

Governor Kulongoski: But even if we have enough generating capacity to meet our future demand for electricity - we need to invest in transmission infrastructure to move that electricity from where it is generated to where it is distributed.

How will that happen if Clatsop County voters vote down each infrastructure decision that the Commissioners make? How will that happen if the Clatsop County voters are lied to by fliers and door to door salespeople, spreading misinformation instead of the truth?

#### From Dried Salmon Open Forum:

Did you know that before the Commissioners voted to conditionally allow cables and pipelines that the ONLY place either could go was through a public right-of-way? That's right, you as a property owner couldn't okay a waterline through your property unless you were tapping into it. You couldn't allow Verizon to pay you rent to run cable through, you couldn't allow NW Natural Gas to bring in another feeder line to lessen our rates! Clatsop County had NO transmission of energy policy, and those opposing 4-131 want to keep it that way. They want to deny landowners one more right to do what they want with their land!

**Writers, bloggers, commentators and reporters on LNG in Clatsop County:**

[Grassrootspeople.blogspot.com](http://Grassrootspeople.blogspot.com)

[Astoria.mung.net](http://Astoria.mung.net)

[Astoria-photografpix.blogspot.com](http://Astoria-photografpix.blogspot.com)

[Driedsalmon.proboards54.com](http://Driedsalmon.proboards54.com)

[Coastwatch.proboards107.com](http://Coastwatch.proboards107.com)

[Peterhutala.blogspot.com](http://Peterhutala.blogspot.com)

[Oregonguythinks.blogspot.com](http://Oregonguythinks.blogspot.com)

[Coastwatch.blogspot.com](http://Coastwatch.blogspot.com)

[Burningcorn.blogspot.com](http://Burningcorn.blogspot.com)

[NorthCoastOregon.com](http://NorthCoastOregon.com)

[KMUN.org](http://KMUN.org)

[KAST1370.com](http://KAST1370.com)

And the EVER popular series starring the FLIES on [Astoriarust.proboards107.com](http://Astoriarust.proboards107.com), this series of satire has some of the wickedest humor in the county, bringing you all the lowdown that was banned from *regular news*!

And you never know when one of the other 37 might chime in on the subject, or another one that you will want to know more about.

Do you really want to trust a newspaper that has lied to you on more than one occasion?

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# Internet Connection

Brought To You By: Clatsop County Matters - on the web at [Driedsalmon.blogspot.com](http://Driedsalmon.blogspot.com) This is what your neighbor's talking 'bout  
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## IS LNG SAFE?

From Tom Freel's CoastWatch: If LNG is safe (I think it is handled safely), If LNG provides struggling communities jobs and a stronger tax base (both of which are true) and, if LNG betters our position on the supply/demand front (which, logically, it would) then I would say we need to stop listening to half-truths and unrealistic arguments and allow the process to go forward.

From DriedSalmon Open Forum: In Oregon, two plants that liquefy and store natural gas for peak saving purposes have been operating safely for many years. These plants, one of which is located in Portland and one in Toledo, Oregon, are more intricate in nature than the receiving terminal proposed for Bradwood landing because they contain the necessary equipment to liquefy the natural gas as well as re-gasify it.

From Non Sequiturs and Exquisite Nonsense: If the Bradwood site goes into operation, is the choice whether to create a police-state environment or to provide easy opportunities for arsonists and nutcases and lazy terrorists?

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR US?

### More Funding for Schools, Services

From Open Comments in NCO: Bradwood Landing will pay millions a year in local property taxes and port fees, significantly strengthening the tax base for local schools and other government services in the community. This important new source of revenue, for example, will help pay bonds that fund the Knappa School District. In addition, Bradwood Landing will reduce local bond levy rates, reducing future tax burdens for area residents.

### What If We Don't Support LNG, What will happen?

From DriedSalmonForum: Nothing. Absolutely nothing. The same nothing that has been happening for the last few decades. And even more nothing. If you let the NO votes win on Sept. 16 then NO NEW energy plants of ANY kind can be built in Clatsop CO! Because NO means NO! No fiberoptics crossing into Clatsop County, bringing new technology and helping us during storms. No cables crossing into Clatsop County bringing internet, news, and more viewing options on our televisions. NO new lines running to or from the new energy plants, to bring us a new source of renewable energy. NO means NO - to everything!!! The folks running the campaign against the referendum forgot to tell you that, didn't they? Remember that NO means NO - to everything!

## AREN'T YOU TIRED OF THE SHENANIGANS?

Aren't you tired of the shenanigans of the local paper? Tired of slanted articles, one sided commentary, and loopy analysis of supposed going ons of whoever is the current "enemy" of the editor?

So what can YOU do? Inform your friends of alternative news sources. In Clatsop County we have many. Right on our own blog we link the Clatsop County internet reader to seven local media outlets, six of them offering their local news free! Guess which one isn't? Print out this newsletter, bring to work, mail it to someone.

