

July 4, 2009

Clatsop County Commission  
800 Exchange Street Suite 410  
Astoria, Oregon 97103

**Attention:** Commissioner Haze, Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Raichl, Commissioner Rohne,  
Commissioner Samuelson

Dear Commissioners:

As our representatives in local government, we ask that on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, you enforce Clatsop County law and deny the Northern Star land use application.

County Goal 16 Policy 20.2(1) requires protection of traditional fishing areas. Policy 20.8 requires that endangered or threatened species be protected from incompatible development. Construction and operation of an LNG facility at Bradwood would be in violation of these policies. The safety and security zones required around 100+ LNG ships moving up and down the Columbia River each year will negatively impact commercial and recreational fishing. The dredging of 40 acres of prime salmon habitat, the filling of wetlands and the taking on of millions of gallons of ballast water per ship will destroy salmon habitat.

LUBA has asked the county to consider the development activities of Northern Star's LNG project *as a whole* when determining whether the project complies with the "small or moderate" scale limitation. (*LUBA 2008-052, page 48*) When taking into account not only the physical plant, but pipelines, required easements and safety zones, dredging of a 46 acre area and maintenance dredging of 80,000 cubic yards every two to four years; the Northern Star project does not comply with the small or moderate scale limitation. In comments to FERC, the County stated "the scale of this project is unprecedented in the Lower Columbia." Certainly the County did not say this because it had never seen a project so small; it was a reference to the grand scale of this project.

In conclusion, we thank you for the opportunity to make public comment and respectfully ask that, when you vote on Wednesday, you remember that you represent the residents of Clatsop County, not the interests of Northern Star.