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**Subject:** [lower\_columbia] [lng\_and\_pipeline\_updater] Your LNG and Pipeline Updates for July

Hello All:

This is an update email for folks who are interested in LNG and related pipeline developments in the Pacific NW. The intention of this list is to keep folks all over the region updated on LNG proposals and the growing movement of opposition to this development and related pipeline proposals in Oregon and Southern Washington. Welcome to our updater and thanks for your interest!

If you are new to the issue and want a general overview of some of the issues surrounding LNG and pipeline development, check out this audio file from KBOO that includes an interview with 2 anti-LNG organizers and clearly encapsulates some of the concerns regarding this development: <http://kboo.fm/node/11967>

Below you will find important action alerts, updates and notices for upcoming events.

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3 Updates: I am including here three updates, but want to first remind y'all of two recent victories for our cause for which you have already been notified: We successfully defeated HB 3058 that would have fast-tracked the LNG-pipeline siting process & we also had a legal victory this month when the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals sided with the anti-LNG coalition agreeing that FERC violated the Freedom of Information Act by refusing to provide the address list of impacted landowners along the proposed Palomar Pipeline route. These are important victories and could not have been won without the financial and political support of the anti-LNG community -- Thank you and congratulations!

1) Clatsop County Board of Commission votes 4-1 to approve Bradwood Land Use plans -- Anti-LNG coalition vows to challenge decision at Land Use Board of Appeals

This month the Clatsop County Board of commissioners voted again to approve Land Use findings that state that the Bradwood Landing LNG import terminal would be "small to moderate in scale" and would "protect" endangered fish. Both of these findings defy logic and shed more light on the bias of 4 of the 5 county commissioners who appear to be working for Bradwood Landing instead of their constituents. Great thanks are owed to Commissioner Dirk Rohne who repeatedly advocated for the rights of fisherpeople and the importance of healthy fish habitat to preserve the socio-economic history of the Columbia River.

The decision made by Clatsop County to approve these findings will be challenged at the Land Use Board of Appeals by the anti-LNG coalition.

You can read the Daily Astorian Article and video highlights of the meeting by clicking this link:

<http://www.dailyastorian.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=398&ArticleID=62560&TM=49078.15>

2) Oregon LNG Sues Port of Astoria in Preemptive Strike -- Highlights the Abusive and Coercive Tactics of LNG Developers

This month Oregon LNG filed a lawsuit against the Port of Astoria making it very clear that LNG developers are not friendly neighbors in Oregon communities. The Daily Astorian article included below articulates the circumstances of the lease conflict -- please read that article for detailed information. The two primary issues regarding this lease are 1) There is some question at the state level as to whether or not the Port of Astoria actually has legal control over the land that it has been sub-leasing to Oregon LNG for several years; and 2) The Port of Astoria has been sub-leasing the Skippanon Peninsula to Oregon LNG for the exact same price that the Port has been paying to the State of Oregon, meaning that the Port of Astoria is gaining zero profit from the transaction with the LNG company.

Click this link to see the whole story from the Daily Astorian:

<http://www.dailyastorian.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=1037&ArticleID=62770&TM=55769.86>

3) Clatsop County Citizens form Political Action Committees to Recall Two County Commissioners

This month Clatsop County residents in Commissioner Districts 1 and 5 filed for the recall of Commissioner Samuelson and Commissioner Hazen who have repeatedly ignored their responsibility to their constituents in favor of pushing through the proposed Bradwood Landing Facility. This action on the part of Clatsop County

residents demonstrates that community's insistence on rightful representation in their local government and exhibits that democracy is alive and well in the populace of Clatsop County.

To see the full story in the Daily Astorian, click this link:

<http://www.dailyastorian.com/main.asp?Search=1&ArticleID=62659&SectionID=2&SubSectionID=398&S=1>

If you are interested in making a financial contribution or getting more information about the campaigns, I am including contact information for both Political Action Committees here:

District 1 for the Columbia - Recall Jeff Hazen

PO Box 763 Warrenton, OR 97146

[1fortheColumbia@gmail.com](mailto:1fortheColumbia@gmail.com)

503-298-3006

Democracy in District 5 - Recall Ann Samuelson

PO Box 896

Seaside, OR 97138

[info@did5.org](mailto:info@did5.org)

503 755-2415 or 503 701-1437

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## 2 Upcoming Events:

### 1) Panel on LNG with State Agency Leaders

Northwest Association of Environmental Partners is hosting a panel this week in Portland that will address LNG and related pipeline development in the Pacific northwest. **The panel is made up of Oregon Agency leaders who all have some role to play in LNG permitting at the state level. This is a great opportunity to hear from these agency folks and to raise your own concerns about these projects.** These Oregon leaders need to see and hear from us in the crowd to remind them that we are paying attention to this important issue and will hold them accountable to what is right for Oregon's environment, economy and quality of life. Please consider attending this event -- official notice below:

### ***NWAEP Presents: From the State's Point-of-View, A Panel Discussion about Liquid Natural Gas Pipelines***

**The panel will include:**

- **Mike Carrier**, Natural Resources Policy Director  
Governor's Natural Resources Office
- **Susan Hughs**, Senior Policy Analyst  
Oregon Department of Energy
- And possibly **Dale Blanton**, Coastal Management Coordinator  
Department of Land Conservation and Development

### **Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7pm**

Networking 5:30-6 / Speaker 6-7pm

Multnomah County Library Main Branch – US Bank Meeting Room

801 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, OR (10<sup>th</sup> Ave & Yamhill St)

This is a great opportunity to meet the people at the forefront of this issue and ask them questions. It's also a great opportunity to meet with other environmental professionals in the Portland area, find out what they're working on, and expand your network! Bring your colleagues and join in the discussion. Food and beverages will be provided.

