

Emails pertaining to
Gateway Pacific Project
for March 10-16, 2012

From: <BBGUN1010@aol.com>
To: <amyglassersmsw@yahoo.com>
CC: <NHanson@co.whatcom.wa.us>, <TSchroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>
Date: 3/11/2012 1:46 PM
Subject: Re: Open comments

Hi Amy,

I am not sure about what is included in the meeting but am pretty sure it isn't about specifics. Probably about schedules of meetings, if anything. I am forwarding your e-mail to Tyler Schroeder in planning for his comments regarding when we can hear information. I don't think we can stop anyone from speaking about what they want at open session but I know we are not supposed to be researching, discussing, or listening at this time.

Barbara Brenner

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In a message dated 3/10/2012 11:57:36 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, BBrenner@co.whatcom.wa.us writes:

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

Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2012 22:57:04 -0800 (PST)
From: Amy Glasser <amyglassersmsw@yahoo.com>
Subject: Open comments
To: bbrenner@co.whatcom.wa.us

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CC: <TSchroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>, <NHanson@co.whatcom.wa.us>
Date: 3/11/2012 4:14 PM
Subject: Re: from Thelma

Thelma,

I don't know what it is about. Maybe the schedule of when it will come before the council. I don't think it will be anything about specifics on the proposal. Am copying your e-mail to Tyler Schroeder from our planning department who has been our environmental impact statement staff on this. He may be better able to answer.

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Members: Carl Weimer, Sam Crawford, Ken Mann
11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham

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(<http://us.mg3.mail.yahoo.com/neo/0agendabills/ab2012-068a.pdf>))

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To: thelmafollett@yahoo.com
Cc: NHanson@co.whatcom.wa.us
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2012 1:48 PM
Subject: Re: from Thelma

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To: <Ari.Steinberg@SSAMarine.com>, <kristie.dunkin@AMEC.com>, <al.jeroue@ssa...>
CC: <Cliff.Strong@amec.com>, <mark.knudsen@ssamarine.com>, <skip.sahlin@ssam...>
Date: 3/12/2012 6:32 AM
Subject: GPT MAP Team Weekly Update #62

Hi All.

This week's Weekly Update (#62) has now been posted to
<https://secureaccess.wa.gov/ofm/iprmt24/DesktopModules/Articles/ArticlesView.aspx?tabID=0>
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Highlights include:

- . Co-lead agencies are on schedule, evaluating contractor proposals.

- . Updates to tracking Tools.

- . Upcoming March 20, 2012 SEPA Informational Meeting.

Please contact either Jane or Scott with any questions or issues.

Thanks.

Jane and Scott

Scott Boettcher

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From: Jeffrey Hegedus
To: Tyler Schroeder
Date: 3/12/2012 10:58 AM
Subject: Re: March 20th GPT Public Informational Meeting

Absolutely, thanks.

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>>> Tyler Schroeder 3/9/2012 10:05 AM >>>
Jeff,

Are you available on March 20th for the GPT public informational meeting? If so, that would help us out.

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2012/076.html>

Thanks,

Tyler

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From: James Wells <travertine9@gmail.com>
To: Tyler Schroeder <Tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>
CC: Lindsay Taylor <lindsayt@re-sources.org>, Matt Krogh <MattK@re-sources.o...>
Date: 3/12/2012 12:19 PM
Subject: Re: EIS Pre-Scoping event March 20th

Following up, is any information available about this request?

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Not that I know of - he hasn't gotten back to you I take it? I think at this point since no one will really talk to us, we are planning on bringing tabling materials and may or may not be able to set them up. Either way, we will rally outside the school from 5pm - 5:30pm. We might just have to play a lot of this by ear, but I plan to come prepared for anything :-)

Lindsay Taylor
North Sound Baykeeper Project Coordinator
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Date: 3/12/2012 1:26 PM
Subject: Re: EIS Pre-Scoping event March 20th

Hi Tyler,

I'm sorry to bother you, but a few minutes ago I sent an email reply that accidentally replied to all, which included you. I am wondering if you could please delete and disregard the email, as it was not intended to be viewed externally.

