

# 2024 AAPA Legislative Summit

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, March 18</b> All Times Listed are in EDT</p>	
<p>12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i></p>	<p><b>Registration Open</b></p>
<p>12:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. <i>Phillips</i></p>	<p><b>Offshore Wind Subcommittee Meeting</b></p> <p><b>12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.: Lunch</b></p> <p><b>12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.:</b> Karen Baker, Chief of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)'s Office of Renewable Energy Programs (OREP)</p> <p><b>1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.:</b> Adena Leibman, J.D., Senior Advisor, Offshore Wind, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration</p> <p><b>2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.:</b> Sarah Alexander, Energy and Coastal Policy Advisor, Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D.</p>
<p>3:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. <i>Phillips</i></p>	<p><b>Advocacy Bootcamp</b></p> <p><b>3:00 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.: Welcome and Overview of Advocacy</b> John Bressler, Vice President of Government Relations, AAPA</p> <p><b>3:05 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.: I'm Just a Bill</b> Derek Miller, Government Relations Manager, AAPA</p> <p><b>3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.: How to be an Effective Advocate for your Port at the Federal Level</b></p> <p>Lindsey Ledwin, Partner/Government Relations, Tiber Creek Group Chris Senn, Policy and Regulatory Attorney, Holland &amp; Knight Moderated by: John Bressler, Vice President of Government Relations, AAPA</p>

	<p><b>4:25 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.: Interactive Session on Addressing Both Sides of the Aisle</b></p> <p>John Bressler, Vice President of Government Relations, AAPA                  Ian Gansler, Manager of Energy, Resilience and Sustainability Policy, AAPA                  Derek Miller, Government Relations Manager, AAPA                  Shawn Balcomb, Public Affairs Manager, AAPA</p> <p><b>5:10 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.: Closing Remarks by AAPA Government Relations Staff</b></p>
<p>5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  <i>Marina Room</i></p>	<p><b>Reception: Welcome to Washington!</b></p>

<p><b>Tuesday, March 19</b>                      All Times Listed are in EDT</p>	
<p>8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i></p>	<p><b>Registration</b></p>
<p>8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.  <i>Garden II</i></p>	<p><b>Commissioners’ Legislative Summit Meeting</b></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.: Breakfast</b></p> <p><b>9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.: Welcome</b></p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.: Dredging Conversation</b></p> <p>Lasse Petterson, Chief Executive Officer, Great Lakes Dredge and Dock</p> <p><b>10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.: Maritime Transportation Data Initiative (MTD)</b></p> <p>Carl Bentzel, Commissioner, FMC</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.: Networking Break</b></p> <p><b>11:20 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.: Grids and Ports Conversation</b></p> <p>Guy Warner, Chairman and CEO, Pareto Energy                  Chet Warner, Chief Operating Officer, Pareto Energy</p> <p><b>12:05 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.: Lunch</b></p>
<p>9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  <i>Phillips</i></p>	<p><b>Legislative Policy Council (LPC) Meeting</b>  <i>Open to all U.S. Corporate Members</i></p>
<p>10:40 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.  <i>Phillips</i></p>	<p><b>Supply Chain Partner (SCP) Meeting</b>  <i>Open to SCP's and Ports</i></p>

<p>11:55 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.  <i>Corcoran</i></p>	<p><b>PPM In-Brief</b></p>
<p>1:00 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>Welcome from AAPA by: Cary Davis, President and CEO, AAPA</b></p>
<p>1:10 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>2024 Port Person of the Year Award Powered by DCLI</b>    - U.S. Representative Rick Larsen </p>
<p>1:20 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>AAPA Outstanding Achievement Awards Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gary Nelson, Executive Director, Port of Grays Harbor</li> </ul> <p>Introduction by: John Wolfe, CEO, Northwest Seaport Alliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark McAndrews, Retired Port Director, Port of Pascagoula</li> </ul> <p>Introduction by: Chett Chiasson, Executive Director, Port Fourchon</p>
<p>1:40 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>Opening Keynote Address by: Rear Admiral Ann Phillips, Administrator, MARAD</b></p> <p>In conversation with: Jonathan Daniels, Executive Director, Maryland Port Administration</p>
<p>2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i></p>	<p><b>Networking Break</b></p>
<p>2:30 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>Keynote Address by: Allison Dane Camden, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multimodal Freight Infrastructure &amp; Policy</b></p> <p>In conversation with: Lisa Lefeber, CEO and Executive Director, Port of Everett</p>
<p>2:55 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>Keynote Address: Senator Carper (D-DE)</b></p> <p>Introduction by: Lisa Himber, President, Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay</p>
<p>3:10 p.m. to 4:05 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>Main Stage Panel Discussion: Conversation on Nearshoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leila Afas, Director, Global Public Policy, Toyota</li> <li>- Carlos Buqueras, Executive Director, SeaPort Manatee</li> <li>- Hydi Webb, Port Director and CEO, PortMiami</li> <li>- Matt Hillyer, Vice President of Manufacturing and Engineering, Taylor</li> </ul>

	In conversation with: John Gallagher, Chief Washington Correspondent, FreightWaves
4:05 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i>	<b>Fireside Chat with: Rebecca Higgins, Chief of Staff, FPISC</b>  In conversation with: Deb Deluca, Executive Director, Duluth Seaway Port Authority
4:50 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i>	<b>Keynote Address by: Congressman Randy Weber (R-TX), Co-Chair Congressional PORTS Caucus</b>  Introduced by: Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO, Port Freeport
5:15 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i>	<b>Final Thoughts – Day 1:</b> Chett Chiasson, Executive Director, Port Fourchon and Vice Chair, AAPA Board of Directors
6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. <i>Invite Only</i>	<b>CEO Reception Sponsored by:</b>  
TBD <i>Invite Only</i>	<b>PPM Cohort Dinner</b>

