vessel or cargo plans you know of that might require different vessels to transit under the bridge.

After you finish filling out the data sheet, **please send it by email to Nicole McDermott at nicole.mcdermott@abam.com, or by regular mail to 210 E. 13th Street, Suite 300, Vancouver, WA, 98660.** If you have any questions about the data sheet or the project, please call Nicole at 360-823-6139.

Thank you for your help and your prompt response to this request. We will reach out to you via telephone or email if we have not received a response within a week.

Best regards,

Hood River – White Salmon Bridge Replacement Project Team