

John Flynn

I am a resident of Kalama, WA. I frequently fish the Columbia River both upstream and downstream of Kalama, as well as the Kalama River.

I oppose the proposed construction and operation of a fracked gas to methanol refinery on the shore of the Columbia River primarily on environmental grounds and secondly on aesthetic grounds. The negative impacts this project would have on our environment and health is even more critical today considering the catastrophic wildfires we are currently experiencing in Washington, Oregon and California, with their associated loss of life and property.

This refinery would emit 4.6 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually into our already polluted atmosphere. In addition this petrochemical refinery would emit 53 tons of toxic and hazardous chemical pollutants into our air per year along with 62 tons of fine particulate matter per year. It is imperative upon us that we reduce greenhouse gas emissions and toxic air pollutants rather than increase them.

The vapor cloud from the cooling towers of this refinery from which millions of gallons of water will be evaporated would reach between one half to three quarters of a mile high and one quarter to one half mile wide. I cannot see myself, in my boat, fishing with family and friends in the shadow of the worlds largest fracked methane gas to methanol refinery.

I sincerely urge the Department of Ecology to deny any and all permits for this refinery project. Thank you.