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Subject: Comments on Pacific NorthWest LNG - Don't do it in the Skeena Estuary!

Dear Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Mr. Trudeau, and Ms. Mckenna

I am strongly opposed to the development of an LNG plant in the Skeena Estuary. In principle, I am not opposed to the development of British Columbia's LNG industry, but I believe strongly that any industrial development in northern British Columbia should take great care of and consideration for fish, wildlife and wilderness. The type of wilderness and the wildlife that northern BC contains has largely been squandered elsewhere. For this reason, any development deserves an extra degree of caution and scrutiny.

I recently read a book written by David Montgomery, called "King of Fish: The Thousand-Year Run of Salmon". The book chronicles the progressive decline of salmon runs around the world. It begins with English and European populations and then moves to North America, first the East Coast and then California, Oregon and Washington. In each of these places, the causes and pattern of the decline was similar. It began with fishing pressure and ended with degradation of habitat, often due to the extraction or utilization of natural resources.

The tragedy of the tale lies in the manner in which the pattern repeats itself again and again over 1000 years. The causes of the decline are often obvious but the political will to make the necessary changes or to exercise caution has always been lacking.

The Skeena River system is one of the last in North America with the potential to produce and maintain millions of wild fish. It contains many genetically diverse and distinct populations, but all of these must share the Skeena Estuary habitat. Anything that threatens this habitat threatens the entire Skeena River system and must be avoided.

Please do not allow any LNG development in the Skeena estuary to proceed. It can be safely and profitably developed elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Mike Hendry