Thanks so much,

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From: Jan Hasselman <jhasselman@earthjustice.org>
To: Tyler Schroeder <Tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>, "Perry, Randel J NWS(Randel...
Date: 3/12/2012 3:47 PM
Subject: Letter re scoping hearings
Attachments: Scoping hearings letter 3-12-12.pdf

Hello - please see attached letter. We are not planning on sending a hard copy so this is our official submission unless you would like us to do so.
Thank you,

Jan Hasselman
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Alice Kelly
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Re: Scoping Hearings for Gateway Pacific Terminals NEPA/SEPA Process

Dear Mr. Perry, Mr. Schroeder, and Ms. Kelly.

The undersigned organizations represent over half a million Washington and Oregon citizens that are deeply concerned about recent proposals to begin exporting coal from Northwest ports. The Gateway Pacific Terminal, which proposes to move as much as 48 million tons of coal per year out of a terminal site north of Bellingham, is likely the first of many similar proposals in Washington and Oregon. As the first terminal site to undergo thorough environmental review and public scrutiny, it is crucial that the process is as rigorous and transparent as possible. Given the strong public sentiment on all sides of this issue, and the significant consequences for all of the region's citizens if the GPT facility is permitted, a thorough and robust public conversation around the facility and its effects is critical.

We recognize that the scoping process that will be initiated shortly is focused on the ~~scope~~ of the environmental review, not the ultimate decision as to whether to permit the project. However, we believe that it is important to ensure that the ~~scope~~ of the GPT review is set in the context of the multiple other terminal sites in the region. By our estimation, if all projects that are already disclosed to the public were built, there would be the capacity for around 160 million tons of coal moving through the Northwest's already congested rail and port system. At capacity, this means roughly 63 coal trains—each over a mile long, moving through some Northwest communities every day.

For that reason, this is not a decision that affects only the people of Whatcom County or even the densely populated coastal communities along the western BNSF line: it affects the

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entire state and even the region. Accordingly, we are writing to respectfully request that you expand the number of scoping hearings to reflect the region-wide character of the GPT decision so that all citizens may learn more about the project and voice their opinions.

Specifically, we believe that at a minimum, scoping hearings should take place at a site in Eastern Washington (e.g., Spokane) as well as along the Columbia River Gorge (e.g., White Salmon) and southern rail corridor (e.g., Vancouver). Scoping hearings in these locations are important because citizens in these communities will bear the brunt of the GPT permit in terms of coal rail traffic and associated health, public safety, and community concerns, but receive none of the putative benefits. These communities will also likely bear the brunt of other planned coal projects in Washington and Oregon, since all coal moving into the region will likely move along this rail corridor. Moreover, because the dramatic rise in cargo ship traffic through Haro Strait and the Northern Sound will have several impacts to residents in the area, and will increase the risk of devastating oil or coal spills, we ask that you hold a hearing in Friday Harbor.

This request assumes that you will also be holding hearings closer to the GPT site, for example in Seattle, Bellingham, and Mt. Vernon. We also understand that organizations in Montana and Idaho have requested hearings in those communities, and we fully support those requests.

Finally, in terms of scheduling hearings, we believe that there should be both day and evening opportunities to submit input. Hearing locations should be centrally located and convenient for members of the public to attend. For example, the Corps' Seattle headquarters is inaccessible and difficult to find, and would not be a suitable location. We recommend that you anticipate a high level of interest in these hearings.

Thank you for considering our input on this important matter. We stand fully prepared to work with you to ensure that the environmental review for the GPT permitting is procedurally sound and substantively comprehensive. If you have questions about this letter, feel free to contact Beth Doglio with the Power Past Coal Coalition at (360) 352-1763.

Sincerely,

Columbia Riverkeeper
Brett VandenHeuvel, Executive Director

Sierra Club
Bill Corcoran, Western Region Director for Beyond Coal Campaign

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Lake Pend Oreille Waterkeeper
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Gayle Kiser, President

People for Puget Sound
Heather Trim, Director of Policy

Western Action Coalition
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From: "Wendy Harris" <w.harris2007@comcast.net>
To: <council@co.whatcom.wa.us>
CC: <pds@co.whatcom.wa.us>, "Tyler Schroeder" <Tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>, "...
Date: 3/12/2012 10:59 PM
Subject: Conflict of interest for potential EIS contractor.

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Wendy Harris

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Subject: Re: Fwd: Letter re scoping hearings

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To: "Tyler Schroeder (tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us)" <tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us...>
CC: John Robinson <john.robinson@cardno.com>, Jane Dewell <jane.dewell@ora.w...>
Date: 3/13/2012 2:39 PM
Subject: GPT EIS Consultant Interviews

Tyler, Randel & Alice,

I am unfortunately being pulled away on company business that prevents me from attending all four consultant interviews for selection of the Gateway Pacific Terminal EIS consultant. As a result I've asked John Robinson to represent me and SSA Marine as an observer at the 3rd Party EIS Consultant interviews tomorrow and Thursday.

