• NHA worked to secure key provisions in the U.S. Senate’s comprehensive energy bill (S.2012) to bring meaningful improvements to the licensing process for hydropower projects. The bill, which passed the Senate, will make the licensing process more timely, efficient and collaborative. For more information and to get involved, contact Jeff Leahy (jeff@hydro.org).

• The Senate energy bill also addresses top industry priorities including the authorization of new marine energy R&D programs to advance commercialization and support in-water testing. The bill also extends the EPAct 2005 Section 242 and 243 hydropower production incentives.

• NHA worked with Congressman Mike Honda (D-CA) and Chris Gibson (R-NY) on the introduction of the Energy Storage for Grid Resilience and Modernization Act of 2016. The bill ensures that advanced energy storage systems, like pumped storage, have increased access to investment capital and can be deployed competitively.

• 2016 has been a very active year on the regulatory front. NHA fought to ensure hydropower was recognized as an eligible technology in the EPA’s Clean Energy Incentive Program (CEIP), under the Clean Power Plan, and in June EPA announced hydropower’s inclusion in the CEIP. A tremendous result for the industry. CEIP will make additional allowances or Emission Rate Credits available to states to encourage early reductions in order to meet their emissions goals.

• The Association also submitted comments in response to a federal government-wide initiative to revise mitigation policies. In comments to the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NHA called for policies to be consistent with the Federal Power Act and urged agencies to recognize hydropower’s climate and environmental benefits.

• NHA also submitted comments to the second installment of the Quadrennial Energy Review, which will focus on distributed generation, consumer-side power and utility business models. NHA discussed how hydropower and marine energy development can lessen the nation’s carbon footprint.

• NHA’s Operational Excellence (OpEx) launched a new Discussion Board and Forum to facilitate collaboration among industry peers. OpEx encourages you to share and learn from hydropower operations, maintenance, and dam safety experiences in real time. For more information and to get involved, contact Dave Zayas (david@hydro.org).

As part of NHA’s robust 2016 events calendar, we have held successful regional meetings in Knoxville, Philadelphia and Denver. More are on the way! Register today for regional meetings in Alaska and California later this year. For more information visit www.hydro.org/events or contact Francesca Blanco (francesca@hydro.org).

• NHA’s 2016 Waterpower Week in Washington was a huge success, bringing together over 740 members of the hydropower and marine energy industry. Waterpower Week is comprised of three co-located events: NHA Annual Conference, International Marine Renewable Energy Conference (IMREC), and the Marine Energy Technology Symposium (METS). Save the date for 2017 Waterpower Week in Washington, May 1-3. Visit www.waterpowerweek.com for more information.

• The NHA family continues to grow with the addition of 25 new members this year alone! To learn more about member benefits, contact Diane Lear (diane@hydro.org).

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) delivers remarks at the 2016 Waterpower Week in Washington.

NHA presented Rick Miller of HDR with the Dr. Kenneth Henwood Award; the industry’s most prestigious award.
Waterpower Week in Washington focuses on bringing together industry leaders, state and federal regulatory officials, and key legislative staff to discuss technology, policy, and future developments for conventional hydro, pumped storage, and marine energy.

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