

Coal-export terminal backer sues over permit denial

Project in Longview

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SEATTLE — A company proposing to build a terminal in Washington state to export U.S. coal to Asia sued the state Tuesday, arguing regulators unfairly denied the project a key permit.

Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview's lawsuit claims the state Department of Ecology violated federal and state laws when it denied the project a water quality certification last month.

The lawsuit filed in Cowlitz

County Superior Court alleges the denial was based on "biased and prejudiced decision-making."

The company also appealed the decision to a state shoreline hearings board.

Millennium, owned by Utah-based Lighthouse Resources, has sought to build a facility along the Columbia River to handle up to 44 million tons of coal a year.

Trains would carry the coal from Montana, Wyoming and other states, which would be loaded onto ships headed to Asia. It would be one of the largest in North America.

"Today's filings demonstrate Ecology invented special rules in a unique and unpre-

cedented process in the evaluation of Millennium's project," company CEO and president Bill Chapman told reporters in a call Tuesday.

Company officials described a protracted permitting process that has been unprecedented in scope. The company said it has invested about \$15 million in the permitting process.

Ecology rejected a water quality permit last month, saying the proposed facility in Longview would have caused "significant and unavoidable harm" to the environment. The department cited effects to air quality, vehicle and vessel traffic, noise pollution and tribal resources, among others. The

permit is one of 23 the project needs.

In denying the permit, Ecology director Maia Bellon said in a statement that "there are simply too many unavoidable and negative environmental effects for the project to move forward."

Ecology spokesman Dave Bennett said in a statement Tuesday that the agency stands by its decision to deny the permit and is prepared to defend it.

"The permit application and other documents did not provide reasonable assurance that the project would meet state water quality standards," he said.

Environmentalists, tribes and others have opposed

the project — which could increase U.S. exports of coal by 40 percent — because of concerns about global warming, coal dust pollution and potential damage to fisheries on the river.

Businesses, some labor groups and other supporters say the project would create jobs, add tax revenue and boost the local economy. The governor of Wyoming, the nation's leading coal-producing state, previously traveled to the Pacific Northwest to pitch the importance of coal exports to the governors of Washington and Oregon.

Kristin Gaines, the company's vice president of environmental planning, said the fed-

eral Clean Water Act allows the state to deny water quality certification only on water quality grounds. Instead, she said Ecology used other alleged impacts to transportation.

Gaines said a thorough state and local environmental review found that the project's discharges to Washington's waters wouldn't adversely affect water quality, aquatic life or other designated uses and that any effects could be fully offset.

Another state agency earlier this year also denied the project an aquatic lands sublease. Millennium has appealed that decision and a Cowlitz County judge is scheduled to hear arguments Friday.

Activists block loggers from Eugene-area timber sale

Associated Press

MCKENZIE BRIDGE — Environmental activists are blocking loggers from accessing a timber sale in the Willamette National Forest.

The Register-Guard reported that protesters from the Eugene-based Cascadia Forest Defenders blocked the road Tuesday with a car, a

pickup truck and a refrigerator. They have also rigged up a platform 80 feet above ground.

The group wants to keep loggers out of the Goose Project timber sale near the unincorporated community of McKenzie Bridge.

The 2,400-acre sale has been debated for more than five years and activists have

staged sit-ins in the forest before.

The U.S. Forest Service says the logging will increase the health and diversity of the forest while providing jobs and lumber for a local sawmill.

Activists believe the logging will create pollution in watersheds and lead to erosion.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

AccuWeather.com

Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
40	65	68	62	60
Partly cloudy	Partly sunny	Beautiful with plenty of sunshine	Plenty of sunshine	Low clouds

ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures

High/low 71°/45°
 Normal high/low 59°/43°
 Record high 75° in 1941
 Record low 32° in 1954

Precipitation

Tuesday 0.00"
 Month to date 8.82"
 Normal month to date 4.16"
 Year to date 62.03"
 Normal year to date 44.40"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 6:12 p.m.
 Sunrise Thursday 7:48 a.m.
 Moonrise today 1:07 p.m.
 Moonset today 10:29 p.m.

REGIONAL WEATHER

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Fomalhaut, the brightest star of Piscis Austrinus, the southern fish, stands low in the southeast.

Source: Jim Todd, OMS

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
6:59 a.m.	6.6 ft.	12:01 a.m.	0.7 ft.
5:41 p.m.	7.3 ft.	12:11 p.m.	3.5 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Thu	W
Atlanta	61	42	s	69	50	s
Boston	67	57	r	61	47	sh
Chicago	50	36	pc	55	45	pc
Denver	79	44	s	48	20	pc
Des Moines	65	45	s	63	36	pc
Detroit	52	37	sh	54	42	s
El Paso	76	53	s	86	50	s
Fairbanks	34	29	c	39	27	c
Honolulu	82	69	pc	83	68	pc
Indianapolis	49	33	c	58	46	s
Kansas City	69	48	s	69	35	pc
Las Vegas	85	59	s	87	61	s
Los Angeles	100	68	s	89	65	s
Memphis	65	47	s	78	56	s
Miami	77	58	sh	77	67	s
Nashville	58	39	pc	71	51	s
New Orleans	69	51	s	80	62	s
New York	67	53	c	61	46	pc
Oklahoma City	77	49	s	79	40	s
Philadelphia	67	47	pc	60	44	pc
St. Louis	63	42	s	71	46	s
Salt Lake City	68	44	s	62	37	pc
San Francisco	82	58	s	82	56	s
Seattle	59	46	c	60	45	pc
Washington, DC	66	48	pc	60	43	s