I apologize for the late notice and am sorry to not be able to attend the interviews. Rest assured John is well prepared, he has read all of the proposals and fully understands the importance of the work being done to select the best possible consultant to write the GPT EIS.

Thank you,

Ari

From: "Kalb, F E Skip" <F.Kalb@BNSF.com>
To: Tyler Schroeder <Tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>
Date: 3/14/2012 8:01 AM
Subject: Today's Schedule

Tyler,

I'm just double checking to see if we are still scheduled to start today at 10 am with the EIS Contractor candidate Interviews?

Skip

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To: Tyler Schroeder <Tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>
Date: 3/14/2012 8:14 AM
Subject: Out of Office: Today's Schedule

I will be out of the office until March 19th.
If you have an urgent matter, please feel free to call my cell @
(817)271-3057.

From: "Kalb, F E Skip" <F.Kalb@BNSF.com>
To: 'Tyler Schroeder' <Tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>
Date: 3/14/2012 8:15 AM
Subject: RE: Today's Schedule

See you then!

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

From: Tyler Schroeder [mailto:Tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 10:14 AM
To: Kalb, F E Skip
Subject: Re: Today's Schedule

Skip,

Yep, 10 am at the Bellingham field office. See attached for full schedule.

Thanks,

Tyler

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CC: "SLUSS, RICH (DNR)" <RICHARD.SLUSS@dnr.wa.gov>, "GUTHRIE, JAY (DNR)" <JA...>
Date: 3/14/2012 8:30 AM
Subject: RE: Gateway Pacific Terminal ICN and NTC

Hello Oliver,

Sue is on annual leave and will not be returning until April 5th. If that date is acceptable for her response please let me know. If not, I will be unable to respond until late next week.

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CC: "Kelly, Alice (ECY)" <AKEL461@ECY.WA.GOV>, Tyler Schroeder <Tschroed@co...>
Date: 3/14/2012 11:23 AM
Subject: FW: North Sound Baykeeper - March E-News
Attachments: North Sound Baykeeper - March E-News

Stephanie & Olivia,

Here is a notice that Re-sources put out regarding their rally at the high school on March 20.

Thanks, Jane

From: Jeffrey Hegedus [mailto:JHegedus@co.whatcom.wa.us]

Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 4:50 PM

To: Dewell, Jane (ORA)

Subject: Fwd: North Sound Baykeeper - March E-News

Hi Jane. As you may already be aware, as attached, the community is planning a rally prior to the meeting next Tuesday.

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March 2012

Community Rally to Power Past Coal - March 20th

What: Community Rally to Power Past Coal and Information Meeting on Environmental Review Process

When: March 20th 5pm and 6pm (respectively)

Where: Bellingham High School - 2020 Cornwall Ave.

Get ready to rally!! RE Sources' North Sound Baykeeper Team and Power Past Coal will be hosting a Community Rally at Bellingham High School on March 20th at 5pm, just prior to Ecology and Whatcom County's presentation on the Environmental Review Process (6pm - 8pm @ BHS). And we need you to be there!!

Join us to listen to inspirational speeches from local community members including elected officials, tribal and commercial fishermen, small business owners, and grassroots activists who believe in the power of ordinary people just like you and me to make positive change in our communities and our world. As Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Following the rally, representatives from Whatcom County and the Washington Department of Ecology will outline the environmental review process and answer questions about it. A representative from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be on hand to answer questions about the Corps permitting process and federal requirements. Speakers will explain several opportunities people will have to provide formal input at different stages. The first of these will occur in late spring or summer this year.

GPT Information: More information about the terminal project can be found on Ecology's GPT page

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Join us to stop West Coast coal export at powerpastcoal.org

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These events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit RE-Sources.org

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or call (360) 733-8307.

Presentation on Emerging Biotoxins in Washington State - March 14th

This past summer, the global problem of Diarrhetic Shellfish Poisoning (DSP) arrived in the United States with the first illness recorded in Sequim Bay. What is known about DSP in Washington? How are public agencies responding to the issue? Please join the Whatcom MRC and Hershman Marine Policy Fellow Clara Hard for this free presentation as Clara discusses these issues, as well as biotoxins causing paralytic and amnesic shellfish poisoning.

