

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
WEST COAST GOVERNORS' AGREEMENT (WCGA) ON OCEAN HEALTH

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) supports Action 2.2 in the (WCGA) action plan, which addresses restoration of estuarine habitat and sets an objective of increasing estuarine habitat and function by 10% within 10 years. One possible impediment to achieving this objective is the proposed development of liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities in the Columbia River and Coos Bay estuaries. The proposed site near Clifton Channel in the Columbia River would require dredging of over 700,000 cubic yards of prime salmon rearing habitat, and subsequent disposal of the material someplace that would likely cause additional negative impacts to the ecosystem. The proposed Coos Bay facility would also require dredging, as well as construction of a pipeline extending 223 miles overland through seven major watersheds. Development of these LNG facilities are not in alignment with the WCGA, and would make it very difficult to achieve the stated objective.

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