



RIVER COMMUNITIES UPDATE October 2013

A Long Time Coming

Major victory in our fight to keep the Columbia LNG free! After more than two years of legal delays by Oregon LNG, on October 9, the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners voted 5-0 to reject the Oregon LNG project. NEXT STEP: Please write the state of Oregon and tell them to act swiftly in telling FERC that this project does not comply with Oregon law and, therefore, cannot move forward. Comments are due by November 7. [Submit your comment today!](#)

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Pipeline on Wheels Threatens Columbia

Tesoro Savage wants to build the [region's largest pipeline-on-wheels project](#) based out of Vancouver, WA. The Port of Vancouver [approved the lease to build a massive oil terminal despite many unanswered questions and much public outcry](#). Next, the Energy

Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) will make a recommendation to Governor Inslee. Then, the Governor will make the final decision to deny or approve the oil terminal.

Help us send a strong message to Governor Inslee & EFSEC: reject Tesoro Savage's dirty oil project

How you can help?

[Sign our petition](#)

[Attend EFSEC's October 29 public hearing](#)

[Submit comments to EFSEC](#)

Want to learn more about the Tesoro Savage project?

[Attend our October 22 Community Discussion](#)



Photo by Paul K Anderson

Sea of Red

This fall coal export opponents, wearing their 'No Coal Export' red, dominated five public hearings for Ambre Energy's proposed Millennium coal export project in Longview, Washington. We were nearly 3,000 people strong at all of these hearings - an amount that amplified local concerns to a regional and national level. The comment period for the Millennium proposal runs through November 18. [Sign our petition today!](#)

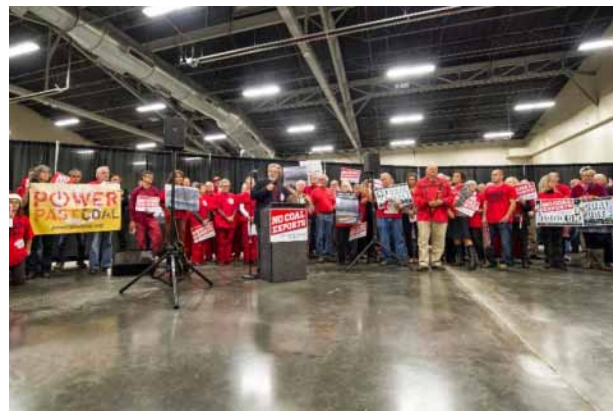


Photo by Power Past Coal

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A Cleaner Columbia!

Our Riverkeeper volunteers have been busy. This year they've hauled tires, metal cables, and even the occasional porcelain toilet from the banks of the Columbia River. In sum, over 5,500 pounds of trash has been removed. At our [most recent river clean-up](#), volunteers combed the shorelines of Pierce Island collecting more than a 1,000 pounds of trash. Check out this video by Angel Status featuring our river clean-up in Vancouver this August.



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Paving Paradise?

Earlier this month the Columbia County Board of Commissioners (Board) heard public testimony against the [Port Westward rezone](#). Long-time Clatskanie farmers described the richness of area farmland that would be destroyed. Residents of a Buddhist monastery described the serenity and beauty of the river that would be lost. After hearing similar testimony, [the Planning Commission recommended not to allow the rezone](#).

A vote will likely happen November 13.

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Call For More Aggressive Clean-up

"Hanford needs to be dealt with the same intensity of resources that we used to put a man on the moon....an entire state and bordering state and all its people and natural resources are at stake." That was the overarching sentiment of more than 200 Riverkeeper members who asked the U.S. Department of Energy to choose a protective clean-up plan for 40 square miles of the Hanford Nuclear Site.

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Thank You

A big thanks to those of you who attended our Wine on the Water event, September 29, at the Portland Yacht Club. Thanks to supporters like you, it was a great success. Over \$16,000 was raised to support our work to ensure the Columbia is a river where fish are safe to eat and children can swim without fear of toxic exposure.



Does Poor Water

Quality Bug You?

At Riverkeeper, we test water quality with high-tech meters, probes, and equipment. We train our volunteers to follow a strict protocol so that we have usable and reliable data. However, you don't have to have fancy tools and equipment to get a general assessment of water quality. Aquatic insects can paint a surprisingly detailed picture of river health.

