

Emails pertaining to
Gateway Pacific Project
For June 2016

From: Council
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 8:16 AM
To: GPT_archive
Subject: FW: GPT

From: Michael Sennett [<mailto:mdsennett@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 4:29 AM

To: Council

Subject: GPT

I am asking the Council to follow the leads of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Washington and deny the county permits for the GPT. The Council's rejection will complete the process of ending the threat this coal terminal posed to the county & its residents. Your action will recognize the great leading effort of the Lummi Nation in defeating the amoral corporations that would have made our county a sacrifice zone of pollution and degraded our standard of living. It will also recognize and reward the work of the citizen activists who mobilized to join forces with the Lummi Nation and defeated Big Coal's plots to subvert democracy here by corrupting the County Charter Commission. You have been elected by a majority of voters who opposed the GPT and I believe it is your duty to carry out the mandate that motivated our electoral efforts. Inaction will be a failure of representation and will certainly increase the cynicism in the voting public. SSA Marine continues to claim its foul plans are still in play. The Council must answer this arrogant, lying, law-breaking company by hammering the final nails in GPT's coffin and ending SSA's unwanted intrusion into the County. I hope to be thanking you soon.....Mike Sennett, Bellingham WA

From: Tyler Schroeder <Tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 11:49 AM
To: Mark Personius
Subject: FW: I Support GPT

Importance: High

FYI

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From: Caleb Laieski [mailto:caleb_m_laieski@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2016 10:06 PM
To: Council
Cc: Jack Louws; Barry Buchanan; Tyler Schroeder; Barbara Brenner; Rud Browne; Todd Donovan; Ken Mann; Satpal Sidhu; Carl Weimer
Subject: I Support GPT
Importance: High

Honorable Council,

I am writing in strong support of the Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) and I urge you to bring it up for a vote.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration,

Caleb Laieski

Official Comment for the Record

Furthermore, I stand with RE Sources for Sustainable Communities and ask that you could making the following changes:

1. PROTECT GROUNDWATER RESOURCES:

- Chapter 2: Add new paragraph to p. 2-72 in the Cherry Point description: “While the County recognizes the uniqueness of Cherry Point for industrial uses, the shipment of coal, crude oil, or natural gas, from any new or existing terminal or pier, is detrimental to both the environment and the quality of life in Whatcom County due to the severity of the environmental impacts, and should be specifically excluded from any future uses at Cherry Point.”
- Chapter 2: Add a new sentence to Policy 2CC-9: “Should the development moratorium be lifted, the shipment of coal, crude oil, or natural gas, from any new pier will be prohibited.”
- Chapter 2: Add new Policy 2CC-12: “The shipment of coal, crude oil, or natural gas, from any shipping terminal or pier, or from any existing terminal or pier, is prohibited.”
- Chapter 7: Revise Policy 7G-6: “Cherry Point environmental issues shall not be addressed on a county-wide basis, since the unique marine environment and cultural resources of Cherry Point cannot be mitigated offsite...”

2. INVEST IN ENERGY SECURITY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY JOBS

- Chapter 5: Add language to Policy 5H-1 intended to guide revision of the wind energy systems ordinance: “By 2018, the County shall complete a renewable energy resource study to identify areas of the County that are suitable for renewable energy development. Areas identified as suitable shall be defined with renewable energy overlay zones, within which preferred energy development shall be permitted outright. Energy development that utilizes wind, solar, and digesters are eligible for preferred status and an overlay zone.”
- Chapter 5: Add a new Policy 5H-5: “The Whatcom County zoning ordinance related to wind energy systems shall be reviewed and revised to encourage reasonable opportunities for wind energy at all scales.”

- Chapter 7: Revise Policy 7G-4, to include an additional bullet point: “Pursuing energy resiliency and self-sufficiency by establishing renewable energy overlay zones identified in Policy 5H-6, and by revisiting restrictions on the development of wind energy systems as discussed in Policy 5H-5.”
- Chapter 7: Thank the Council for pursuing policies under Goal 7L, to encourage and promote a more resilient and less energy-intensive local food system.
- Chapter 7: Adopt language recommended by Councilmember Browne, with revisions to encourage clean energy economic development: “As the developed world evolves away from a resource-based and high-volume/low-value-added manufacturing economy, most of the new generation of family wage jobs will likely come from knowledge intensive industries such as computer software and high-value-added specialty manufacturing, including energy efficiency technology and renewable energy systems.”
- Chapter 11: Thank the Council for adding the new Policy 11D-6: Convening a climate Impact advisory committee by 2017.
- Chapter 11: Add an additional bullet point recommended by the Students for Renewable Energy to Policy 11D-6, as a task for the Climate Impact advisory committee: “Recommend updates to Whatcom County land use policies and development regulations to support renewable energy development goals.”

From: Tyler Schroeder <Tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 11:07 AM
To: floydmckay@comcast.net
Subject: RE: Whatcom Decision

Floyd,

Thanks for your email.

Whatcom County, PIT, BNSF and CH2m mutually agreed to a 60-day extension to allow for the necessary time for PIT and their Board to meet and decide what steps PIT wants to take on the permitting process for the GPT project. Once we have that decision the County and the other parties will need some time to work through the details relating to the contract and to the permitting process.

Thanks again,

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-----Original Message-----

From: floydmckay@comcast.net [<mailto:floydmckay@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 7:09 PM
To: Tyler Schroeder
Subject: Whatcom Decision

Hi Tyler: Didn't hear from you today (Tuesday), but I am still interested in whatever decision Whatcom County makes on the SSA request for an additional 6-month suspension of the EIS. I thought Tuesday was the deadline to make a decision, perhaps I misinterpreted your comments the other day.

I realize you are working without a public-information person, but I hope you will take a minute tomorrow to give me an update. I'll be home (647-8557) until about 10:30 a.m. and back by about 2 p.m. I'll also monitor my emails, of course.

Thanks a lot, hope all is well,

Floyd