What: Emerging Biotoxins in Washington State

When: March 14th at 6:30pm

Where: Fairhaven Library Fireside Room in Bellingham

This event is free and open to the public. Click here [http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=azwkajjab.0.uem4ekjab.jo75picab.376&ts=S0740&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwhatcom-mrc.whatcomcounty.org%2FMRC%2F%3Futm_source%3DBaykeeper%2BE-News%2B-%2BMarch%26utm_campaign%3DMarch%2BBaykeeper%2BE-News%26utm_medium%3Demail] for more information.

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Ocean Acidification Seminar - March 22nd

Are you curious about the effects of carbon pollution on our oceans? Join two of Washington state's leading science and policy experts to learn about this issue and new research in Washington state. This event is free and open to the public. Co-sponsored by the Northwest Straits Commission, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership, and the Whatcom and Skagit Marine Resources Committees.

What: Ocean Acidification Seminar

When: March 22nd 6pm - 8pm

Where: Padilla Bay Reserve - 10441 Bayview-Edison Rd. Mt Vernon, WA 98273  
For more information and/or to RSVP, please email [gibson@nwstraits.org](mailto:gibson@nwstraits.org) [<mailto:gibson@nwstraits.org>].

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Sound and Vision Movie Showing - March 22nd

People for Puget Sound invites you to join them on March 22nd for a screening of the documentary Sound and Vision. Directed by Eric Becker and produced by People For Puget Sound, Sound and Vision explores the issues that threaten our waters and tells the story of the people fighting to clean up and protect Puget Sound. After the film there will be an opportunity to ask questions and to learn how you can get involved in the fight to save our Sound.

What: Sound and Vision

When: March 22nd 6pm

Where: Pickford Film Center - Bellingham, WA
Cost: Members \$5, Non-Members \$10
For more information and/or to register, please click here [http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=azwkajjab.0.vem4ekjab.jo75picab.376&ts=S0740&p=http%3A%2F%2Fpugetsound.org%2Feducation%2Fsound-vision%3Futm_source%3DBaykeeper%2BE-News%2B-%2BMarch%26utm_campaign%3DMarch%2BBaykeeper%2BE-News%26utm_medium%3Demail].

Tapped Movie Showing - March 22nd

Interested in learning more about defending your right to clean drinking water? Local activists in the Skagit Valley will host a showing of the film Tapped, as it relates to the proposal in Anacortes to build a water bottling plant that will draw 5 million gallons of water per day from the Skagit River through 2050 as part of the 9th Annual Skagit Human Rights Festival.

What: Tapped

When: March 22nd 7pm

Where: Lincoln Theatre in Mt. Vernon

This event is free and open to the public. Click here

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Run the Ragnar Relay Northwest Passage and Support the North Sound Baykeeper this July!

RE Sources' North Sound Baykeeper program has been chosen as the official charity of the Ragnar Relay Northwest Passage! This running event starts near the border of Canada and winds south down to Whidbey Island, following the waters of the North Sound the whole way. The race pushes you and 11 of your friends, day and night, through 190 miles of stunning Whatcom, Skagit, and Island County scenery and part of the registration fees for each team goes to support the work the Baykeeper does to ensure swimmable, fishable, drinkable waters in the North Puget Sound.

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Drayton Harbor Community Oyster Farm

Do you love oysters? The Drayton Harbor Community Oyster Farm and Puget Sound Restoration Fund (PSRF) are looking for shareholders for the 2012 harvest season. The Drayton Harbor Community Oyster Farm represents a pioneering, multidimensional effort to restore clean water and shellfish harvesting to Drayton Harbor in northern Whatcom County. For every \$100 invested you receive 13 dozen of the finest and freshest Pacific oysters.

For more information visit www.restorationfund.org/projects/csf/draytonharbor
[http://www.restorationfund.org/projects/csf/draytonharbor?utm_source=Baykeeper+E-News+++March&utm_campaign=March+Baykeeper+E-News&utm_medium=email]
or contact Geoff Menzies at geoffmenzies@comcast.net [<mailto:geoffmenzies@comcast.net?>]
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North Sound News Bytes

Why a new invasion of tankers threatens Northwest Waters Dan Chasan in Crosscut writes: "A few years from now, when our best-known marine life - endangered Southern Resident killer whales, threatened Puget Sound Chinook salmon, or the Fraser River sockeye that have always made up the bulk of the Puget Sound commercial harvest - swim north to the Queen Charlotte Islands and beyond, they may encounter some new swimming companions: 1,000-foot-long tankers known as Very Large Crude Carriers.