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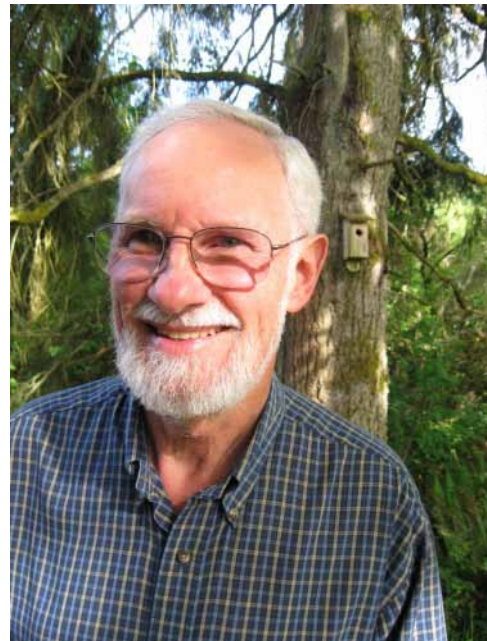


Stonefly nymph. Photo by Böhlinger Friedrich.
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:SteinfliegenLarve2.JPG>

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

DARREL WHIPPLE
Rainier, OR

For 43 years, Darrel has lived and worked around rural Rainier, Oregon. For many of those years he worked as an elementary school teacher. Now, he manages his family's tree farm. Darrel is a very active member of his community; he has volunteered with Willapa Hills Audubon Society since 1974, Friends of Fox Creek since 1991, Lower Columbia River Watershed Council since 1998, and Clean Columbia County since 2012. Darrel wants the Columbia River to be a place where salmon and people thrive, not a dirty industrial corridor. A vision he shares with Riverkeeper.



[Read More About Darrel](#)

EVENT CALENDAR

NOW - NOVEMBER 7

[Comment Period on Oregon LNG Project's Consistency with Oregon Law](#)

The Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development is currently accepting comments on Oregon LNG's FERC application being consistent with the Oregon Coastal Management Program. The public has until November 7 to submit comments.

NOW - NOVEMBER 18

[Comment Period on Proposed Coal Export Terminal in Longview, Washington](#)

Local, state, and federal agencies will use the comments submitted during this comment period to draft an Environmental Impact Statement and make permit decisions for the Millennium coal export terminal proposed in Longview. The public has until November 18 to submit comments. [Sign our petition!](#)

NOW - NOVEMBER 18

[Comment Period on Proposed Oil Terminal in Vancouver, Washington](#)

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) is currently accepting comments on Tesoro Savage's proposal to build a massive oil terminal on the Columbia River in Vancouver. EFSEC will make a recommendation to Governor Inslee and, then, the Governor will make the final decision to deny or approve the terminal. The public has until November 18 to submit comments. [Sign our petition!](#)

NOW - NOVEMBER 22

[Comment Period on Oregon LNG's Wastewater & Air Permit Applications](#)

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is currently accepting comments on Oregon LNG's wastewater and air quality permit applications for their proposed LNG terminal in Warrenton, Oregon. The public has until November 22 to submit comments.

OCTOBER 22

[Community Discussion on Proposed Oil Terminal in Vancouver, Washington](#)

6:30PM. Clark Public Utilities Community Room. Vancouver. Join Riverkeeper and Sierra Club to learn more about the proposed Tesoro Savage oil terminal and the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council process ahead of the October 29 EFSEC Scoping Hearing.

OCTOBER 23

[Phone Bank for Proposed Oil Terminal in Vancouver, Washington](#)

6:00PM. Portland. The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council is holding a public hearing on Oct 29 about the Tesoro Savage oil terminal project. We need to get the word out fast - volunteer at our phone bank!

OCTOBER 26

[Targeted Lawn Sign Blitz](#)

10:00AM. Portland. Join Riverkeeper and the Power Past Coal coalition as we distribute special lawn signs around Portland neighborhoods that ask Governor Kitzhaber to protect Oregon from dirty coal export.

OCTOBER 26 & NOVEMBER 2

[White Salmon Community Work Party](#)

12:00PM & 9:00AM. White Salmon River. Columbia River Gorge. Be a part of the historic restoration of the White Salmon River! Help plant native vegetation in the former reservoir behind Condit Dam to jump-start the recovery of habitat to benefit fish, wildlife, and people.

OCTOBER 28

[Public Information Meeting on Proposed Oil Terminal in Vancouver, Washington](#)

6:00PM. Clark College. Vancouver. At this informational meeting, before the public hearing, the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council will discuss their process of review for the oil terminal. Tesoro Savage will also make a presentation outlining their proposal.

OCTOBER 29

[Public Hearing on Proposed Oil Terminal in Vancouver, Washington](#)

6:00PM. Clark College. Vancouver. At this very important public hearing on the proposed oil terminal at the Port of Vancouver, the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) will hear public testimony on the project. Here you can testify against the project and urge EFSEC, as the Governor's advisors, to take a hard look at the project's far-reaching public safety, economic, and environmental impacts.

NOVEMBER 12

[Public Meeting on Oregon LNG's Wastewater & Air Permit Applications](#)

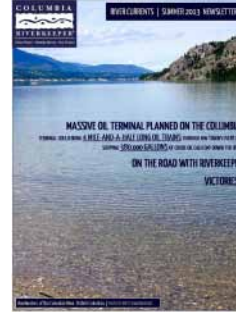
6:00PM. Liberty Theater. Astoria. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is holding a public meeting to share information and answer questions related to Oregon LNG's wastewater and air quality permit applications for their proposed LNG terminal in Warrenton, Oregon.

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