

Port Westward Terminal

- **PROJECT TYPE:**
Coal export terminal
- **LOCATION:**
Port of St. Helen's, Oregon
- **INVESTMENT COST:**
\$175 million
- **ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION DATE:**
2017
- **ORIGINAL OPERATING DATE:**
2019

OVERVIEW

- In June 2011, news reports announced that the Port of St. Helens had initiated talks to develop a coal export facility in Northwest Oregon.¹ In January 2012, Port of St. Helens Commissioners granted Kinder Morgan permission to export coal from the Port Westward Industrial Park.
- The commissioners' approval prompted the Power Past Coal Coalition, whose members include Columbia Riverkeeper, Friends of the Columbia Gorge and Sierra Club, to immediately protest and organize activist efforts to defeat the project.
- In May 2012, volunteer groups and Power Past Coal Coalition held a rally to oppose development of coal terminals. More than 600 people attended, and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. gave a speech condemning the plant.
- In March 2013, Columbia County held a hearing for Port Westward zoning changes. One hundred activists came to the hearing to oppose the expansion.

"Another one bites the dust" - Brett VandenHeuvel, Columbia Riverkeeper²

STATUS:

In May 2013, after a series of delays and setbacks, Kinder Morgan announced its decision to cancel the project.

LOST OPPORTUNITY ECONOMIC IMPACT



\$200 ↓
BILLION
in GDP impact*



1,838 ↓
total full-time
equivalent job
years*



\$40 ↓
MILLION
in lost tax
revenue*



80 ↓
full-time equivalent
jobs during
operations**



\$3.7 ↓
MILLION
lost annual state and
local tax revenue during
operations**

* Number refers to total economic impact from construction/operations/upstream, through August 2018

** Self-reported by project sponsor

1. [Port of St. Helens a potential candidate for a terminal to export coal to Asia](#) *The Oregonian*, 6/14/11
2. [Kinder Morgan scraps Port Westward coal terminal proposal](#) *The Daily News*, 5/8/13

Sources:

Global Energy Institute analysis