

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. 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, reindustrialize the economy and protect the environment. of new jobs and raise millions in tax revenue for our schools and other services.

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 someone else will, and the jobs and economic benefits will simply go to other countries. 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 to jobs and 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 cross-section of residents who support these 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?

JOBS

The proposed export projects will create thousands of good, family-wage jobs.

TAX REVENUES

The projects will generate millions in tax revenues at the local and state level, generating much-needed funds for schools and other programs. And this doesn't include all the benefits of having thousands of new, well-paid workers employed.

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 be built in a safe, environmentally responsible way. They will be built and operated using best practices 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, 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 go to www.CreateNorthwestJobs.com and get the facts.