

Emails pertaining to  
Gateway Pacific Project  
For April 2016

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**From:** Jennifer Schneider  
**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2016 11:25 AM  
**To:** GPT\_archive  
**Subject:** FW: Comp Plan letter regarding jobs  
**Attachments:** Comp Plan letter re jobs.pdf

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**From:** Jennifer Schneider  
**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2016 11:24 AM  
**To:** Barbara Brenner; Barry Buchanan; Carl Weimer; Forrest Longman; Ken Mann; Rud Browne; Satpal Sidhu; Todd Donovan  
**Subject:** Comp Plan letter regarding jobs

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**From:** Council  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2016 8:36 AM  
**To:** GPT\_archive  
**Subject:** FW: sea level rise and port redevelopment

**From:** Sandy Lawrence [<mailto:sandy.george.lawrence@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 02, 2016 10:40 AM  
**To:** [mayorsoffice@cob.org](mailto:mayorsoffice@cob.org); Council  
**Subject:** sea level rise and port redevelopment

I would like to draw your attention to a couple of recently published scientific articles, which document that in the realm of possibility is sea level rise on the order of five to six feet by the end of this century.

About half a year ago I attended a City Club meeting with a panel discussing the port development of the former GP industrial site. In the question and answer portion I posed a deliberately provocative question about the risk of sea level rise to this development, and described recent data concerning the Amundsen Embayment in West Antarctica with six large tidewater glaciers with reverse-sloping, subsea surface bedrock allowing relatively warm deep Antarctic water to melt ice shelves from below. The information strongly supported a projection that six feet of sea level rise from this area alone was now unstoppable, although over *many centuries*. Mayor Linnville responded by saying that their consultants were confident that the development would be secure regardless of up to three feet of sea level change, even during a king tide coupled with storm surge.

Recent advances in climate modeling and further Greenland, Antarctic and other investigations should now challenge that previous level of confidence.

*Ice melt, sea level rise and superstorms: evidence from paleoclimate data, climate modeling, and modern observations that 2°C global warming could be dangerous* in the journal Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics was published March 22nd. The work of lead author James Hansen and sixteen other well respected scientists is 54 pages long and dense with jargon but Hansen feel that this is the most important paper that he has ever written.

*Antarctic model raises prospect of unstoppable ice collapse* is an editorial by Jeff Tollefson in the journal Nature, introducing the associated article entitled *Contribution of Antarctica to past and future sea-level rise* by DeConto and Pollard. Both of these may be behind a paywall, unfortunately.

Clearly more accessible than these peer-reviewed, elegantly written scientific articles is a piece by Justin Gillis just two days ago in the New York Times, entitled *Climate Model Predicts West Antarctic Ice Sheet Could Melt Rapidly*, which focuses on the first article mentioned above.

The thrust of these articles and a lot of other associated work is that we should now revise the the conservative projections of the Fifth Assessment Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change or IPCC. This last report, published in several sections in 2013 and 2014, defined a range of end-century sea level rise of between 1.5 and four feet. The newer information supports a prediction of five to six feet instead, with exponential acceleration in the middle of next century to as much as a continued rise of a foot per decade, which is consistent with paleoclimate experience, including during the Eemian Epoch at about 125,000 years ago—when sea level was 25-30 feet higher than now.

I have followed with great interest all the work that has been accomplished in the clean-up of the old GP site and had been very much looking forward to the development of this area. But my study of energy systems and climate data over the last half decade informs my perception that the advisability of this is now clearly in question. The end of this century is only 84 years from now, comparable to a single human lifetime. I am not a climate scientist, but I would strongly recommend that your consultants now seek out up-to-date scientific information about what sea level change holds for Bellingham before proceeding further.

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*Sandy [George] Lawrence*

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**From:** Tyler Schroeder <tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 01, 2016 2:52 PM  
**To:** Randel J NWS Perry; 'Josh (ECY) Baldi'  
**Subject:** FW: GPT EIS Hiatus  
**Attachments:** Letter of Suspension.pdf

FYI

Tyler R. Schroeder  
Whatcom County Deputy Executive



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**From:** Tyler Schroeder  
**Sent:** Friday, April 01, 2016 2:51 PM  
**To:** 'craig.lenhart@ch2m.com'  
**Cc:** Jenifer Young ([JYoung@parametrix.com](mailto:JYoung@parametrix.com)); Royce Buckingham ([RBucking@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:RBucking@co.whatcom.wa.us)); Denise Smith  
**Subject:** FW: GPT EIS Hiatus

Craig,

Consistent with the request submitted on behalf of PIH/PIT, please suspend work under Whatcom County contract #201205029. This request is effective immediately, as requested by PIH/PIT.

I will keep you in the loop on any future requests.

Thanks,

Tyler R. Schroeder  
Whatcom County Deputy Executive



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**From:** Bob Watters [<mailto:Bob.Watters@SSAMarine.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 01, 2016 2:30 PM  
**To:** Tyler Schroeder; [David.Sturtevant@ch2m.com](mailto:David.Sturtevant@ch2m.com)  
**Subject:** FW: GPT EIS Hiatus

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**From:** Bob Watters  
**Sent:** Friday, April 01, 2016 1:33 PM  
**To:** Jack Louws ([jlouws@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:jlouws@co.whatcom.wa.us)); 'tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us'; 'jryan@co.whatcom.wa.us'; [skip.kalb@bnsf.com](mailto:skip.kalb@bnsf.com); 'david.sturtevant@ch2m.com'  
**Cc:** Waldo, James; 'Lynn, Bill'; Ari Steinberg; [skip.sahlin@ssamarine.com](mailto:skip.sahlin@ssamarine.com)  
**Subject:** GPT EIS Hiatus

All –

Please see the attached GPT EIS hiatus notification letter.

Best regards,

Bob Watters  
Senior Vice President  
SSA Marine

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**From:** Tyler Schroeder <tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 01, 2016 9:51 AM  
**To:** Sandy Korthuis; Jack Louws  
**Subject:** RE: Phone Message: Craig Cole

Thanks, I just called him back and left a message....

Tyler R. Schroeder  
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**From:** Sandy Korthuis  
**Sent:** Friday, April 01, 2016 8:58 AM  
**To:** Jack Louws; Tyler Schroeder  
**Subject:** Phone Message: Craig Cole

Jack & Tyler,  
Craig Cole called asking to speak to one of you regarding Gateway. He can be reached at 360-201-7000.

Thanks!

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