

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Alliance for Northwest Jobs and Exports?

The Pacific Northwest is one of America's strongest regional trade economies, with more than one in four jobs tied to the industry. Coal export projects in Oregon and Washington State will create thousands of new jobs and raise millions in tax revenue for our schools and other services. The Alliance for Northwest Jobs & Exports is a non-profit trade organization that is advancing responsible development of export infrastructure in Oregon and Washington to create jobs and invigorate the economy..

Who belongs to the Alliance for Northwest Jobs and Exports?

The Alliance represents a strong labor and business coalition comprised of trade, transport, and labor organizations, manufacturing, businesses, civic groups, and others who support expanding regional exports for the economic benefits.

Why are new export terminals and trade infrastructure a good idea?

Demand for coal in Asia is high, and that demand will be growing for decades to come. The Pacific Northwest is in the best position to meet that demand and enjoy the economic benefits that come with it. If we don't grow our export capacity and meet this demand, someone else will, and the jobs and economic benefits will go elsewhere. We can't let that happen – we need to create those jobs here.

Why has an Alliance formed now?

The Alliance is dedicated to educating the public about the benefits of exports in terms of creating jobs and improving the economy, and to ensuring an accurate discussion of the issues and the facts. The Alliance enjoys a large base of support throughout the region, with surveys showing a clear majority of people support the projects. The Alliance wants to ensure the facts about coal exports are well understood. We can build these projects in a way that benefits our region and adheres to strict safety and environmental practices.

How exactly will these projects strengthen our economy?

The proposed export projects will create thousands of good, family-wage jobs, and generate millions in tax revenues, adding much-needed funds to state and local budgets for schools and other programs. And this doesn't include the tax revenue and other benefits of getting thousands of people back to work in well-paying jobs.

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I understand many activists oppose these projects. Are their claims legitimate?

Opponents of the projects are attempting to present the issue as a false choice between the environment and the economy. The truth is these projects can move forward in a safe, environmentally responsible way. These projects will be built and operated using best practices and according to strict environmental regulations, to protect the region's clean environment and the high quality of living that makes the Northwest a great place to live.

Is there something that I can do to support these jobs?

Yes! Please pledge your support and sign-up for updates from our website. Join us on Facebook, and we'll share other ways to get involved. You can also spread the word about the Alliance for Northwest Jobs and Export and encourage friends, family and coworkers to visit www.CreateNorthwestJobs.com and get the facts.