



RIVER COMMUNITIES UPDATE September 2013

You're Cordially Invited to Attend Our Second Annual
Wine on the Water Event



September 29, 2013
2-5pm

Portland Yacht Club
1241 NE Marine Drive
Portland, OR 97211

Win an instant wine cellar!

'Wall of Wine' for purchase
Luxury getaway packages
Ticket includes food and drink

[Click to purchase your ticket today!](#)

Your Help is Needed to Clean Hanford

Monday, September 16, is the last day to submit comments to the Department of Energy on a Proposed Plan to cleanup 40 square miles of the Hanford Site. The plan gambles with our River and leaves gaping questions about the long term impact to human health. This plan will set a precedent for future cleanup decisions, and therefore, it is imperative that it's as protective as possible.

With your help, we can make this happen. [Sign our letter.](#)

[Read More About the Proposed Plan](#)



Say NO to Coal! Join Us in Longview

Make your voice heard - no dirty coal! Join us on September 17 for the first scoping hearing for Ambre Energy's proposed Millennium coal export terminal in Longview, Washington.

Wear red. Rally at 4PM. Hearings commence at 5PM.

Need a ride? Buses leave from Portland at 2:30PM.

[Click for More Information on the Longview Public Scoping Hearing](#)
[Submit Your Comment to Stop Dirty Coal](#)



Oregon LNG Fight Returns

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners will finally vote on whether to approve or deny the pipeline application for the proposed Oregon LNG project - a key step in determining the future of Oregon LNG. A hearing is scheduled for October 9. Prior to the hearing, on October 3, we will hold a community forum to share information about the Oregon LNG project and other dirty fossil fuel proposals on the Columbia River.

[Details on the October 3 Community Forum](#)
[Details on the October 9 Clatsop County Public Hearing](#)



Columbia County to Vote on Rezone

In June, the Columbia County Planning Commission [stood up for local farmers and county residents](#) by recommending denial of a 1,000-acre rezone at Port Westward. The rezone would destroy 1,000 acres of farmland and pave the way for coal and oil exports.

Now, the Columbia County Commissioners will make the final decision.



Port Westward

Urge the Commissioners to protect farmland and deny the industrial rezone at a public meeting on September 18 at 6:30PM in Clatskanie, Oregon.

[Learn More About the Proposed Rezoning & the September 18 Meeting](#)

Join Us For More River Clean-ups

Riverkeeper will hold two more river clean-ups this fall - meet great folks, help the Columbia, and have fun! We provide all bags, gloves, and snacks.

Clean-up Dates & Locations:

- Sept 22: [Sandy River \(Gresham\)](#)
- Sept 28: [Pierce Island \(Columbia Gorge\)](#)

[Check out photos from our August River Clean-ups!](#)



A Great Addition to Any Wardrobe

Share your vision for a coal-free Northwest with one of our new, and might we add, very stylish caps. Available in two patterns: brown camo & green camo.

Get yours today!

[Purchase a "No Coal Train" Cap](#)



Stories of Kayaking, Canoeing, and Paddling the Hanford Reach

In July, more than thirty paddlers joined Riverkeeper on our annual 18-mile paddle trip down the Hanford Reach, featuring old nuclear reactors and the gorgeous White Bluffs. And, it seems we weren't the only ones who paddled the Hanford Reach this summer.

[Click here to read the stories of other folks who traveled the Hanford Reach this summer, including](#)

[Patti Goodwin \(right\).](#)

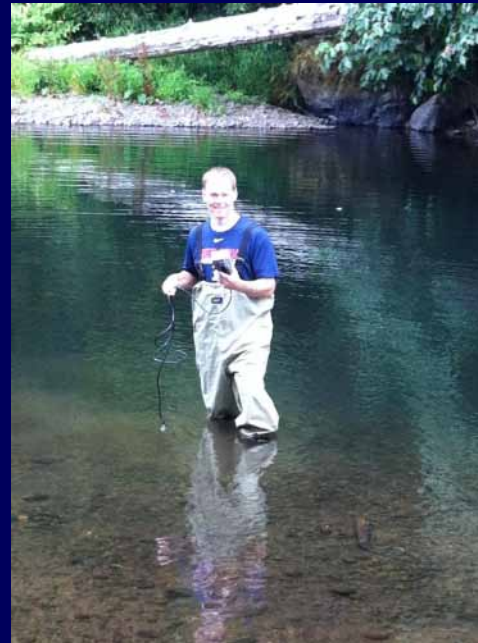


VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

JEFF ROOKLIDGE
Cathlamet, WA

Wahkiakum High School science teacher, Jeff Rooklidge understands the importance of clean water. Jeff volunteers with Riverkeeper's water quality monitoring program and has even adopted a site on the Columbia River alongside his student's site. With regular monitoring, Jeff teaches his students about the Columbia River, fish habitat, and water quality. Jeff is a community liaison for our program, storing our equipment in his classroom and facilitating volunteer access.

