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August 2013 Highlights

TAKE ACTION TO HELP YOUR OCEAN:
1. Write a letter to your NJ/NY Governor opposing the Port Ambrose LNG offshore facility.
2. Volunteer to help your ocean at a festival near you this summer.
3. Visit ForTheShore.org to participate in the next Waves of Action.
4. Support COA's work at www.CleanOceanAction.org.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help our ocean! Volunteers can sign-up for an entire event or a shorter portion of time.

Annual Clam Festival
Highlands, NJ
Thursday, August 1st, 6pm-10pm
Friday, August 2nd, 6pm-11pm
Saturday, August 3rd, 12pm-11pm
Sunday, August 4th, 12pm-8pm

Avon Public Beach
Saturday, August 3rd, 10am-2pm
Sunday, August 4th, 10am-2pm

Bradley Beach Public Beach
Saturday, August 3rd, 10am-2pm
Sunday, August 4th, 10am-2pm

Beach Ball-A-Palooza
Lakewood Township, NJ
Sunday, August 4th, 4pm-7pm

Jenkinson's Pavillion
Point Pleasant, NJ
Saturday, August 10th, 10am-2pm
Sunday, August 11th, 10am-2pm

Jersey Shore Jazz and Blues Festival
Long Branch, NJ
Tuesday, August 24th, 12pm-10pm

TRIBUTES



In Memory of Dean Hollenbach
In Memory of John Oatis
In Memory of Margaret VanVechten
In Honor of Janine Karoly

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2013 WAVE OF ACTION



Volunteers in Highlands, NJ

On July 20th, Clean Ocean Action's Waves of Action For The Shore continued with dedicated volunteers working on five projects. Projects included beach, waterway, and a reggae concert with the band Reef'd in Avalon, NJ.



George, COA's newest volunteer helped his owner, Margot Fericola, lead the Waves of Action cleanup in Loch Arbour, NJ this weekend. George is sporting a COA bandana.

Many thanks to those involved with the July 20th Wave of Action:

- Alex Jeffers and Reef'd
- Highlands Environmental Commission
- Margot Fericola and the town of Loch Arbour
- Surfrider Foundation, South Jersey Chapter

THANK YOU! GREAT SUPPORT AGAINST LNG



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Over 750 citizens attended the public hearings during the week of July 8th. Waves of thanks for taking a stand to keep our oceans free of industrialization! See inside for what you can do now! [Here are some highlights:](#)

Long Beach, NY: July 9, 2013

Environmental groups including Catskills Citizens for Safe Energy, Food and Water Watch, Concerned Citizens of Montauk, Citizens Campaign for the Environment, and the Surfrider Foundation were joined by over 350 citizens and other organizations who spoke out against the Port Ambrose Liquefied Natural Gas facility at a press conference just before the public hearing at the Allegria Hotel in Long Beach, NY. The groups cited threats to tourism, commerce, and the marine environment; the connection to hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") upstate; the deficiencies in the application; and the fact that an identical project was vetoed by Governor Christie all as reasons to reject this project.

Edison, NJ: July 10, 2013

Food and Water Watch and Edison Wetlands Association blasted the offshore Port Ambrose Liquefied Natural Gas facility at a press conference just before the public hearing at the New Jersey Expo and Convention Center in Edison, NJ.

Despite being denied freedom of speech areas at the beginning of the day, COA and the other groups present organized to find an area to hold the press conference. Thanks to **Merrimakers** for letting the event take place in front of their building.

Over 200 citizens and other organizations attended and spoke out against the project at the public hearing as well, with momentum building in opposition to Port Ambrose following the previous night's hearing in Long Beach, NY.

Citizen Hearing in Sea Bright, NJ: July 11, 2013

Over 160 citizens and many organizations, Congressman Frank Pallone, Senator Jennifer Beck, Mayor of Sea Bright Dina Long, and Oceanport Council President Joseph Irace, gathered for a hearing organized by Clean Ocean Action to speak on the proposed project by Liberty Natural Gas at Sea Bright Public Beach in Sea Bright, NJ. Over 30 citizens testified against Port Ambrose. They were outraged that the federal agencies ignored the coast and did not offer a public hearing along the Jersey Shore for coastal residents.



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CITIZEN ACTION

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The Fight Against Liquefied Natural Gas Isn't Over

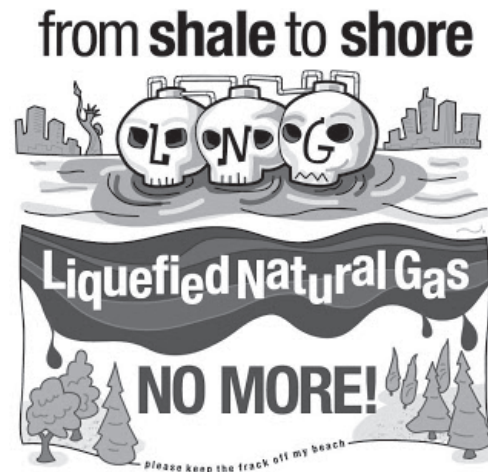


Photo Credit: Nick Lynn

Submit comments into the official record and spread the word!

