



Clean Ocean Advocate

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- 18,000 Comments Submitted in Opposition to Port Ambrose
- Liberty's Undisclosed UK Energy Connections
- Deceased Dolphins Wash-up on Jersey Shore

September 2013 Highlights

TAKE ACTION TO HELP YOUR OCEAN:

1. Write a letter to your NJ/NY Governor to veto Port Ambrose LNG offshore facility.
2. Volunteer to help your ocean at an event near you this fall.
3. Visit ForTheShore.org to participate in the next Waves of Action.
4. Support COA's work at www.CleanOceanAction.org and attend Seaside Sunset on October 10th!

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SAVE THE DATE

Clean Ocean Action's Seaside Sunset
Thursday, October 10, 2013
Ten-Ten-Thirteen!

McLoone's Pier House
Long Branch, NJ

For more information, please call
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| In Memory of Adelaide Gabel | In Honor of the Guests at Lisa and Dan Geres' Wedding |
| In Memory of John Oatis | |
| In Memory of Joseph Small | In Honor of Rick Jones |
| In Memory of Margaret VanVechten | In Honor of the Fight Against Offshore LNG |
| In Memory of Patricia Horn | |
| In Memory of Terry Campbell | In Honor of the Ocean and Nature |

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Sunday, September 15th

New Jersey Friends of Clearwater Festival
Great Lawn, McKinley Street & Madison Avenue
Long Branch, NJ
11am- 2pm, 2pm- 5pm, and 5pm-7pm

Saturday, September 21st

COA's Wave of Action
Visit ForTheShore.org to volunteer at a site near you!

Saturday, September 21st

"Festival of the Sea"
Multiple volunteers needed to help with COA's table and festival event staff
Point Pleasant Beach, NJ
9am- 5pm

WAVE OF ACTION SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2013



Volunteers at Shark River in Neptune, NJ

During the week of Saturday, August 17, Clean Ocean Action's Waves of Action For The Shore continued with community, kayak and marsh clean-ups. Volunteers kayaked with the Shark River Cleanup Coalition to remove debris from Shark River, N.J. Natural Resources Protective Association organized volunteers in Staten Island for a community clean-up in New Dorp, NY. Down in South Jersey, dedicated volunteers met at Tuckerton Seaport and Baymen's Museum to clean natural areas in Tuckerton, NJ.

Many thanks to those involved with the August 17 Wave of Action:

- Natural Resources Protection Association
- Shark River Cleanup Coalition
- Tuckerton Seaport and Baymen's Museum



Next Wave of Action: Saturday, September 21, 2013

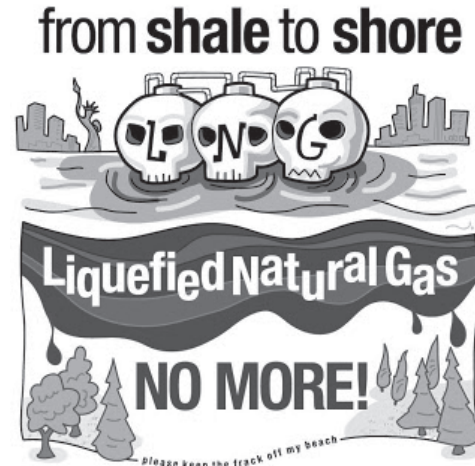
The focus of the September Wave of Action will be long-term recovery. A few projects, such as Warshauer Lighting Efficiency Seminar, scheduled for August 17 have been moved to the **next Wave of Action on Saturday, September 21.**

Please visit ForTheShore.org for up-to-date information and to sign up for a project.

Call For Projects

If you have an idea for a project on September 21, please visit ForTheShore.org and click "Register a Project"

OVER 18,000 COMMENTS SUBMITTED IN OPPOSITION TO PORT AMBROSE



Design Credit: Nick Lynn

Over 18,000 comments from concerned members of the public were submitted to the federal docket on Port Ambrose. COA was still counting comments at press time. Of these 18,000 comments on the issue, only 16 are supportive of offshore LNG. The comment period closed on August 22.

The anti-LNG coalition addressed concerns about the lack of need for the facility, potential for natural gas exports, potential for increased hydro-fracking activities in the region, infringement upon renewable energy resources that the port creates, and environmental concerns including water, air, and onshore pollution impacts, as well as socioeconomic effects.

Joining the other 18,000 comments were Clean Ocean Action's 130-page scoping comments. Thirty-three organizations and concerned citizens from around the region and across the country signed-on to a comprehensive set of comments written by Clean Ocean Action staff with Policy Attorney Sean Dixon taking the lead. To read COA's scoping comments, click the link on our homepage: CleanOceanAction.org.