[Read More About Jeff](#)



EVENT CALENDAR

NOW - SEPTEMBER 16

[Comment Period On Proposed Plan for Cleanup of Hanford's 300 Area](#)

The Tri-Party Agreement agencies recently released their Proposed Plan for cleanup of Hanford's 300 Area. The public has until September 16 to submit comments on the plan.

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.

SEPTEMBER 17, SEPTEMBER 25, OCTOBER 1, OCTOBER 9, OCTOBER 17

[Public Scoping Hearings on Longview's Proposed Coal Export Terminal](#)

In September and October, Northwesterners have their first chance to express concerns about and opposition to the coal industry's plan to ship dirty coal to the proposed coal export terminal in Longview, Washington. Five hearings are planned for Longview, Spokane, Pasco, Vancouver, and Tacoma. All hearings are from 5-8PM. We will hold a rally at every hearing. Each rally will start at 4PM. **Wear red!**

SEPTEMBER 18

[Columbia County Commission Hearing about Controversial Rezoning at Port Westward](#)

6:30PM. Clatskanie High School. Clatskanie, OR. Join us at a public hearing held by Columbia County Commissioners to consider a proposal to rezone nearly 1,000 acres of agricultural land at Port Westward, near Clatskanie, Oregon, to industrial use. Public testimony is allowed at the hearing.

SEPTEMBER 22

[River Clean-up in Gresham](#)

10:00AM. Lewis & Clark State Park. Portland. Come get your hands dirty with Riverkeeper while enjoying the outdoors and cleaning up the River! Riverkeeper will provide bags, gloves, and snacks. Register today!

SEPTEMBER 28

[River Clean-up at Pierce Island in the Columbia River Gorge](#)

10:00AM. Pierce Island. Columbia River Gorge. Join us for our coolest river clean-up yet! Come get your hands dirty while enjoying the outdoors and beautifying Pierce Island in

the Columbia River Gorge. We will provide bags, gloves, water, and snacks. Register today!

SEPTEMBER 29

[Wine on the Water](#)

10:00AM. Portland Yacht Club. Portland, OR. We cordially invite you to our second annual Wine on the Water event. Join us for a celebration of the Columbia, featuring local wines, delicious food, and great company. You'll get a great deal on local wines, and one lucky winner will get take home an 'instant wine cellar'. We will raffle off getaway packages, including hotel stays, dinners, and river adventures. This a great opportunity to meet other river stewards and help support our work.

OCTOBER 3

[Community Discussion About Oregon LNG & Fossil Fuel Exports on the Columbia](#)

6:30PM. Warrenton Community Center. Warrenton, OR. Riverkeeper and Columbia-Pacific Common Sense will hold an informational meeting about the proposed Oregon LNG project and the recent push to export LNG, coal, and oil from the Columbia River.

OCTOBER 9

[Clatsop County Public Hearing Regarding Oregon LNG Pipeline](#)

2:30PM. Judge Guy Boyington Building. Astoria, OR. The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners will hold a new public hearing to reconsider the application for the Oregon LNG project. Hearing starts at 3:30PM, rally at 2:30PM. **Wear red!**

OCTOBER 10, OCTOBER 15, OCTOBER 16, OCTOBER 17

[State of the Hanford Site Meetings](#)

The State of the Hanford Site meetings offer the public the opportunity to discuss Hanford cleanup progress, challenges, and priorities with top decision-makers from the Tri-Party Agreement agencies. Four meetings will be held in Kennewick, Seattle, Portland, and Hood River.

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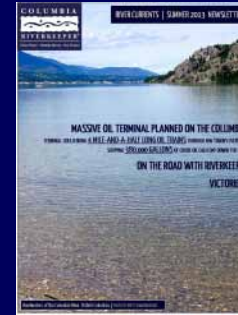
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