Each ship would be carrying up to 2 million barrels of dilute bitumen from the Alberta tar sands to foreign refineries, probably in China." Click here
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From gannets to seagulls, puffins to penguins, all seabirds suffer the same drop in birth rates when the supply of fish drops to less than a third of maximum capacity.

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The first gray whale in the annual spring migration up the coast was spotted in early March off Tofino, marking the largest and most timeless sign that spring is on the way. Click here

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I'd think the following would work:

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Date: 3/14/2012 10:47 AM
Subject: Health Impact Assessments
Attachments: HIA.pdf

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Training and Educational Session Highlights

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NEW TRACKS

New tracks featured at this year's AEC include EH Health Impact Assessments, Pathogens and Outbreaks, and Technology and EH.

EH HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

* **Designing an HIA: You Take the Lead**
 During this interactive session, you will learn the fundamentals of current HIA practice. You will also have the opportunity to apply your new knowledge to a case study while working with others in a small group and then presenting your findings during a large group discussion.

* **Community Engagement and Health Impact Assessments**
 Are the objectives of meaningful community participation consistent with the goals of an environmental health impact assessment? This session will look at why, to what extent, and how the community should be involved in environmental health impact assessments (HIA). Attend this session and examine the importance of community participation and what it means to have meaningful community participation within an environmental HIA.

* **Environmental Impact Assessment: An Unrealized Opportunity for Environmental Health**

Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) are mandatory studies through which state and federal agencies evaluate the potential impacts of proposed policies and projects. Requirements for EIA apply to a wide range of public-sector decision making, from project permitting (highways and public transportation projects, oil exploration and large mines, housing development, and power plants, for example) to policy development (such as setting fuel economy standards and developing land-use plans). Despite the importance of many such decisions to public health, EIAs rarely include an in-depth, systematic consideration of the health effects of proposed state or federal policies and projects. Recently, public health professionals have begun to use health impact assessments as a means to integrate public health into EIA. This presentation will introduce the concept of HIA; examine the legal framework in which HIAs can

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* **Tox in a Box: A Concise Training on the Health Assessment of Environmental Hazards**

Have you had to interpret environmental data and make a public health determination? Have you been asked to give advice on how to reduce or eliminate exposure to a hazardous substance or condition? Have you had to provide input on environmental sampling for an exposure investigation? If so and you weren't sure what to do or if you were unsure of your skills in this area, then this three-hour interactive session is for you. This session is designed for people needing to learn how to apply exposure evaluation and risk assessment principles and methods to environmental health practice. Or if you know how but would like to improve your skills in this area, then attend this session.

* **Using Health Impact Assessments for Comprehensive Plan Updates**

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PATHOGENS AND OUTBREAKS

* **Collaboration Between FDA and Local Agencies to Assess the 2011 Multistate Cantaloupe *Listeria monocytogenes* Outbreak**

Last year was the first time a *Listeria monocytogenes* outbreak had been linked to whole cantaloupe. Attend this session to hear about how FDA collaborated with state and federal partners to work to identify the factors on the farm that may have contributed to this unusual outbreak.

* **Legionnaires' Disease Outbreak at a Long-Term Care Facility: Environmental Health Considerations**

As the number of legionnaires' cases rises in any given region, it is imperative that local health officials arm themselves with the knowledge to adequately assess exposure environments. Attend this session to arm yourself and your department with lessons learned from a recent outbreak at a long-term care facility.

* **Passing Parasites: A Rare Foodborne Giardiasis Outbreak at a Restaurant**

A shocking foodborne giardiasis outbreak was investigated and linked to 13 mostly asymptomatic, laboratory-positive restaurant employees. Control included the use of a multitude of standard and unprecedented control measures: a risk control plan, employee training, improved hygiene, close regulatory oversight, employee testing, and the exclusion and restriction of Giardia-positive employees. The multidisciplinary Epi-Ready investigative approach, paid employee sick leave, and strong health director support were key in ending disease transmission to the community. Attend this session to hear about this rare outbreak and learn about tools that you can use for your own investigations in the future.

