

# BAD NEWS

**Some people think the effort to Save Passamaquoddy Bay from LNG is over — It Isn't!**

## **DEFEATED** Quoddy Bay LNG

Donald Smith's proposed project at Pleasant Point (Sipayik).

## **DEFEATED** Calais LNG

Arthur Gelber's proposed project at Red Beach, Calais.

## **NEARLY DEFEATED** Downeast LNG

Dean Girdis's proposed LNG project at Mill Cove, Robbinston. See below.

## **Downeast LNG Developer Girdis Buys Mill Cove Property**

One of the first things required for an LNG terminal seeking federal and state permits is control of the proposed terminal site. Since 2007 or earlier, developer Girdis has held an option to purchase the Mill Cove property proposed for project. The option was due for renewal on June 16, 2013.

As part of Save Passamaquoddy Bay's ongoing effort to protect the Bay, the owner of the Mill Cove property, Thomas J. McLaughlin of Phoenix, Arizona, was contacted to learn if he would refuse to renew the option, or if he would be willing to sell to another party. Save Passamaquoddy Bay's coordinator, as well as several Robbinston residents, sent McLaughlin emails expressing their concerns about the project. After additional exchanges, McLaughlin responded to Save Passamaquoddy Bay on August 6, 2013, stating, "*I sold the place to Downeast LNG....*"

Downeast LNG's purchase begs the question, "With all of the problems with the Downeast LNG proposal, what does Girdis and Downeast LNG intend by purchasing the property?"

### **Everyone should be concerned**

1. Downeast LNG has failed to satisfy the federal LNG vapor dispersion Exclusion Zone requirements, even with the grotesque vapor barriers proposed for the terminal and trestle (below);

6. In 2005 there were over 40 LNG import terminal proposals in North America. Today, Downeast LNG is the sole remaining shore-based LNG import project on the Continent. Those other projects cut their losses. The rest of the industry recognizes there is no market for additional LNG import projects.
7. Downeast LNG cannot satisfy federal thermal radiation Exclusion Zone requirements;
8. The State of Maine has already indicated that the proposed 4,000-foot pier is 3,000 feet longer than is permissible;



2. Downeast LNG's Dean Girdis has announced that he does not intend to seek the State of Maine permits that are required.

*[Girdis] admits that the natural gas market is different now, adding, "Maybe we don't do anything." He says Downeast LNG is not intending to proceed with state permitting, having withdrawn its applications in 2007.*

— The Quoddy Tides, March 22, 2013;

3. Canada has announced it will not allow LNG ship transits into Passamaquoddy Bay; meaning, Downeast LNG cannot obtain the product that the project requires;
4. Downeast LNG has failed to satisfy the Coast Guard requirement to obtain a letter of consent from the Passamaquoddy Nation regarding waterway use;
5. The intertidal zone from Mill Cove to Pulpit Rock is sacred to the Passamaquoddy. In addition, Maine's prescriptive use law means that the public cannot be prevented from being present there — presenting a safety and security problem to the public and to the terminal;

## **Frightening Questions**

Since Downeast LNG cannot satisfy the requirements spelled out in the list of eight items above...

**Why is Girdis ignoring the State of Maine permitting process that protects Mainers and Maine resources?**

**Why are Girdis's funding sources — Kestrel Energy Partners and Yorktown Energy Partners — continuing to back this non-starter?**

**Is Girdis merely attempting to get FERC permits to sell to some unknown country or other entity?**

**What is the hidden agenda?**

**YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS NEEDED NOW TO DEFEAT DOWNEAST LNG  
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