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# **Alliance to Stop LNG applauds Powell River Regional District's No Greenhouse Gases and No LNG Tankers Resolution**

**Nanaimo, BC** – On May 22, the Powell River Regional District Board approved a resolution which calls on the provincial government to forbid greenhouse gas emissions from new gas-fired electricity generation plants and calls on the federal government to implement a ban on liquefied natural gas (LNG) tankers in Malaspina and Georgia Straits.

The resolution is the Regional District's response to a proposal introduced in 2007 by WestPac LNG. WestPac wants to build an LNG import terminal and a 600 megawatt gas-fired generation plant on the north end of Texada Island. The terminal would accommodate 36 large LNG tanker shipments per year, through the Strait of Juan de Fuca and George Strait to Texada Island – and back again, for 72 transits per year.

“We applaud and congratulate the Directors of the Regional District, and the membership of Texada Action Now who developed and approved this very progressive resolution,” says Deborah Conner, Executive Director of the Georgia Strait Alliance. “It's timely, and a strong statement to the provincial and federal governments about the many risks to people, property, and the environment, of the WestPac proposal.”

“Our Regional District Directors have worked closely with us, and agree with Texada residents that the risks and impacts of tankers through our precious waters are not worth taking,” says Chuck Childress, chair of Texada Action Now. “We agree with the Premier that the world faces a climate crisis, and that BC's greenhouse gas emissions need to be reduced. He won't allow emissions from coal-fired generation; it only makes sense that he shouldn't allow GHGs from new gas-fired plants.”

“If the government's goal is energy self-sufficiency, we'd be going in completely the wrong direction by importing natural gas and generating electricity with it,” said Conner.

In 2007, fifteen community groups from around the Strait of Georgia banded together to fight the proposed LNG project on Texada Island. These include Georgia Strait Alliance and Texada Action Now.

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**Enclosure: The Powell River Regional District Resolution**