

Testimony Guide Department of State Lands Removal Fill Permit Hearings

DSL's authority and what are they deciding?

The Department of State Lands (DSL), is one of several state agencies that can stop the proposed Jordan Cove project by denying necessary 'removal-fill' permits needed for dredging related to the pipeline and terminal. The purpose of the State's removal/fill statutes (ORS 196.795-990) serves to protect public navigation, fishery and recreational uses of the waters related to removal of material from wetlands, streambeds and bottom of bays, or the deposit of material there as well.

DSL must deny the removal-fill permits for the project because it does not comply with our state environmental standards.



How to Give Effective Testimony:

- Sign up early. Sign up starts at 5:15pm.
- You don't need to be an expert, talk about what you know and how this project would impact you! If you camp, fish, or raft along impacted waterways speak about your concerns on project impacts to public recreation.
- Keep your testimony to two minutes or less.
- Be sure to write your testimony down so you can submit it as comment even if you don't get the chance to speak.
- Be calm, polite and concise.
- Encourage DSL staff to uphold state water conservation laws by denying removal-fill permits for Jordan Cove.

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Project Impacts: The following are just some of the ways this project will impact (directly or indirectly) rivers, streams, estuaries, wetlands, and water quality in Oregon.

- Construction would result in loss of habitat in Coos Bay and at 485 water crossings by the pipeline including the Coos, Coquille, Umpqua, Rogue and Klamath rivers, and hundreds of smaller tributaries to these watersheds.
- Pipeline construction will increase sediment and turbidity in streams and rivers impacting recreation and fishing.
- Discharge of pollutants from construction activities and operations in each impacted location would impact clean water in Southern Oregon.
- The project would damage over 8 miles of wetlands.
- Effects on wildlife would impact recreation and commercial fishing of species including salmon, steelhead, lamprey, crab, oysters and more.
- 6.3 million cubic yards of material would be excavated from wetlands and waterways along the route including years of maintenance dredging after initial construction.
- Would place Coos Bay residents at risk by placing large tankers carrying volatile LNG in tsunami hazard zones and put an explosive pipeline in fire prone forests.

DSL Staff Can and Should Deny Permits :

- State agencies HAVE successfully stopped destructive pipeline projects by denying permits in the past. In 2014, DSL denied removal-fill permits for the Coyote Island coal export terminal near Boardman, Oregon.
- The Jordan Cove project is not in the public interest. DSL staff can and should deny the pipeline due to the negative impacts that the project would have for state waterways.

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