Clean Ocean Action also submitted over 700 pages of petitions with signatures from citizens opposing offshore liquefied natural gas collected since the start of our fight against LNG. Additionally, over 380 petition signatures were submitted by citizens specifically opposed to the Port Ambrose project. Also submitted was the transcript and video of the COA sponsored Citizens' Hearing held in Sea Bright, NJ, on Thursday, July 11th, which gave residents and elected officials from the Jersey Shore a chance to have their voices heard about Port Ambrose.

Thank you to all who have helped create such public opposition to this disastrous project!



CITIZEN ACTION

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Turn The Tide on Sea Level Rise

On Wednesday, August 21, 2013, C.O.A.S.T. Intern Macailagh McCue and Executive Director Cindy Zipf were joined by New Jersey Director of US Strong Lauren Townsend at Jenkinson's Boardwalk in Point Pleasant Beach to wrap up this year's C.O.A.S.T. (Clean Ocean Action Shore Tips) Campaign. They highlighted the launch of a sea level rise survey, tip-card for citizens, and a new national initiative called US Strong.

This summer's C.O.A.S.T. campaign focused on educating the public about the imminent threat of sea level rise in an effort to prevent a destructive storm like Superstorm Sandy from occurring again. At each table a new fact card from Clean Ocean Action's "10 Tips" series was distributed that outlines steps the public can take to protect themselves from future devastation.

The C.O.A.S.T. campaign also launched a new citizen's survey on sea level rise. The survey will gauge public perception on what should be done to prevent sea level-related devastation.

"The Jersey Shore bounced back from the storm with the kind of resilience and determination that you would expect from New Jerseyans," said **Macailagh McCue, Clean Ocean Action's C.O.A.S.T. Intern.** "However there is a great deal of rebuilding and planning that still needs to be done. The citizen's survey will help determine what the best actions are moving forward, and who should be responsible for protecting our homes and communities from this kind of catastrophe in the future."



To complete the survey and voice your opinion on sea level rise, visit COA's homepage: CleanOceanAction.org.

SUPPORTING OUR WORK

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Buying a Car?

Use EZ Referral and Support COA's Ocean Protection Work

Clean Ocean Action is pleased to announce a new partnership with our friend, Paul Sansone, Jr. Now at any of Paul's car dealerships, such as Pine Belt Chrysler and Chevrolet of Freehold, the purchase of a new car will benefit Clean Ocean Action. Just visit charity.ezreferralnetwork.com and select Clean Ocean Action as your charity of choice. Paul's network has many different types of cars to choose from at locations up and down the Jersey Shore. Thanks to Paul Sansone, Jr. and his staff for supporting our ocean protection work!

Stand With the Shore

Fall Sponsorship Opportunities Available

COA has several upcoming events - and we need your help! Join the COAlition and sponsor one of our upcoming events, like the Seaside Sunset (benefitting youth education), Waves of Action Conference and Awards, and Fall Beach Sweeps. No matter your company's budget or location, COA events provide a way for you to demonstrate support for the ocean and our shore communities. Contact Diana Reinhardt Paradis for more information at development@cleanoceanaction.org.



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Dead Dolphins Wash-Up on Jersey Shore

Since early July, there have been 71 reported dolphin deaths along the Jersey Shore, adding to a total of over 350 wash-ups from New York to Virginia.

Preliminary results indicate some of the dolphins had pneumonia, while others tested positive for Morbillivirus, a measles-like virus. However, the official cause of the deaths is still under investigation. Other potential causes that are being researched include "pollution or chemicals, especially from concentrated spills; ship strikes; or acoustic trauma from ships or other infrastructure," said U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service.

A NJDEP spokesperson has stated that there is no correlation between the deaths and the water quality which "has been excellent this summer," suggesting that instead, it is an indication of a "natural disease cycle."

However, dolphins are known to accumulate toxins into their bodies, and NOAA's marine mammal biologist, Trevor Spradlin, pointed out that "many bottlenose dolphins live on the same coasts and eat the same fish that we do," so this could mark something greater than a natural disease cycle and is cause for concern.

How can you help? If you see a stranded or dead dolphin, do not go near it. Alert local officials and keep pets away from the animal. In NJ, contact the Marine Mammal Stranding Center at 1-609-266-0538. For more information and sources, visit cleanoceanaction.blogspot.com.



