

## Conservation Update/Lobby Day

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Our best news is that the changes in the state and federal legislatures may help to pass legislation that will offer us all better environmental protections. Please stay alert to updates through Audubon and the WHAS conservation committee so you can contact your elected representatives when these bills need support.

### **WHAS members are invited to attend Priorities for a Healthy Washington Lobby Day in Olympia, an all day event, Wednesday, February 14th, 2007.**

From Lisa Remlinger's email: "Join the state's leading conservation groups and hundreds of citizen lobbyists to push for the passage of the Priorities for a Healthy Washington legislative package. These priorities include legislation for cleaning up Puget Sound, phasing out toxic chemicals that impact children's health, promoting renewable fuels and recycling e-waste. We are also united to defend against any attacks on our land protections in Washington State. During Lobby Day you will hear from legislators that are championing the Priorities for a Healthy Washington legislation, receive a training on how to lobby from top environmental lobbyists, and have a chance to meet face to face with your elected officials. And don't forget the party in the evening! Lobby Day is hosted by People for Puget Sound. To register go to [www.pugetsound.org/lobbyday](http://www.pugetsound.org/lobbyday) or contact Rein Attemann at [rattemann@pugetsound.org](mailto:rattemann@pugetsound.org) or (206) 382-7007."

### **Liquid Natural Gas Terminal at Bradwood, OR**

Many residents expressed amazement at the many glossy mailings they received recently from Northern Star, the company that wants to build the plant. These mailings prominently feature beautiful full-color renditions of salmon and promise \$40 million for salmon restoration. Of course these mailings do not tell the whole story. First the company will destroy salmon habitat by dredging estuary currently protected for fish spawning. Then it will pay for salmon restoration projects. It is also offering to protect an island that Columbia Land Trust is already in the process of negotiating to buy and protect. **To find out more about this project, come to a forum in February at Lower Columbia College at which both sides will be represented.**

### **Copper Mine at Mt. St. Helens**

New court decisions may prevent development of the roadless area that is part of the mining company's holdings. This would mean that only part of the mine could be developed and might mean that it would not be developed at all. Public hearings are supposed to be scheduled early in 2007, so stay tuned.

### **Coal-Gasification Electric Plant in Kalama**

Darrel Whipple testified for WHAS at a public hearing on November 6, stating that the coal gasification process is cleaner than normal coal-burning power plants, but still will emit equally large amounts of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas which contributes to ocean acidification and global warming. He said that most of the fifty attendees at the hearing were against the plant, because of the effect on residents of Kalama.

### **Ethanol Plant in Longview**

See the summary of the December 3 WHAS Board meeting (*Page 7 in this issue*) for more on this topic.

## **SUPPORTING ECOLOGICALLY RESPONSIBLE WAYS OF LIFE**

*Guest article, by Margaret Green*

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Help us protect Longview neighborhoods from inappropriate industrial development. The City of Longview is trying to allow an ethanol plant to be built in the Mint Farm Industrial Park within a few hundred feet of family homes. This plant will be a noisy, stinking neighbor in addition to storing nearly two million gallons of ethanol, gasoline, and anhydrous ammonia. We are fighting to move this plant away from neighborhoods. You can help by joining and/or by donating to Neighbors for Livability.

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