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December 2013 Highlights

TAKE ACTION TO HELP YOUR OCEAN:

1. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Give thanks for a healthy and clean ocean.
2. To register and for more information about the Waves of Action Conference on Saturday, December 7 visit www.ForTheShore.org.
3. Support COA's work at www.CleanOceanAction.org.

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NOVEMBER WAVE OF ACTION SANDY INSPIRED EDUCATION

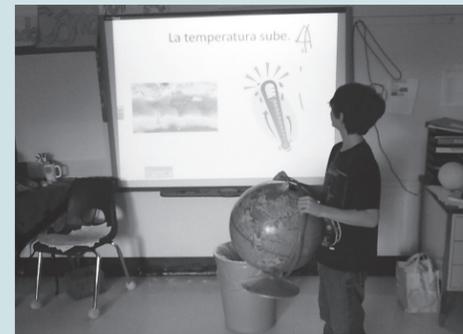


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For the November Wave of Action, COA compiled educational materials from national and international sources that creatively and clearly present complex climate issues. Materials were sorted by topic and age with resources available for grades K-12. Topics included Climate Change, Global Warming, Sea Level Rise, Your Carbon Footprint, Greenhouse Gases, and the Science Behind Hurricanes and Superstorm Sandy.

Over 87 educators throughout New York and New Jersey, and even Australia, who represented 77 schools, 6 groups, 1 Cub Scout Troop, and 3 homeschoolers, signed up to bring the resources into their classrooms.

"I envision that in the future these 5th graders could find themselves in a meaningful conversation where they can contribute their ideas in their second language to help the environment. We stressed in class that these issues were not isolated to New Jersey or to the United States, but rather a global issue that demands we work together internationally," explained **Knollwood School Spanish Teacher Basil Henning.**

"Thank you for the abundance of educational information that you provided for my students. I was happy to participate and I believe my students gained tremendous insight into the conditions that set these storms into motion and the devastation that they can cause to the communities that they impact," stated **Woodlynne Public School Science Teacher Renae Vannais.**

Climate change education is important every day of the year, especially now in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan. Many voices around the world are making the connection between the Typhoon and climate change. In fact, at press time, the UN Conference on Climate Change is currently meeting in Poland.

Please visit www.ForTheShore.org/resources to access COA's resources and lesson plans on climate change any day of the year.

WAVES OF ACTION CULMINATES WITH CONFERENCE

Please Join Us:
Waves of Action Conference
 Saturday, December 7, 2013, 8:30AM-12:00PM
 McLoone's Pier House, Long Branch, NJ



You're invited! Celebrate the achievements of almost 14,000 volunteers (and counting) who volunteered to help improve and protect the marine environment after Superstorm Sandy. Reserve your seat now at this breakfast event at www.ForTheShore.org.

The conference will highlight the extraordinary success of the volunteers and project leaders, include panels on unmet community needs in the aftermath of Sandy, resources to move forward with resiliency and environmental stewardship, and the results of Clean Ocean Action's sea level rise survey.

A suggested donation of \$15 includes admission and breakfast. As this event is open to all, a donation is not required. We hope that all interested in celebrating the achievements of the Jersey Shore and Waves of Action program will join us for breakfast and a lively discussion about the future.

Reflections will be made by Monmouth County resident, Brian Thompson, New Jersey reporter for NBC New York.



Add Your Input to COA's Conference!

As we look back on all that has been accomplished since Superstorm Sandy, we would like to hear from someone important — you. Clean Ocean Action wants to hear about programs or projects that promote environmental stewardship and resiliency in your town. Add to what COA has already started compiling:

- Has your town created an innovative, green project?
- Has your town brought volunteers together for community service?
- Do you know a business or homeowner that has rebuilt sustainably?
- On the other hand, have you seen rebuilding projects that you believe do not promote coastal resiliency?

COA wants to hear from you. Email Sean Dixon at policy@cleanoceanaction.org. COA might add your ideas to the upcoming Waves of Action Conference.

