

## **MOLALLA RIVER ALLIANCE PASSES RESOLUTION OPPOSING LNG CROSSING OF MOLALLA RIVER**

Consensus is Risks Are Too Great to Community and Ecosystems

At last month's meeting of the Molalla River Alliance, its members approved a resolution opposing construction of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) pipeline through the Molalla River and its watershed. The decision to pass the resolution was a consensus of the group.

The Molalla River Alliance, a coalition of more than 45 civic and conservation organizations, local, state and federal agencies, and numerous individuals, was organized with the dual purpose of protecting and preserving the water quality and ecosystems of the Molalla River while encouraging diverse enjoyment of the recreation area including tourism and family-friendly activities.

“The Alliance has galvanized diverse, divergent, and frequently opposing, stakeholders, scientists and policy makers unified to protect the environment of the Molalla River,” says Mike Moody, president of the Molalla River Alliance. “We have taken reasonable measures to objectively listen to, analyze and debate all sides of the LNG issue. The consensus among our members is the risks to this pristine watershed, and to our communities that depend upon it, are not acceptable.”

In addition to concerns that the location of the proposed pipeline will degrade critical fish habitat needed by federally listed salmon and steelhead species, Molalla River Alliance members are also concerned the pipeline would pass through an area which has an active seismic history and fault lines, raising the possibility of catastrophic damage resulting from earthquakes.

The group also feels the pipeline construction will significantly increase erosion and sedimentation which will reverse years of restoration efforts by many Oregonians, including the Alliance, to improve ecosystems of the Molalla River.

The Molalla River Alliance is made up of many individual landowners and residents, and includes American Rivers, Back Country Horsemen, Back Country Hunters and Anglers, BARK, Bee Ranch, City of Molalla, Friends of the Molalla David Moskowitz and Confluence Consulting, Ecotrust, Friends of the Molalla River, Glen Avon Neighborhood Assn., Hamlet of Mulino, Mazamas, Molalla Community Planning Organization, Molalla Retreat Molalla RiverWatch, Molalla River Anglers, Oregon Equestrian Trails, Oregon Wild, Native Fish Society, North American Salmon Stronghold, Northwest Steelheaders, Oregon Trout, Peachuck Lookout Advocacy, Sierra Club, S. H. Smith Fisheries Consulting, Todos Juntos, Trails End Campground, Western Rivers, Willamette Riverkeeper, among others

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