



## NW Innovation Works Project Update: Shorelines Hearings Board Decision

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- The Washington State Shorelines Hearings Board issued a partial summary judgment regarding the proposed Kalama Methanol & Marine Export Facility on September 15, 2017. The partial summary judgment included two parts:
  1. The Shorelines Hearings Board (SHB) determined that the evaluation of the proposed project's upstream and downstream GHG impacts in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) were inadequate and require further analysis to establish a more thorough GHG emission profile.
  2. Because of the EIS inadequacy judgment, the proposed project's Shoreline Substantial Development Permit and the Shoreline Conditional Use Permit have been reversed and remanded to Cowlitz County and the Port of Kalama for further State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) analysis consistent with the order.
- **NW Innovation Works WILL NOT APPEAL the SHB decision.** Rather, we look forward to working with regulators and stakeholders to help shape Washington State's policy on this critical topic. We will work diligently to assess the upstream and downstream GHG emission profile requested by the SHB.
- The EIS was prepared jointly by the Port of Kalama and Cowlitz County. As co-leads, the Port of Kalama and Cowlitz County relied upon and followed the GHG regulatory guidance prepared by the Washington Department of Ecology in developing their approach to GHG emissions analysis.
- Cowlitz County requested the SHB provide additional scope clarification for the proposed project's Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). On October 25, 2017, the SHB determined that Cowlitz County and the Port of Kalama, SEPA co-leads for the proposed project, are accountable for making decisions about scope and procedural next steps.