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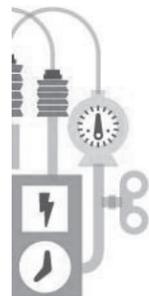
Find Out What's Next for Waves of Action!



Discuss future issues, sea level rise, and resiliency on Saturday, December 7 from 8:30AM-12:00PM at McLoone's Pier House in Long Branch, NJ for the Waves of Action Conference.

To reserve your seat at this breakfast event, visit www.ForTheShore.org.

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Left to Right: Joseph A. Vaszily, Elisabeth N. Radow, Esq., Cindy Zipf

COA Debates Liberty in Q&A with League of Women Voters of NYC

On November 7th, League of Women Voters of New York City hosted a well-attended debate on the Liberty Natural Gas proposed Port Ambrose Project. The “Lunch with the League” event was outstandingly moderated by Elisabeth N. Radow, Esq., Chair of the Committee on Energy, Agriculture, and the Environment for the League of Women Voters of New York State, and the participants included COA Executive Director Cindy Zipf and Senior Commercial Advisor for Liberty Joseph A. Vaszily. COA Policy Attorney Sean Dixon and Citizen Action Coordinator Zach McCue also contributed to the discussion.

Vaszily focused his presentation on how useful the port will be in addressing the region’s needs for imported gas in peak seasons. However, according to his presentation, the \$600 million project is needed to supply only 1,000 buildings in Manhattan with heat during peak energy demands, which can range from a few to 35 days during the winter months.

To these facts, COA pointed out that the pipeline goes to Long Island, not Manhattan, that the City of New York, Office of the Mayor, is on record as saying the City does not need the imported natural gas, and would prefer wind energy in the proposed area as a best use.

COA also questioned Vaszily as to who is the owner of Liberty Natural Gas? Who is behind the company’s real owners and behind their bank account in the Cayman Islands? Mr. Vaszily declined to answer.

True to form the League members in attendance raised many questions regarding the real purpose of this facility and that the large investment of the company suggested that the port would lead to exports. To which Mr. Vaszily denied. This experience and hearing Liberty’s arguments first hand have only confirmed COA’s stance that the project is not needed.

COA would like to thank the League of Women Voters of New York City, in particular Mary Anne Sullivan and Beth Kelley, for putting together the event. Manhattan Neighborhood Network videotaped the event and it will be available in the near future.

League of Municipalities ‘Navigating Recovery and Renewal’

The 98th Annual New Jersey League of Municipalities (NJLM) Conference and Exhibition at the Atlantic City Convention Center was held on November 19-21. The League is a resource to help communities do a better job of self-government.

Over 560 mayors and 13,000 elected and appointed officials were in attendance at the event. With so many leaders and residents gathered, the event was an important opportunity to distribute information to these officials and discuss issues.

COA joined Save Barnegat Bay, the American Littoral Society, and Pinelands Preservation Alliance (known as the Barnegat Bay Coalition) to target water quality issues and highlight critical pending legislation in the Barnegat Bay.

League of Municipalities ‘Navigating Recovery and Renewal’ (Cont.)

COA also distributed sample resolutions for towns to oppose Port Ambrose, the offshore LNG port, and re-introduced the Blue Star program in partnership with Sustainable Jersey’s certification program. The Blue Star program focuses on actions municipalities can take to improve waterways, which is especially important for restoration after Superstorm Sandy. The Barnegat Bay Coalition spoke with mayors, concerned citizens, and town officials to keep them informed on how they can keep waterways healthy.

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Federal Government Gives Liberty LNG Three-Month Warning Calls on Company to Fill Hundreds of Port Ambrose ‘Data Gaps’



On October 18, 2013, Clean Ocean Action and Anti-LNG Coalition partner organization Catskill Citizen for Safe Energy sent a letter to the Coast Guard demanding that the 240-day clock be stopped. Three days later, the Coast Guard agreed.