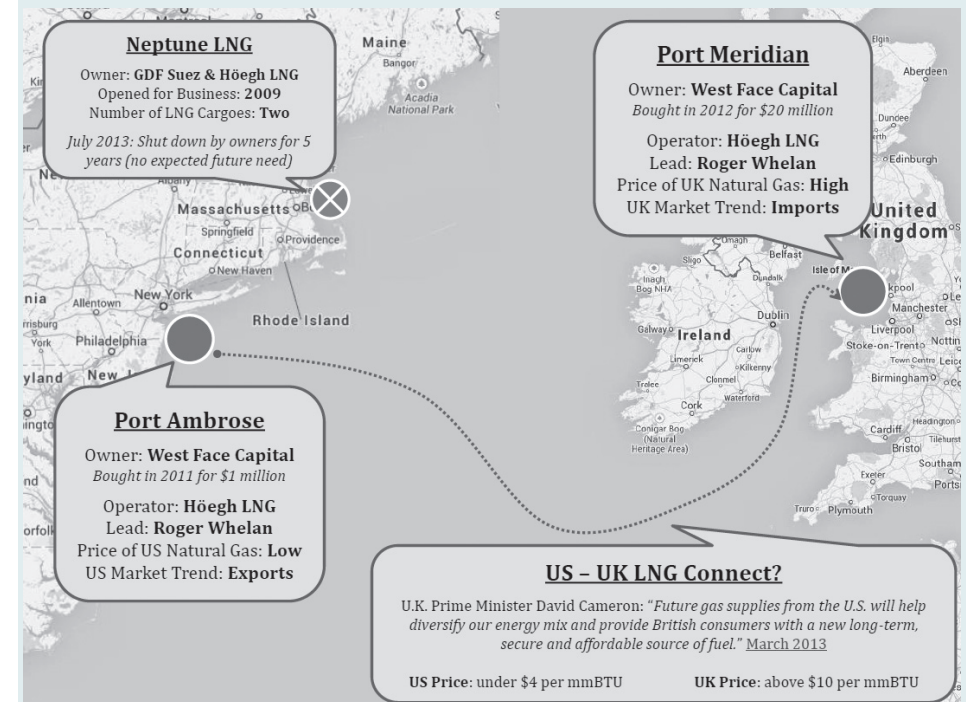
Legislative Committees Hear About Sandy Recovery from Victims

Environmental committees of the NJ Senate and Assembly met in Atlantic City on August 15th to hear testimony on the progress of Sandy Recovery and relief monies. At the hearings, chaired by Senator Bob Smith and Assemblywomen Grace Singer, a variety of environmental and planning groups advocated for sound policies to protect communities from sea level rise and future storm events. They also addressed the need to ensure that pollution caused by storms is assessed quickly and that citizens are notified early about contamination. As a result of the hearings, the committees requested environmental groups to present a legislative agenda to address these issues.

In addition, the committees heard testimony by citizens, many elderly and of low income, mired in federal and state processes, and stuck in limbo with wrangling mortgage and financial institutions.

The committees agreed to hold additional hearings in Trenton in September.

Liberty LNG's Undisclosed UK Energy Connections



A triangle of corporate connections makes clear the link between natural gas imports and exports for the proposed Liberty LNG Port Ambrose facility off the NY and NJ coast. The project, a proposed offshore liquefied natural gas facility, is under review by the federal government to be built in the middle of the NY/NJ Bight. Liberty LNG is owned entirely by "West Face Capital" - an investment account in the Cayman Islands - and is managed by Project Lead Roger Whelan.

In its application to the federal government, Liberty LNG failed to disclose a significant corporate energy connection: Liberty LNG's owner, West Face Capital, also owns an identical deepwater port already authorized for construction off Liverpool, U.K. This port, called "Port Meridian," has the exact same design, capacity, configuration, operator (Høegh LNG), and Project Lead (Roger Whelan) as Port Ambrose. Operator Høegh LNG claims to be a world leader in liquefaction innovation - specifically noting it had invested over 400,000 engineering man hours to develop the technology needed to liquefy natural gas at-sea (and thereby export it) from facilities exactly like Port Ambrose.

Given that across the nation, energy companies by the dozen are poised to export U.S. domestically produced natural gas, and that under the law governing Port Ambrose, simple written permission from the federal government is all that would be needed to change an import facility license to an export license, a clear picture is painted as to what West Face Capital intends.

By owning an import facility off the U.K. (an energy starved-nation where LNG imports from the United States are highly coveted), an identical facility off the U.S. (where LNG exports are the next big thing), and contracting with a company that has devoted substantial resources to develop the technology to export LNG from systems like Port Ambrose, West Face Capital will own both ends of an energy bridge through which to export LNG directly to one of the U.S.'s closest high-LNG-price customers.

Clean Ocean Action called on the federal government this past month to require that these connections (and any other ties to energy interests which will drive the operational decisions of Liberty LNG's ownership) be disclosed to the public. As of this writing, there has been no response.

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