* **Rapid Response Teams and the FDA CORE Network: Improving Foodborne Outbreak Responses**

This presentation highlights resources developed in 2011 by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Rapid Response Team (RRT) Pilot Project that environmental health professionals can use to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their agency's foodborne illness response team, as well as the CORE Network's effort to streamline the processes in relation to signals, response, and post-response activities. Attend this session and return to your office with FDA resources that you can use to help improve foodborne illness response.

* **Severe Brain Infections and the Environment: The Changing Epidemiology *Naegleria fowleri* Infections**

Naegleria fowleri is a heat-loving amoeba that causes a rare waterborne disease called

From: David Miner <dminer8055@comcast.net>
To: <council@co.whatcom.wa.us>
Date: 3/15/2012 4:26 PM
Subject: SSA Marine's Gateway Pacific Terminal

I oppose the construction of the Gateway Pacific Terminal and urge you to deny construction permits for it. We have a beautiful area to live in and I don't want it to be damaged by the coal terminal. The traffic problems at the rail crossing is already a problem at times. We don't need to pollute our environment for the sake of shipping coal to China or anywhere else. The terminal does not make sense at any level.

Thank You

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dminer8055@comcast.net

From: joan mueller <2WATERDAWGS@COMCAST.NET>
To: <council@co.whatcom.wa.us>
Date: 3/15/2012 9:55 PM
Subject: SSA Marine Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT)

Whatcom County Council Members:

Please add us to the many community residents who oppose the construction and operation of GPT at Cherry Point. Coal dust polluting air and water is damaging to our beautiful scenic surroundings. Long train waits causing traffic jams as well as extensive health risks should not be tolerated by any of us.

I am a retired Washington State Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist who monitored the decline of fish populations in Alden Bank, Roberts Bank, and Cherry Point areas due to industrial developments and human population increases in the 1980 through 2000 timeframe. That situation was - and still is - near endangered species levels and could only worsen with more encroachments. Please give our natural resources some living space.

We urge you to deny construction permits for this project. Thank you.

Your humble taxpaying citizens,

Richard and Joan Mueller
8730 Wood Duck Way
Blaine, WA 98230-5703

From: Jennifer Paulson
To: Council
Date: 3/15/2012 2:22 PM
Subject: Gateway Terminal
Place: Council

Linda Miner (778-2803) asks that you deny construction for the Gateway Pacific Terminal project

From: Tyler Schroeder
To: kmann@co.whatcom.wa.us
CC: JRyan@co.whatcom.wa.us
Date: 3/12/2012 11:49 AM
Subject: Re: County time ledger for the Gateway Pacific project

Ken,

The current fee schedule does not indicate the amount of staff hours for the base fee paid. However, when the fee was made it was on the basis of approximate staff time spent on an average project. For an EIS this fee was \$2600, which is to cover approximately 20 hours plus administrative overhead.

In short, approximately 20 hours.

Thanks,

Tyler
Tyler R. Schroeder
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>>> Ken Mann 03/09/12 2:17 PM >>>
how many of your 170 hours are covered as EIS prep?

Ken Mann

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>>> Tyler Schroeder 03/08/12 10:51 AM >>>
Jean,

I don't think you will need to file a records request. The last couple of days I have been looking into the time spent on the GET project. I have a preliminary time ledger for myself that is for time spent between June 2011 and Feb. 2012. This shows that I have spent approximately 170 hours on the project. This information is put together by reviewing my calendar appointments, email records and documents issued.

Other staff have worked on the project other than myself. This mainly includes Sam Ryan (MAP Team meetings), Wayne Fitch and Lyn Morgan-Hill (reviewing the delineation and site inspections in coordination with DOE and the Army Corp) and Stephanie Drake (admin. assistance on website and contract/agreement work). The time spent on the Critical Areas delineation and site inspections will be recovered through the existing UFS permit fees and are not directly associated with the SEPA EIS work.

Also, as I believe you are aware, the County will be contracting with the Applicant for services rendered associated with the consultant for the EIS. This contract will include language to reimburse the cost of staff time spent from the date the contract is signed. The contract is currently drafted to include following language, "Applicant will pay for all County costs of EIS preparation. Review costs include staff costs, including payroll costs and benefits. Costs associated with the EIS expended prior to execution of the Agreement are covered by the Agreement." This language would cover the past time spent by staff on the SEPA work as well.

Sam will be presenting to the Finance Committee to answer questions in regards to this topic at the next Council Meeting.

