## **POWER PAST COAL** communities against coal export

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## SOUND THE ALARM TO STOP DANGEROUS COAL EXPORTS

Business leaders, health professionals, activists emerge on State Capitol

**WHAT:** Press conference on the State Capitol steps to sound the alarm on the pending coal export permit at the Port of Morrow. Under the leadership of Governor Kitzhaber, the Department of State Lands must decide by April 1<sup>st</sup> whether to approve or deny a permit to allow millions of tons of dirty coal to pass through the Port of Morrow for Asia export. Oregonians will not stand by silently as foreign companies like Australian-based Ambre Energy try to push through a permit without a thorough environmental review and public debate. Join hundreds of Oregonians in sounding the alarm on the coal companies' dangerous and disruptive plan to turn our communities into a conveyor belt for dirty fossil fuels.

## \*\*\*ATTENTION ASSIGNMENT EDITORS: GREAT VISUALS AND AUDIO!!!\*\*\* Doctors wearing white coats and stethoscopes, nurses in scrubs, recreationalists in hiking gear, activists to form massive coal train and barges, signs and banners, and really loud noise makers to SOUND THE ALARM!!

WHEN: Wednesday, March 13 11:30 – 12:30

WHERE: Oregon State Capitol – front steps 900 Court Street Northeast Salem, OR 97301 MAP

WHO: Jeremy Ferguson, Mayor of Milwaukie Reverend Janet Parker, Pastor of First Congregational Church of Christ, Salem Marshall Runkel, Managing Partner of GreenHome by EcoTech Larissa DeHaas, Willamette University student Dr. Patrick O'Herron, M.D., local surgeon, Salem Anjala Ehelebe, co-chair Woodlawn Neighborhood Association, Portland Bob Rees, Northwest Guides and Anglers Association, Tillamook \*\*\*Kicked off by the Raging Grannies!\*\*\*

**POWER PAST COAL** is an ever-growing alliance of health, environmental, businesses, clean-energy, faith and community groups working to stop coal export off the West Coast. Visit <u>www.powerpastcoal.org.</u>