<b>Wednesday, March 20</b> All Times Listed are in EDT	
7:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. <i>Hillwood</i>	<b>Board of Directors Breakfast Meeting</b>
8:00 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:55 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i>	<b>Welcome Back from:</b> John Bressler, Vice President of Government Relations, AAPA
9:00 a.m. to 9:35 a.m. <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i>	<b>Keynote Address by: Peter Levesque, President &amp; CEO, CMA CGM America, America President Lines</b>  In conversation with: Bethann Rooney, Port Director, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
9:35 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i>	<b>Keynote Address by: Janet McCabe, Deputy Administrator, EPA</b>  In conversation with: Gordon Carr, Executive Director, New Bedford Port Authority

<p>10:05 a.m. to 10:45a.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>Main Stage Panel Discussion: LNG Exports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Louis Sola, Commissioner, Federal Maritime Commission</li> <li>- Sue Forrester, Vice President, Advocacy and Outreach, American Gas Association (AGA)</li> <li>- Rodger Rees, CEO, Port of Galveston</li> </ul> <p>In conversation with: Melissa Folsie, Deputy Director, Port of Plaquemines</p>
<p>10:45 a.m. to 10:55a.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i></p>	<p><b>Networking Break</b></p>
<p>10:55 a.m. to 11:40a.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>Main Stage Panel Discussion: Permitting Reform</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jamie McCurry, Chief Administrative Officer, Georgia Ports Authority</li> <li>- Bill Hanson, Senior Vice President, Market Development, Great Lakes Dredge and Dock</li> <li>- Steve Ribuffo, MBA, MSLM, AMPE, Director, Port of Alaska</li> <li>- Sergio Sabatini, President &amp; CEO, OmniTrax</li> <li>- Elaine Nettle, Executive Director, Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC)</li> </ul> <p>In conversation with: Dan Ronan, Managing Producer/Senior Reporter, Transport Topics</p>
<p>11:40 a.m. to 12:05p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>Coastal Resilience and NOAA's Program Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nicole R. LeBoeuf, Assistant Administrator, NOAA's National Ocean Service</li> </ul> <p>In conversation with: Boris Delepine, Legislative Affairs Manager, Port of San Francisco</p>
<p>12:05 p.m. to 1:05 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer / A-C</i></p>	<p><b>Networking Lunch</b></p>
<p>1:05 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>AAPA Economic Impact Study</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brandon Pizzola, Quantitative Economics and Statistics (QUEST), Ernst &amp; Young LLP</li> </ul> <p>In conversation with: Shannon McLeod, Vice President of Member Services, AAPA</p>
<p>1:30 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>Main Stage Panel Discussion: Offshore Wind – Projects in the Pipeline</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chett Chiasson, Executive Director, Port Fourchon</li> <li>- Matt Shields, Senior Wind Energy Analyst, National Renewable Energy Laboratory</li> <li>- Martin Christensen, Ports Lead, Vineyard Offshore</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joel Whitman, CEO, Foss Offshore Wind</li> </ul> <p>In conversation with: Jennifer McDermott, Green Energy Reporter, The Associated Press</p>
<p>2:10 p.m. to 2:25 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>Keynote Address on Offshore Wind by: Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)</b></p> <p>Introduction by: Joe Riccio, Port Director, Port of Davisville, Quonset Development Corporation</p>
<p>2:25 p.m. to 2:35 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i></p>	<p><b>Short Break</b></p>
<p>2:35 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i></p>	<p><b>Video Address from Congresswoman Peltola</b></p> <p>Introduction by: Ian Gansler, Manager of Energy, Resilience, and Sustainability Policy, AAPA</p>
<p>2:40 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>Digital Container Shipping Association Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thomas Bagge, CEO, Digital Container Shipping Association</li> </ul> <p>In conversation with: Lauren Beagen, Principal and Founder, Squall Strategies, LLC</p>
<p>3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>Address by: Captain Amy Beach, Director of Inspection and Compliance, United State Coast Guard</b></p>
<p>3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>The Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Speaker Series Presents:</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>GREAT LAKES DREDGE &amp; DOCK COMPANY, LLC</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Rob Portman, Former U.S. Senator (OH)</b></li> </ul> <p>In conversation with: Dick Balzano, VP, Government Relations, Great Lakes Dredge and Docks</p>
<p>4:30 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>Keynote Address by: Congressman Robert Garcia (D-CA), Co-Chair Congressional PORTS Caucus</b></p> <p>Introduction by: Mario Cordero, Executive Director, Port of Long Beach</p>
<p>4:50 p.m. to 4:55 p.m.  <i>Grand Ballroom A-C</i></p>	<p><b>Closing Remarks by:</b> Paul Anderson, CEO, Port Tampa Bay and Chairman of the Board</p>
<p>5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  <i>Salamander Lawn</i></p>	<p><b>Port Industry Social</b></p>

<b>Thursday, March 21</b> <b>All Times Listed are in EDT</b>	
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. <i>Hillwood</i>	<b>Hill Day Breakfast</b>
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. <i>On Invite</i>	<b>All Day on Capitol Hill</b>  <i>*Please note, anyone that needs to leave their bags at the Salamander during Hill Day should leave with the Bellhop at the hotel. This is located right to the right of the check-in desk.</i>