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

OBITUARIES

Patricia (Patty) Louise Hullender

Seaside
Nov. 29, 1921 — Oct. 21, 2017

Patricia (Patty) Louise Hullender, known by many as Pat, and affectionately known to family as Gramma, was born in Seattle, Washington, on Nov. 29, 1921 to Carl and Marie Lindstrom. Pat was 87 when she departed her earthly home, bound for her eternal home in heaven, on Oct. 21, 2017 surrounded by loved ones.

Pat was preceded in death by her loving husband of 57 years, Larry Hullender, infant daughter Marlis Marie, and two grandchildren.

Pat is survived by one daughter, Carol Hullender of Seaside, Oregon; two sons, Steve Hullender of Seaside, Oregon, and Phil and Lauri Hullender of Gearhart, Oregon; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A viewing and visitation at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 1403 S. Wahanna in Seaside. The service is scheduled to begin at

11 a.m. followed by committal and interment at Evergreen Cemetery in Seaside.

The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, to please make memorial contributions in Pat's name to the Clatsop County Animal Shelter, 1315 SE 19th St., Warrenton, OR 97146.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria/Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. Online memorial tribute & guestbook are at www.hughes-ransom.com and www.facebook.com/hughesransommortuary/



Patricia Louise Hullender

Gerald (Jerry) Franklin Hopp

Portland
Dec. 24, 1941 — Oct. 17, 2017

Gerald (Jerry) Franklin Hopp passed away Oct. 17, 2017, in a memory care facility in Portland.

Jerry was born in Oregon City on Dec. 24, 1941. He was the third-generation owner of Hopp's Upholstery and Shoe Repair in Oregon City, where he lived until his retirement. He then moved with his wife, Nancy, to Seaside and Gearhart where he was usually found on a

golf course until dementia made it impossible for him to play.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 55 years, Nancy Hopp of Seaside, four children and nine grandchildren.

His final resting place will be in Oregon City near his parents.

There will be a friends and family gathering at a later date.

ON THE RECORD

- DUI**
 • At 5:19 p.m. Sunday, Pedro Hernandez, 28, of Astoria was arrested by the Warrenton Police Department on the New Youngs Bay Bridge and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants. His blood alcohol content was 0.22 percent.
- At 10:20 p.m. Monday, Jeffrey Teague, 39, of Astoria, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on Marine Drive and Hamburg Avenue and charged with DUII and reckless driving.
- At 2:59 a.m. Tuesday, Tammie Deanne Mayfield, 47, of Warrenton, was arrested by the Warrenton Police Department on S. Main Avenue and First Street and charged with DUII and driving while suspended. Her blood alcohol content was 0.18 percent.

DEATHS

- Oct. 23, 2017**
TOWNLEY, Linda L., 70, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria/Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.
- McKNIGHT, Geneva Mae, 86**, of Seaside, died in Forest Grove. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria/Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIAL

- Saturday, Oct. 28**
DRUMHELLER, John Thomas — Celebration of life at 11 a.m., North Coast Family Fellowship, 2245 N. Wahanna Road in Seaside.

CORRECTION

Toxic mushroom — An Oct. 19 story in Coast Weekend, "Close to Home: Stalking the wild mushroom," contained a file photo on page 22 of the amanita muscaria mushroom, which has a red-orange cap and white warts. This specimen is toxic. People are advised not eat it.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- WEDNESDAY**
Clatsop County Housing Authority Board, 5 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.
- THURSDAY**
Sunset Empire Transportation District Board, 9 a.m., Astoria Transit Center Conference Room, 900 Marine Drive.
- Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce Council**, noon, 818 Commercial St., Suite 203, Astoria.
- Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee**, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St.

LOTTERIES

- OREGON**
Tuesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 3-8-7-2
4 p.m.: 8-2-4-0
7 p.m.: 5-0-6-3
10 p.m.: 7-4-8-8
Tuesday's Lucky Lines: 01-08-
- 09-13-FREE-19-22-28-31
 Estimated jackpot: \$22,000
- Tuesday's Mega Millions:**
 20-24-34-56-64, Mega Ball: 6, Megaplier: 4
 Estimated jackpot: \$25 million
- WASHINGTON**
Tuesday's Daily Game: 4-4-6
Tuesday's Keno: 06-07-08-09-17-27-29-31-36-40-43-46-53-57-58-63-66-69-71-72
Tuesday's Match 4: 03-13-18-21

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