

Clatsop County Commissioners
LUBA Remand
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I urge you to reject Northern Star's application to build an LNG import terminal on the shores of the Columbia River. And instead to support our natural resources and the men and women who make a living from traditional fishing.

The Oregon Land use Board of Appeals agreed w. Jack Marincovich, the fisherman of the Lower Columbia estuary and the citizens of Clatsop County in rejecting Northern Star's application on some of the most significant points.

Clatsop County has been asked to explain "how the project complies with the policies requiring protection of traditional fishing areas..."

Clatsop County is now required to explain "how the project complies with the Comprehensive Plan policy requiring that threatened endangered species habitat be protected from incompatible development..."

> Today there should be dozens of fishermen and women here to explain how 1,000 foot tankers w. 500 yard exclusion zones will push them off the river, potentially during severely limited fishing times.

> Today there should be dozens of fishing families here with specific details about how dredging 58 acres for a turning basin destroys 4th generation gillnet drift rights.

> Today there should be dozens of fishermen and women here help you understand why sucking up baby salmon along with 14 million gallons of water to be used for ballast for EACH ship will contribute to the decimation of the salmon populations.

But they are not here today – WHY? They are in Alaska earning a living to bring back to Clatsop County. And if they were here today – would you be able to hear them?

- Or would your lawyer “redact” their specific details on how LNG would NOT protect traditional fishing as he did the testimony of Hobe Kytr?
- Or would they be eliminated from testifying altogether because they were not available in 2007 to submit comments?
- Or would they be gaveled down because they dared to tell the truth that as salmon runs continue to decline, mitigation is not the answer.

In this LUBA remand you have an opportunity to support traditional fishing on the Columbia River. Or will you turn your backs on the fishing families of Clatsop County?