




[Defending the Chetco](#)



By Andrew Hawley

NEDC recently won a significant victory for the Chetco River and for open and transparent government. The Chetco River in southern Oregon is a spectacularly beautiful river that once supported a thriving population of Coho salmon. NEDC has been working for nearly five years to protect the Chetco River and the few remaining Coho from the impacts of in stream gravel mining.

 [Like us on Facebook](#)

 [Forward to a Friend](#)



Support NEDC

[Donate today!](#)

NEDC runs on donations from members and supporters like you.



[Unparalleled Opportunity](#)

By Maggie Hall

As an NEDC Student Co-Director and 3L at Lewis & Clark, I had several rare and exciting opportunities to address Clean Water Act (CWA) issues at the Supreme Court level this year. One opportunity was on April 4 when John Roberts, Chief Justice of the United States, came to Lewis & Clark.



[First Year Perspectives](#)

By Jonah Sandford, Brandon Cobb and Ryan Shannon

NEDC offers unique hands-on learning experiences for Lewis and Clark law students interested in environmental law. Find out what volunteering was like for these three first year law students.



Staff

Mark Riskedahl
Executive Director
Andrew Hawley
Staff Attorney
Marla Nelson
Legal Fellow

Student Staff

Laura Kerr
Law Clerk
Maura Fahey
Student Co-Director
Maggie Hall
Student Co-Director



[Critique of Genetically Engineered Salmon](#)

By Paige Spence and Tessa Berman

NEDC's Sustainable Agriculture Group commented on the Food and Drug Administration's analysis under NEPA regarding AquaBounty's genetically-engineered salmon. These comments follow up on comments the group submitted in 2010 regarding food labeling requirements for the same product.



[Coal Exports](#)

By Merissa Moeller and Laura Kerr

As a result of growing Asian demand for coal and the existing significant reserves of coal in the Powder River Basin, five coal export terminals have been proposed for Washington and Oregon. This year, NEDC students became deeply involved in understanding the scope of the five proposed terminals, questioning the potential impacts to the natural resources of the Pacific Northwest.



Attorney Board Members

**Karl Anuta
Marcel Gesmundo
Peggy Hennessy
Dona Hippert
Allison LaPlante
Dan Mensher
Don Potter
Melissa Powers
Laurie Rule
Lizzy Zultoski**

Student Board Members

**Sara Blankenship
Jacob Booher
Richard Fitzgerald
Ryan Shannon
Jeff Speir**



[Q & A: Decker v. NEDC](#)

With Mark Riskedahl

NEDC's Executive Director, Mark Riskedahl, reflects on NEDC's recent trip to the Supreme Court and the resulting opinion issued in March of this year.



[Strides for the Spokane](#)

By Marla Nelson

When I started the [Spokane Clean Water Project](#) last year I had many apprehensions. Would I be able to make a difference? Is citizen enforcement necessary to improve the Spokane River? Would I be run out of town as a radical environmentalist?



Student Project Coordinators

Air

JJ England
Jamie Jones

Lands & Wildlife

Juan Bacigalupi
Jake Brooks
Don Gourlie
Kya Marenfield

Sustainable Agriculture

Tessa Berman
Molly Bisulca
Karen Swift

Water

Ryan Hamilton
Nate Larsen
Ben Saver
Peter Stein

[Like us on Facebook](#)

Copyright © *2013 Northwest Environmental Defense Center, All rights reserved.

You are receiving this email as a member or supporter of NEDC. Northwest Defense is NEDC's Newsletter.

MailChimp