### 2) An Evening at Montinore Vineyards -- A Benefit for Oregon Citizens Against the Pipelines

Saturday, August 22nd Oregon Citizens Against the Pipelines will hold our 2nd annual fundraiser for the anti-LNG coalition at the beautiful Montinore Vineyards near Forest Grove. The event will be held from 6-9pm and includes a silent auction, wine tasting, various guest speakers and an opportunity to connect anti-LNGers from around the region. For more information or to post a notice in your area, see the attached file "OCAP Benefit Flyer." To buy a ticket online link to

<http://www.columbiariverkeeper.org/index.php/resources/calendar> and scroll down to the Montinore announcement.

We are also still in need of donations to make this auction a success! If you have anything you might donate for the auction, please contact Janet Stonecipher at [jstonecipher@verizon.net](mailto:jstonecipher@verizon.net). Last year auction items included (but were not limited to) B&B stays, guided kayak trips, camping items, art pieces, jewelry, food baskets, firewood, nursery plants, wine selections, theme baskets (like movie night or day at the beach), and many many more. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation of auction items for this wonderful event!

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2 Action Alerts:

## 1) Tell Governor Kulongoski and Dept. of State Lands Oregon LNG is a bad deal!

The Port of Astoria is considering renewing its lease with the Oregon Dept. of State Lands for the Oregon LNG site. The lease provides little money to the State of Oregon, and none to the Port of Astoria. Additionally, the Oregon Dept. of Energy recently signed a memorandum with Oregon LNG that underestimates the public safety risks at the Warrenton site. Unfortunately, the memorandum doesn't protect Oregonians, and the lease is a bad deal. The lease was signed 5 years ago in a rushed process that lacked any transparency. *Now, Oregon LNG is suing the Port of Astoria to force them into renewing its lease with Oregon's Dept. of State Lands!* We need the Governor and the Department of State Lands to use their authority to protect Oregon from unnecessary, destructive LNG projects, and to stop the bad lease.

### Contact:

Governor Kulongoski  
160 State Capitol  
900 Court Street  
Salem, Oregon 97301-4047  
Phone: (503) 378-4582

\*\*\*to email the governor, click the link below to register your comments on his website:  
[http://www.oregon.gov/Gov/contact\\_us.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/Gov/contact_us.shtml)

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## 2) Tell NOAA Fisheries Service Bradwood Landing LNG will kill salmon!

FERC and Bradwood are seeking to start their formal consultation process with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Unfortunately, the recent biological assessment produced by FERC continues to understate and misrepresent the impacts of the Bradwood LNG project on protected fish species, particularly Columbia River salmon. In the next few weeks, NMFS will have to decide whether the biological assessment is complete enough to begin considering the impacts to Columbia River salmon and other species. So far, NMFS has indicated that the request for consultation may not be adequate. **We need to write and email NMFS, and tell them that:**

- The Bradwood project is violating the condition of FERC's license that requires screening of ballast water and cooling water withdrawals of billions of gallons of Columbia River water each year. It is unacceptable for FERC and Bradwood to propose a "no screening alternative" after the FERC decision, a proposal that would kill tens of thousands of protected Columbia River salmon.
- The Bradwood LNG terminal is directly connected to the Palomar pipeline. The biological assessment lacks adequate information on the impacts of the Palomar project.
- Dredging, maintenance dredging, and operation of the project will harm salmon habitat in the Columbia River Estuary – which NMFS has identified as the "lynchpin" for salmon recovery.
- FERC's biological assessment is inaccurate and incomplete. NMFS has wisely not adopted FERC's flawed process thus far, and NMFS should request more information before moving forward.

**Contact:**

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Interested in getting more actively involved? We hold community meetings monthly all over the Pacific Northwest where folks receive updates and action alerts regarding LNG and pipeline development in the region. These meetings provide a great opportunity to connect with impacted community members and to brainstorm ways to raise awareness about potential impacts of these proposed projects. To learn more contact Olivia Schmidt at [oliviavier@gmail.com](mailto:oliviavier@gmail.com) or 971-533-2390. If you are interested in having an informational event held in your town, contact Olivia to plan a forum or presentation!

Thanks to you all for your interest and participation in the fight against LNG and related pipelines. With continued effort and support we will win this fight! If you can't participate in organizational meetings and would like to help the movement to stop these destructive projects please visit [oregon.sierraclub.org](http://oregon.sierraclub.org) or [nolng.net](http://nolng.net) where you can find links to other sites related to LNG and/or make a financial contribution to Columbia Riverkeeper's LNG fund that finances much of our anti-LNG work at [www.columbiariverkeeper.org](http://www.columbiariverkeeper.org)!

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