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General Comment

This project has too many impacts on whale habitats and should be canceled for the following reasons:

Collisions with large vessels

The project would involve the constant transit of LNG tankers up to 300 meters long through narrow routes that overlap with feeding, breeding, and migration areas for cetaceans. This increases the risk of fatal collisions for species such as the blue whale, fin whale, and right whale.

A 2024 study found that ship strikes are the leading cause of whale deaths worldwide, and many high-risk areas lack proper management measures.

Underwater noise pollution

Noise from large vessels and construction activities can seriously interfere with whale communication, navigation, feeding, and reproduction—functions that depend on their hearing to survive.

Research shows that humpback whales sing less in areas with higher naval noise, an indicator of acoustic stress.

Habitat disruption and biodiversity loss

The installation of LNG terminals, pipelines, and industrial infrastructure can fragment coastal habitats, increase the risk of leaks or spills, and cause ecological degradation in areas critical to marine life and local fisheries.

Climate change and emissions

The extraction, transport, and liquefaction of gas involve methane emissions—a potent greenhouse gas with a direct climate impact. Climate change can alter migration patterns and food availability for cetaceans.