Please let me know if you want additional info or please don't hesitate to call me at 360-676-6907

Thanks,

Tyler

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>>> Jean Melious <jean_melious@yahoo.com> 3/7/2012 6:07 PM >>>

Hi Tyler,

Should I go ahead with the records request? Or maybe you're preparing this information for the next Council meeting, so I should just show patience?

Thanks,

Jean

From: Jean Melious <jean_melious@yahoo.com>

To: Tyler Schroeder <tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>

Cc: County Executive <JLouws@co.whatcom.wa.us>; "kmann@co.whatcom.wa.us"
<kmann@co.whatcom.wa.us>

Sent: Friday, March 2, 2012 12:17 PM

Subject: County time ledger for the Gateway Pacific project

Hi Tyler,

In the Cascadia Weekly, you mentioned that County staff are keeping track of their time for the Gateway Pacific project, and I'm hoping that you can provide me with that ledger. I know that the County would prefer not to spend time on public record requests, and I don't want to burden it with such a request when I don't have to.

I was thinking of putting together an estimate of staff time based on public records -- MAP team meeting, site visits, presentations, meetings, phone calls, e-mails. That would undoubtedly just reflect the tip of the iceberg, though, and your records would be much more accurate.

I'm glad that that County will be able to recover its sunk costs as well as its costs moving forward, and am looking forward to hearing more about how that can be accomplished.

Ken, I included you on this message after reading your e-mail of about a year ago, raising the issue of

recovering costs for this project with Tyler, Dewey and the County Executive. Thought that you might be interested in following up

Thanks again for your help,
Jean Melious

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From: Tyler Schroeder
To: Stephanie Drake
Date: 3/13/2012 10:38 AM
Subject: Fwd: Letter re scoping hearings
Attachments: Scoping hearings letter 3-12-12.pdf

Could you put this on the website.

Thanks,

Tyler

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>>> Jan Hasselman <jhasselman@earthjustice.org> 3/12/2012 3:47 PM >>>
Hello - please see attached letter. We are not planning on sending a hard copy so this is our official submission unless you would like us to do so.
Thank you,

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March 12, 2012

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Re: Scoping Hearings for Gateway Pacific Terminals NEPA/SEPA Process

Dear Mr. Perry, Mr. Schroeder, and Ms. Kelly.

The undersigned organizations represent over half a million Washington and Oregon citizens that are deeply concerned about recent proposals to begin exporting coal from Northwest ports. The Gateway Pacific Terminal, which proposes to move as much as 48 million tons of coal per year out of a terminal site north of Bellingham, is likely the first of many similar proposals in Washington and Oregon. As the first terminal site to undergo thorough environmental review and public scrutiny, it is crucial that the process is as rigorous and transparent as possible. Given the strong public sentiment on all sides of this issue, and the significant consequences for all of the region's citizens if the GPT facility is permitted, a thorough and robust public conversation around the facility and its effects is critical.

We recognize that the scoping process that will be initiated shortly is focused on the ~~scope~~ of the environmental review, not the ultimate decision as to whether to permit the project. However, we believe that it is important to ensure that the ~~scope~~ of the GPT review is set in the context of the multiple other terminal sites in the region. By our estimation, if all projects that are already disclosed to the public were built, there would be the capacity for around 160 million tons of coal moving through the Northwest's already congested rail and port system. At capacity, this means roughly 63 coal trains—each over a mile long, moving through some Northwest communities every day.

For that reason, this is not a decision that affects only the people of Whatcom County or even the densely populated coastal communities along the western BNSF line: it affects the

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entire state and even the region. Accordingly, we are writing to respectfully request that you expand the number of scoping hearings to reflect the region-wide character of the GPT decision so that all citizens may learn more about the project and voice their opinions.

Specifically, we believe that at a minimum, scoping hearings should take place at a site in Eastern Washington (e.g., Spokane) as well as along the Columbia River Gorge (e.g., White Salmon) and southern rail corridor (e.g., Vancouver). Scoping hearings in these locations are important because citizens in these communities will bear the brunt of the GPT permit in terms of coal rail traffic and associated health, public safety, and community concerns, but receive none of the putative benefits. These communities will also likely bear the brunt of other planned coal projects in Washington and Oregon, since all coal moving into the region will likely move along this rail corridor. Moreover, because the dramatic rise in cargo ship traffic through Haro Strait and the Northern Sound will have several impacts to residents in the area, and will increase the risk of devastating oil or coal spills, we ask that you hold a hearing in Friday Harbor.

