

From: Brian Bowman [<email address removed>]
Sent: March 10, 2016 12:00 AM
To: Pacific Northwest LNG / GNL Pacific Northwest (CEAA/ACEE)
Subject: Protect the Skeena

Dear Minister McKenna,

I have alternatives to gas. Salmon don't have an alternative.

Independent science and previous research done by the Canadian government confirms the area of Lelu Island and Flora and Agnew Banks importance to juvenile salmon. It also confirms that building a massive industrial project in this part of the Skeena estuary could have catastrophic impacts on Skeena salmon and the aboriginal, sport and commercial fisheries that depend on them.

Recent science by Simon Fraser University, the Skeena Fisheries Commission and Lax Kw'alaams Fisheries shows the area proposed for PNW LNG facility contains 25 times more juvenile salmon than anywhere else in the estuary. It also highlights the critical habitat of Flora, Agnew and Horsey Banks could be destroyed from construction of the suspension bridge and jetty, underwater blasting, dredging of a million cubic meters of sand and rock, trenching of the underwater pipeline, noise and light pollution from the facility and tankers, and dredging of toxic chemicals previously deposited by a decommissioned pulp mill in the sediments.

This single project would also add 8.5% to British Columbia's greenhouse gas emissions, which make it almost impossible for BC to hit its climate change targets, and would contradict Canada's recent international climate change commitments.

All of the evidence shows this is the worst possible place to build a large-scale industrial facility. As currently proposed, this project is also irresponsible in light of BC and Canada's climate change commitments. I urge you to deny an environmental assessment certificate for this project in its current form and ask the proponent to revise its project location and design in a manner that protects Skeena salmon and dramatically reduces its climate change emissions.

Sincerely,

Brian Bowman

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