Clatsop County Matter's [driedsalmon.blogspot.com](http://driedsalmon.blogspot.com) also has links to 37 local blogs offering their views on everything from fishing to politics, motherhood to homeschooling, carpentry to local activism to photography and everything in between. Elected officials blogs, local experts, and your neighbor next door! You aren't getting both sides of an issue in the paper? Turn on your computer and read "the rest of the story"!

Our blog also carries links to all of the local governments, agencies and districts. Want to know more about your watershed, your building code, or your animal shelter? Find a link at [driedsalmon.blogspot.com](http://driedsalmon.blogspot.com)!

From OregonGuy: *Silly and Mis-Leading Anti-LNG Direct Mail Piece* I'm sure that the Great Thinkers behind the effort to stop an LNG terminal in Clatsop County have great hopes of influencing the electorate of the county with this jazzy direct mail piece. But what is it they really are doing? Letting people know that after completion of the pipeline construction, that the presence--like that of existing natural gas pipelines in the county--will be out of sight...and soon forgotten. How do you get natural gas to heat your home if you live in Gearhart, Seaside or Cannon Beach? I just don't recall the hub-bub over the pipeline extension to south county. Or any hysteria over the pipeline that brings natural gas into Astoria, for that matter...

AstoriaRust: *LNG Revisted*, OK, I'm pissed and I'm going to do it. I, here and now officially change my opinion on LNG. Yes, I was an opponent of it for about three years. I've attended meetings and donated money to the cause. I got the pins, lawn sign and stickers and spoke out in opposition whenever I had the opportunity. I've written articles and posted opinions against LNG, but now I am changing my mind. I no longer oppose it. Here are the reasons...

Tom Freel's Coastwatch: So what's the diff? Those who would have voters overturn the county decision on the Bradwood natgas pipeline are throwing around a couple of land use terms like they are perfectly interchangeable. Not So. At a recent town hall-style meeting supporters of the September 16th ballot measure that would prevent a decision to route pipelines through any area designated open spaces pointed out that the county did not grant a "Variance" as though that was damning in some way and claim that the decision opens up all county open spaces and parkland to pipelines. No it does not...

Tom Freel's CoastWatch: This is in response to those who have commented asking just what my position is on this issue. I want truth. It's really that simple. My perception of the situation is that LNG developers who have proposed building here have been responsive to issues as they have occurred. They have been forthcoming when it comes to answering critical

questions about what they plan to do. Those who are responsible as elected officials and their staffs have taken a sensible approach in dealing with this issue each step of the way by raising serious questions that have been addressed by the LNG developers to the extent they are able. Some questions are mis-directed... The radical opposition to LNG takes an approach that, in my opinion, is not trustworthy. I believe their methods are designed to scare people by playing only on emotional arguments that are either false, or are made up of pure supposition for their own veiled purposes. Since the Democratic Party has taken this road and supports this method I now believe that the party and those who are part of it are no longer trustworthy and I will not support them. ...Making any decision is a process. That process is designed to determine the truth and what makes sense.

Clatsop County Matters: *Energy Wars*. In four years approximately two hundred people have spoken out at local hearings and in letters to the paper against siting LNG holding tanks at either Skipanon or Bradwood. Two hundred people told the media, their legislative representatives, the governor and the Federal Energy Regulation Commission that the local board of county commissioners in Clatsop County refuse to listen to the majority of their constituents in working through the process. Out of a population of 36,000, with 21,104 being registered voters, 200 people have declared themselves "the majority"! We will forego the obvious conclusion of what kind of math they were doing. This group of people have ignored the fact that the county commissioners and the City Council of Warrenton "heard" that 20,904 people didn't have the same concerns. Yet, still these 200 still claim rights over the top of 20,904 people who chose not to speak against LNG, against neither Oregon LNG's project nor Northern Stars. Now, this same group wish to isolate Clatsop County, completely cutting it off of access to the outside world's options of technology or energy, saying they do so "for our own good"...

If you aren't visiting [NorthCoastOregon.com](http://NorthCoastOregon.com); Oregon Guy, Astoria Rust, and Clatsop County Matters on the web, look at the postings you are missing:

*The anti LNG faction lies and spins everything. Their campaign that each dollar will be matched, but not saying who by is typical. And then it doesn't even happen. Isn't that a election violation? I am outraged that the only money they spent locally was at the Daily Astorian and the radio stations. No money to local printers for their brochures, business signs, or yard signs! All their money to that "horrid" state that they don't want to become a pipeline for! But they'll send all of their money to it! Bunch of hypocrites!*

And this one from one of the open forums:

*The people behind this want to make everyone think that the permit that was given to Bradwood Landing (for a piece of property zoned as Open Space), changed the County law, which it didn't - they are lying - but they'll say anything, and are allowed to do so, whether it's the truth or not. It is a Conditional Use permit, not a blanket approval for everywhere in the County. A "No" vote on the referendum will have horrible repercussions in the future, preventing the Planning Commission and County Commission from granting variances over any piece of property zoned as Open Space/Parks/Recreation, for any utility lines, not just pipelines. Oh, and it's really stupid on their part - there is no such thing as an "LNG pipeline"*