

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. The Columbia River regional port systems which complements both import and export commerce in the Pacific Northwest supplies this region with on going commercial potential for healthy economic stability and growth. It takes commitment and knowledge to steward The expanding commercial potential of both import and export shipping . It takes foresight and wisdom to maintain a safe and healthy environment regarding the intelligent use of this truly major river system.

Recent environmental legislature improves the robust continuance of a safe and healthy structure regarding the environmental issues involved with commercial portage on our wonderful river. Recent deepening of the shipping channel has gained the attention of large and powerful corporation who see potential profits in import and export shipping.

Powerful and determined commercial corporations have descended on the world wide shipping potential and the increased diversity of its uses following the deepening of its shipping channel. That is the freedom and opportunity permitted by a healthy American commerce. IF YOU BUILD IT THEY WILL COME. It is up to affected Washington and Oregon citizens to determine if they can stay. WE VOTE.

Mt St Helens eruption in 1980 gave a wakeup call to the vulnerability of our shipping channel . It took almost 20 years for shipping commerce to recover. Environmental awareness stepped up then and since that time Northwest citizens have accepted grass roots responsibility for the safe and intelligent use of our river and its embankments.

LNG proponents discovered that local citizens could not be buffaloed or Intimidated by powerful corporative giants . Neither could a potential coal fired sequestration plant influence Kalama, WA with promises of wealth. Palomar and Williams pipelines with enormous disruptive potential of farm lands and private property were given the not welcome sign. The largest world food and beverage corporation, Nestle corp. got a hit the road message for its purposed bottling plant of Oregon spring water.

Coal , the worlds dirtiest fossil fuel is a decreasingly viable energy source, China is in the process of converting to clean air energy sources,. So who would want to look for profit by selling ice cubes to Eskimos , or sail boats in the Sahara,? Who ? Millennium Corp and its ilk. Gentlemen say no to profit over people..

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