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RIVER COMMUNITIES UPDATE March 2013

Join Our Team!

Riverkeeper is accepting applications through April 5th for the following positions:

- Communications & Outreach Intern
- Spanish Translation & Community Outreach Intern

APPLY TODAY!

[Position Descriptions & Application Instructions](#)



Riverkeeper Meets with Sen. Murray's Office

Riverkeeper visited Senator Murray's office to discuss our ongoing concern about the U.S. Department of Energy's lack of transparency at Hanford. We delivered a letter, signed by 29 organizations, that share our concerns. We request the Senator ask the Department of Energy to pull the 2015 Vision Campaign, a misleading PR campaign.



Photo by Matt McCormick

[Learn More About Riverkeeper's Visit with the Senator's Office](#)

Major Land Use Decision Near Proposed Coal Export Facility

The Port of St. Helens will ask the Columbia County Planning Commission, at an [April 1st hearing](#), to allow industrial development in an area previously reserved for agricultural uses. Specifically, the Port seeks to rezone 957 acres. The Kinder Morgan coal terminal proposal, which would bring at least a dozen new coal trains through neighboring communities each day, would then be able to use this newly designated industrial land.



[Learn More & Join Us for an Informational Meeting on March 29th](#)

Aveda Earth Month

Riverkeeper is pleased to partner with Aveda for Earth Month 2013. During the month of April, Aveda salons and experience centers throughout Oregon and southwest Washington will be raising funds for Riverkeeper. Last year, these amazing local salons and centers raised over \$30,000 for Riverkeeper, and Aveda raised \$4.5 million for clean water internationally.



[Support Riverkeeper & Enjoy Aveda Earth Month Events](#)

Oregon LNG to Evaluate Climate Impacts?

Bloomberg reports that the White House is expected to release new guidance that may force all federal agencies to do a more consistent job in evaluating carbon pollution under the National Environmental Policy Act. For Oregon LNG, this new guidance would likely force consideration of impacts that makes their project even less viable.



[Learn More & Read Bloomberg's Article](#)

Thanks for Joining the Conversation

On Wednesday, March 13, over 40 citizens from the lower Columbia River joined Riverkeeper at the Skamokawa Grange to discuss current Columbia River issues. Folks shared first-hand experiences, interesting comments, and thoughtful questions on issues ranging from proposed coal and LNG export, to Washington's fish consumption rule-making and the recent developments at Hanford.



Thanks to everyone who attended and shared their ideas. It was great to hear voices from all over the Estuary and lower Columbia River. We hope you'll help us to keep the conversation going!

Deny the Permit!

Large crowds of coal export opponents gathered in Salem and the Gorge last Wednesday to send a message to Governor Kitzhaber: Deny the permit - don't let the Columbia River become a coal chute for dirty coal export. Ambre faced another setback when they refused to provide information on project impacts to the Dept of State Lands (DSL). Acknowledging the permit would likely be denied, Ambre asked DSL for a [5-month extension](#) which was granted.



[Enjoy Photos & Read More About the Rallies](#)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

LORI DURHEIM
Astoria, Oregon

Long-time Estuary resident, clean water advocate, and Riverkeeper supporter, Lori Durham, has been in the fight against liquefied natural gas (LNG) since the beginning. In 2005, Lori and a handful of other folks joined forces to fight CalPine's LNG import terminal plans. It has been almost nine years now, and Lori and the LNG opposition continue to work diligently to stop LNG plans on the Columbia.

[Read More About Lori](#)



EVENT CALENDAR

MARCH 29th

[Informational Meeting on Columbia County Land Use Hearing](#)

6:00PM. Fultano's Pizza. Scappoose, OR. Join us to discuss the potential inter-relationship between coal exports and the Port of St. Helen's proposed land use change. The Port's proposal will likely open up more land to be developed for coal exports.

APRIL 1st

[Columbia County Hearing on Land Use Decision Near Proposed Coal Export Facility](#)

6:30PM. Columbia County Court House. St. Helens, OR. Join us to oppose the rapid approval of a land use change that could be used for coal export. The Port of St. Helens will ask the Columbia County Planning Commission to change its Comprehensive Plan to allow industrial development in an area previously reserved for agricultural uses.

APRIL 5th

[Dana Lyons: The Great Coal Train Tour](#)

7:00PM. Blue Scorcher Cafe. Astoria, OR. Join singer Dana Lyons and Riverkeeper for an evening of great music and conversation. Dana has perfected his musical talent to both entertain and inform audiences about the threat of coal export to our river, our health, and our climate. This concert is part of the popular Great Coal Train Tour - a musical tour from the coal mines of Wyoming to the proposed coal export terminals throughout the Northwest.

APRIL 20th

[Earth Day Columbia River Clean-up](#)

10:00AM. Mayer State Park. Columbia River Gorge. Join Riverkeeper to help pick up trash and beautify the shorelines of the Columbia River.

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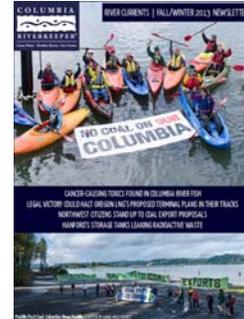
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