



Northern Star Natural Gas

March 1, 2006

Mr. Stuart Ellis
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
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Sent via fax: 503-235-4228

Dear Mr. Ellis:

I am writing in response to your proposed letter being put before the Pacific Fishery Management Council regarding the siting of the Bradwood Landing liquefied natural gas receiving terminal on the lower Columbia River.

It has been nearly one year since the company entered the FERC pre-filing process, and since that time we have been working closely with state and federal consulting agencies, including NOAA. But, as your draft letter indicates, Northern Star Natural Gas is still in the early stages of the permitting process for this facility.

Over the past year, we have conducted extensive outreach to fisheries stakeholders on the Columbia River including but not limited to the Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association, Salmon for All, Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union, Oregon Fishermen's Cable Committee, Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce, and your group, the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

I am sorry that you were not able to be present for our meeting with CRITFC officials, but trust your colleagues brought you up to speed with the process we are undertaking and our desire and practice of consulting with the tribes and other stakeholders. Since our meeting we have followed up with CRITFC staff regarding potentially acceptable mitigation projects to enhance salmon populations in the lower Columbia Estuary and we are hopeful that our working together will identify areas where we can achieve positive results.

While Northern Star is still early in the permitting process for this facility, we are prepared to address all potential impacts and spell out mitigation measures as requested in your draft letter. We are working very hard to minimize negative impacts on both fish habitat and fishing activities. To the extent impacts are identified, we will prepare detailed mitigation plans that we would like stakeholders and the Council's involvement in developing.

To that end, we request that you hold your comments on the Bradwood facility until we are able to make a presentation on our findings and potential mitigation ideas. We hope to have this ready by the June PFMC meeting and we request an opportunity to brief

both the Habitat Committee and the full Council, and would appreciate your input at that time We will be making the same request of Council staff and hope you will support it.

Please contact me with any questions and thank you for your interest in working with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Glessner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Glessner
Vice President, Engineering

cc: Members of the Oregon and Washington PFMC delegations
Dr. Don McIsaac