This request assumes that you will also be holding hearings closer to the GPT site, for example in Seattle, Bellingham, and Mt. Vernon. We also understand that organizations in Montana and Idaho have requested hearings in those communities, and we fully support those requests.

Finally, in terms of scheduling hearings, we believe that there should be both day and evening opportunities to submit input. Hearing locations should be centrally located and convenient for members of the public to attend. For example, the Corps' Seattle headquarters is inaccessible and difficult to find, and would not be a suitable location. We recommend that you anticipate a high level of interest in these hearings.

Thank you for considering our input on this important matter. We stand fully prepared to work with you to ensure that the environmental review for the GPT permitting is procedurally sound and substantively comprehensive. If you have questions about this letter, feel free to contact Beth Doglio with the Power Past Coal Coalition at (360) 352-1763.

Sincerely,

Columbia Riverkeeper
Brett VandenHeuvel, Executive Director

Sierra Club
Bill Corcoran, Western Region Director for Beyond Coal Campaign

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From: Tyler Schroeder
To: amyglassersw@yahoo.com; BBGUN1010@aol.com
CC: Nadean Hanson
Date: 3/13/2012 11:09 AM
Subject: Re: Open comments

Amy,

The meeting on the 20th is to give an overview of the environmental review process for the Gateway Pacific Terminal project. The Department of Ecology has issued a press release on the meeting, <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2012/076.html>. This meeting is intended to familiarize people with the EIS process and we will be explain the opportunities people will have to provide formal input at different stages.

This meeting will have an hour of question and answers for the public. These questions will be on the process specifically and we will not be able to answer questions on the project or accept comments. Comments will be accepted during the scoping period in the future.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Thanks,

Tyler

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>>> <BBGUN1010@aol.com> 3/11/2012 1:46 PM >>>

Hi Amy,

I am not sure about what is included in the meeting but am pretty sure it isn't about specifics. Probably about schedules of meetings, if anything. I am forwarding your e-mail to Tyler Schroeder in planning for his comments regarding when we can hear information. I don't think we can stop anyone from speaking about what they want at open session but I know we are not supposed to be researching, discussing, or listening at this time.

Barbara Brenner

If this e-mail is about county business, it is a public record subject to public disclosure upon request. Please send all e-mails related to county business to my official county e-mail address, bbrenner@co.whatcom.wa.us.

Thank you.

In a message dated 3/10/2012 11:57:36 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, BBrenner@co.whatcom.wa.us writes:

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

Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2012 22:57:04 -0800 (PST)

From: Amy Glasser <amyglassersw@yahoo.com>

Subject: Open comments

To: bbrenner@co.whatcom.wa.us

Hello Barbara

I am wondering if people can make comments (during open comment time) about the GPT project now or is there some rule that says you can't listen to us yet?

I hear that there is a committee meeting Tuesday about some GPT stuff. Can I get details? Will SSA Marine have representatives there?

Amy Glasser

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Amy Glasser</DIV>

From: Tyler Schroeder
To: Amy Keenan; Chad Yunge; Northwest_Annex_Conference_Room; Tyler Schroe...
CC: Sam Ryan
Date: 3/13/2012
Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Subject: GPT Permitting Responsibilities
Place: Northwest_Annex_Conference_Room

Chad and I were discusses this morning that we should sit and discuss upcoming roles on the permitting of the GPT. I expect that Amy and Chad will have responsibilities on the permitting (file preparation/organization, staff report writing etc.) and it will be good to get an initial understanding of time spent and future responsibilities.

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From: Tyler Schroeder
To: Drake, Stephanie
Date: 3/15/2012 12:41 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Security

Sounds like were a go from Janes last email. Go ahead and reserve.

Thanks,

Tyler

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

From: Stephanie Drake
To: Schroeder, Tyler <Tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>
To: <AKEL461@ECY.WA.GOV>
To: <JSUM461@ECY.WA.GOV>
To: <jane.dewell@ora.wa.gov>

Sent: 3/15/2012 12:31:24 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Security

Tyler,

I am out of the office at 2 today - do you think there can be a decision by then about who to send the Police Dep't billing to? I need to confirm things with the Sergeant before the weekend.

Stephanie

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>>> Tyler Schroeder 3/15/2012 11:12 AM >>>  
Info on the security. Please provide the info as requested if Ecology is willing to provide payment.

Thanks,

Tyler