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RIVER COMMUNITIES UPDATE February 2013

Join Our Team!

We are pleased to be accepting applications for the following positions:

- Communications & Outreach Intern
- Spanish Translation & Community Outreach Intern
- Water Quality Program Intern
- Water Quality Technician Interns

Application deadlines are fast approaching. Apply today!

[Position Descriptions & Application Instructions](#)



Oil & Salmon Don't Mix: Spill at Bonneville

Last week there was an oil spill at Bonneville Dam. According to the Army Corps of Engineers, this spill was not large. Oil spills, however, are a chronic problem at Columbia River dams. They threaten clean water for everyone who relies on the Columbia. We think this is a serious problem.

[Learn More & Find Out How You Can Help](#)



Coal Proponent in the Red

A report released on February 13th by the Sightline Institute details the severe financial troubles of coal export proponent Ambre Energy. The report cites Ambre's \$124 million dollars in losses and a mere \$6.6 million dollars in profit over the last seven years. Ambre is behind two of the five coal export proposals in the Northwest: Morrow Pacific in Boardman, Oregon & Millennium Bulk Terminals in Longview, Washington.

[Learn More & Read Sightline's Full Report](#)



Destructive Dumping Practices Continue

The Washington Department of Ecology is re-issuing a permit that allows the U.S. Department of Energy to dump millions of gallons of industrial wastewater onto the ground at Hanford on a daily basis. Furthermore, the permit would not require testing for contamination underground before dumping this wastewater into the soil.

[Learn More About the Re-Issued Permit](#)



Photo by US Department of Energy

Green Light to Oregon LNG Challenged

Columbia Riverkeeper and community groups in the Estuary are challenging the Coast Guard's

decision to rubber-stamp LNG tanker traffic for the proposed LNG terminal in Warrenton, Oregon. The Coast Guard gave the green light to Oregon LNG's tanker traffic before complying with laws designed to protect public safety, commerce, and endangered salmon.

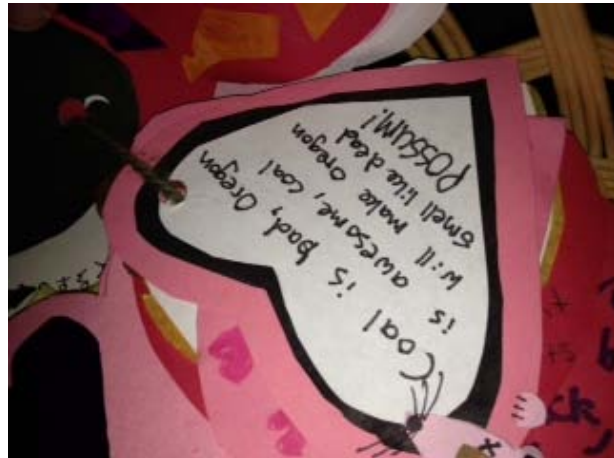
[Learn More & Read Riverkeeper's Challenge](#)



"No Coal" Valentines Delivered to Governor

On Valentine's Day, Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber received a special visit from a large group of middle school students. The children, from Portland's Sunnyside Environmental School, delivered handmade messages asking the Governor if he loved Oregon enough to block coal export proposals that would affect the state's communities, families, and natural resources.

[See Photos From the Valentine's Day Delivery](#)



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CHRISTINE FISHER, Blue Marble Creative
White Salmon, Washington

Christine Fisher moved to the Columbia River Gorge in 2006, making a career transition from freshwater ecology and non-profit marketing to graphic design. In her current role as Partner and Creative Director at Blue Marble Creative, Christine focuses on helping organizations impact environmental and social causes through visual media. Upon her relocation to the Gorge, Christine became aware of Riverkeeper and our work to protect and restore the Columbia River watershed. She knew that her mix of interests overlapped with those of our organization. And, last year, Blue Marble Creative became a financial supporter of Riverkeeper.

Read more about Christine



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Which part of the Columbia River do you think
is the most beautiful?

[Click here to vote](#)

EVENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 21st

[The White Salmon River Runs Free](#)

7:30PM. McMenamins Mission Theater. Portland, OR. Join OPB and Maser Films for the premiere of this Oregon Field Guide special featuring the removal of Condit Dam on the White Salmon River.

FEBRUARY 28th

[Beyond a Nuclear Northwest: Assessing the Risks of Our Own Fukushima-Style Nuclear Reactor at Hanford](#)

7:00PM. Clark County PUD Meeting Room. Vancouver, WA. Join Riverkeeper and other groups for a presentation about the similarities between the reactor at Hanford and the failed reactors at Fukushima, Japan.

MARCH 12th

[Hanford: Transporting Nuclear Waste Through the Gorge](#)

6:00PM. Solstice Wood Fire Cafe. Bingen, WA. Join Riverkeeper and Friends of the Columbia Gorge for a community discussion about transporting nuclear waste through the Columbia River Gorge.

MARCH 13th

[Rally Against Coal Export at the Oregon Capitol](#)

11:30AM. Oregon State Capitol Building. Salem, OR. Join Columbia Riverkeeper and the Power Past Coal Coalition as we rally against coal export proposals on Governor Kitzhaber's front steps.

[Columbia River Community Conversation](#)

6:00PM. Skamokawa Grange. Skamokawa, WA. Riverkeeper is hosting a community conversation on the Lower Columbia River. Join fellow community members to learn about local Columbia River issues and discuss solutions.

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