The time is now to take three action steps:

Step 1:



To submit comments electronically, visit www.CleanOceanAction.org and follow the link to the docket.

Written docket submissions for USCG–2013–0363 should be addressed to: Department of Transportation, Docket Management Facility, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001. The Facility telephone number is (202) 366–9329, fax is (202) 493–2251.

For further information about public comment, contact: Roddy Bachman, U.S. Coast Guard, by phone at (202) 372–1451, email: Roddy.C.Bachman@uscg.mil, or Tracey Ford, Maritime Administration, by phone at (202) 366–0321, email: Tracey.Ford@dot.gov.

Step 2:



Governor Christie and Governor Cuomo can still veto this project. Call and tell your elected officials that you are against the Port Ambrose LNG project. You can reach Governor Christie at (609) 474–8390 and Governor Cuomo at (518) 474–8390. Visit www.CleanOceanAction.org to sign Surfrider Foundation's petition urging Governor Christie/Cuomo to say no to Port Ambrose.

Step 3:



Commit to getting 10 friends/family to send comments to the docket and urge Governor Christie/Governor Cuomo to veto.

For information about the issue or to find out other ways to help, call COA (732) 872–0111 or visit CleanOceanAction.Org.

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Dark Barnegat Bay Sand for Beach Replenishment Raises Concerns



Dark sand spread from Deauville South to Normandy

In response to Superstorm Sandy, agencies in New Jersey are removing sediments deposited by Sandy from waterways where it poses a hazard to navigation. If sediments are tested to be 90% sand, they can be used for beach replenishment and other beneficial uses, such as marsh restoration. Citizens have contacted COA with their concerns about sand removed from parts of Barnegat Bay that has been placed on Brick Township beaches that is much darker than normal beach sand. COA has been investigating the issue and talking with government agencies and locally affected citizens to determine if the sand poses a potential health risk. The sand has been sifted to remove debris. Some limited testing for chemical contaminants has shown that toxins are not above standards. COA is pushing for additional tests including fecal indicator bacteria that could indicate potential sewage contamination.

SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

Diana Reinhardt Paradis, Development@cleanoceanaction.org

Supporter: Patsy Guttenplan

From: Little Silver, NJ

COALition member since: Over 20 years!

Do you support Clean Ocean Action? "I live here. I raised my family here. We have a business here. We vote here. When we bought our home 25 years ago, I was looking for an organization to join that really made a difference in the community and I could see the important work COA was doing. My husband Jack and I had picked a property that backs to the water, but the water was very dirty when we first moved in. 10 years later, the water was much cleaner, and I think COA has a lot to do with the improved water quality. COA is a truth-telling organization, and I am happy to be part of it."

To hear about ways you can support Clean Ocean Action's mission to protect the marine waters off New York and New Jersey, please contact Diana Reinhardt Paradis at development@cleanoceanaction.org.

US STRONG LAUNCHED IN NJ



US Strong is a campaign that is engaging homeowners, first responders, businesses, and community leaders to build support for protective measures to respond to sea level rise, storm surge and climate change.

In the last 5 years, NJ has been inundated by six major storms causing billions of dollars in damage and harming the economy.

Recent studies prove that every \$1 dollar spent to prevent devastation from storms saves \$9 of clean up and recovery costs. US Strong has launched a NJ campaign to generate support for extreme weather relief and protection.

The campaign is working to build support for a national "Extreme Weather Relief and Protection Fund"—a dedicated fund that can be accessed by vulnerable communities to prepare for extreme weather, and used for relief from extreme weather disasters.

Clean Ocean Action is working with US Strong as part of a campaign to educate the public about sea level rise and the need to restore the shore with resiliency and environmental stewardship. For more information contact: Lauren Townsend, director of US Strong NJ campaign at 732-774-4197 (w), 215-939-7621 (c), or lauren@usstrong.us. Visit www.USStrong.us.

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC



COA welcomes, Axelle Allain, our first "International Intern" this summer from Paris, France. Axelle is in a five-year Master of Business program in France and is interning with COA for two weeks. She has shared in her own words why interning at COA is important to her.

"I indeed wanted to act for something I believed in and since there is no border for environmental issues, I decided to look for an association in the USA, where I have been fascinated by the culture. COA was totally in keeping with my ecologist convictions and is currently working to fight a threat to the Jersey shore: LNG. So if you permit me, as we say in France, this was the 'drop of water that made the vase overflow.' Indeed, this was the decisive reason to volunteer for the organization because we face exactly the same issue in France.

France prohibits LNG due to a 2011 law that forbids hydro-fracking due to the extreme danger of the process. French President Francois Holland recently announced that while he is President, the country would not use LNG because of the risks of the hydraulic fracturing, which he specified have already been detected in U.S. exploitations. As satisfied as I was with this decision for my country, I do not wish the problem to move across the Atlantic Ocean to the US. That is why I want to work for COA and help stop LNG."

Along with working on the anti-LNG issue, Axelle is coordinating an interactive art project with Brooklyn conceptual artist Xavier Roux. "A Walk on the Beach" invites the public to walk on a tapestry made of plastic refuse from the ocean. As the public walks on the installation a computer generated footprint appears for a few seconds mimicking a real walk on the beach. The installation will be on display in Paris in October.