

Cowlitz Indian Tribe

My name is Celine Cloquet. I'm an elected council member of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. The proposed Kalama methanol manufacturing and marine export facility lies within our homeland. The Cowlitz tribal council has determined that this project is inconsistent with the tribe's stewardship ethic, and today, force our opposition to this project moving forward. The Columbia River's ecosystem including floodplains, wetlands, aquatic habitat, and cultural sites are in a depressed state. As we stated in our testimony and letter to the shorelines hearing examiner in January 2017, the existing review documents under-represented the project's impacts. The Washington State Department of Ecology is responsible for ensuring shorelines compliance, critical areas protections, and floodplain management actions.

Our comments until now have focused generally on localized impacts. For the GHG emission review, we have attempted to take a broad view from many perspectives. The tribe considers the recent firestorms, flooding events, and other severe weather outbreaks demonstrate a clear link between global conditions and local impacts. The SSEIS does little to persuade us that this is a green project. While this project may move forward, its contribution to global emissions is still significant. Whether this project brings more vehicles to the road or more shampoo bottles that is supporting throwaway consumer culture, which is undermining our climate stability. We ask that the Department of Ecology review the project's impacts and findings relative to greenhouse gas emissions and mitigation carefully, thoroughly, and with an eye to the seventh generation.

In closing, the tribal council has concluded that the project's objective to produce methanol is not consistent without our belief that our actions are critical to our planet's warming trend. Thank you