Citing significant problems with the Liberty LNG “Port Ambrose” application (many of which were identified by citizens writing to the Coast Guard all summer long), the Coast Guard “stopped the clock” for 90 days while Liberty LNG addresses these deficiencies.

Specifically, the Coast Guard noted that Liberty LNG had not adequately responded to an existing list of 177 “data gaps” – and that 100 new data gaps needed to be added to that list. Among those 100 newly-added holes in Liberty LNG’s application that the Coast Guard is demanding the applicant resolve are: a lack of consideration of hurricane risks, earthquakes, shipping channel proximity, climate change and greenhouse gas impacts, onshore impacts, and details about fishing impacts.

Also, the Coast Guard is demanding more information on a host of economic, environmental, and procedural issues and is requiring more specifics on whether there is any demonstrable need for Port Ambrose. Other agencies are demanding information on offshore wind/LNG conflicts, safety at sea, and more specifics about a slew of other permits and licenses for which Liberty LNG has not yet filed.

The clock will resume the countdown on January 18th, 2014. Under this new timeline, the federal government could decide whether to grant a license for an LNG port to Liberty LNG as early as this upcoming May.

SANDY ONE YEAR LATER

On the one year anniversary of Sandy, COA attended a conference presented by Monmouth University, New Jersey Future, Union of Concerned Scientists, and the New Jersey Recovery Fund, to discuss critical questions about the Sandy recovery process.

Conference speakers, including former Governors James Florio and Christine Todd Whitman, discussed how best to rebuild the Garden State after Sandy, and highlighted the economic and planning impacts of Sandy and of potential future storms. Governor Florio stated, “abnormal weather is not abnormal anymore,” and Governor Whitman told the audience that “climate change is happening.”

Perhaps the most thought-provoking quote of the day came from John Miller of the New Jersey Association for Floodplain Management when he explained, “In New Jersey, we do not have a flood problem, we have a land use problem.”

As a Conference Partner, COA joined the social media conversation using the hashtag: #PostSandy. You can still see tweets from conference panelists and speakers by searching #PostSandy on Twitter. To see the livestreamed event, visit www.NJFuture.org and click on special events.

SUPPORTING COA’S WORK

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Support the COALition This Holiday SEASON

As the year draws to a close, COA needs your help to continue the legacy of advocacy and defense of our waters. This holiday SEASON, there are many ways to support COA’s work:

- Watch your mail for a message from COA. We’ll help you spread the word about ocean pollution with the gift of a special-edition vintage bumper sticker.
- Check out the blog for the 2013 edition of the 12 Days of Green Giving. Staff members will have tips and tricks for eco-friendly ways you can keep green this holiday season.
- Give the gift of a clean ocean with a donation to COA. These tributes are a gift everyone who loves the ocean will treasure – perfect for that special someone.

Check out the blog for more ways to help before the end of the year!

Unleash Your Inner Good Guy: COA Featured in The Jersey Give Back Guide

COA is proud to be included in the inaugural edition of The Jersey Give Back Guide, an annual, seasonal project of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. The Dodge Foundation, a longtime supporter of Clean Ocean Action’s work, is a private philanthropic organization that makes \$11 million in grants to nonprofits throughout New Jersey each year, and has given more than \$400 million in grants over nearly 40 years. The Foundation believes everyone has the power to be a philanthropist in their own community, and created The Jersey Give Back Guide to make donation choices easier.

The Guide uses a handy and fun online device called the “Generosity Generator” to help take the guesswork out of giving. The Dodge Foundation chose just fifteen organizations from the entire state that excel in collaboration, innovation, and community engagement.

The organizations must be financially healthy and have an excellent reputation for their work. The Foundation also chose a diversity of organizations both programmatically and geographically.

Clean Ocean Action is honored to work with the Dodge Foundation on The Jersey Give Back Guide. You can find the Generosity Generator at www.jerseygivebackguide.org.

