

Emails pertaining to
Gateway Pacific Project
for September 17-23, 2011

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CC: <TSchroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>, <NHanson@co.whatcom.wa.us>
Date: 9/18/2011 2:01 PM
Subject: Fwd: Response from County Council Member Brenner about coal/terminal issue

Brooks,

FYI. I have to be very careful regarding information about the coal/terminal issue. So am sending you the information below that I have been sending out to people to make sure they understand the public process and how they can get involved.

See you on the 6th.

Barbara Brenner

From: BBGUN1010@aol.com
To: BBGUN1010@aol.com
Sent: 8/11/2011 9:33:18 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time
Subj: Response from County Council Member Brenner about coal/terminal issue

Thank you for letting the county council know of your concerns regarding the possible terminal at Cherry Point. Tyler Schroeder at _TSchroed@co.whatcom.wa.us (mailto:TSchroed@co.whatcom.wa.us) is the lead Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) official for Whatcom County government. He will ensure your concerns are part of the public record that county council members will receive when this issue comes before us. He is also available for you to contact if you would like to add more information, if you have any questions, and/or if you would like to be notified of opportunities to participate in the public process. You may also call him at the planning department at 676-6907.

At this time, according to our county attorney, county council members cannot participate in discussions, meetings, or research on this important issue because it will be coming before us as a quasi judicial matter in which we will be sitting as judges. Since I have never before been prevented from obtaining information on a county-wide issue when I wanted, I contacted the state attorney general's office to confirm our attorney's opinion. I am including below the response I received from the Open Public Meetings Ombudsman from the Washington State Attorney General's office. His response does confirm what our county attorney told us. When this issue comes before us, county council members will have ample time and opportunity to obtain all relevant information as well as receiving all input that has been sent to the county.

I regret I cannot comment specifically at this time because of legal restrictions. I am frustrated about this as you may be. However, if you would like to contact me to better understand how I process issues, as long as we do not specifically discuss this issue, please either e-mail correspondence

to my council address, [_bbrenner@co.whatcom.wa.us_](mailto:bbrenner@co.whatcom.wa.us)
(mailto:bbrenner@co.whatcom.wa.us) for retention of complete public records or call me anytime at
384-2762.

Thank you.

Barbara Brenner, Whatcom County Council Member

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

Subject: FW: Appearance of Fairness Doctrine re: Quasi Judicial Matters

Date: Tue, 3 May 2011 13:36:40 -0700

From: "Ford, Tim (ATG)" <TimF@ATG.WA.GOV>

To: <bbrenner@co.whatcom.wa.us>

Barbara,

I would follow the advice of your attorney in Whatcom County. My impression of the emails below is that Michael may be frustrated for not having access to you on an issue related to coal.

Council members are right to be alert for issues that might end up before the council in a quasi-judicial capacity. If a council member's participation in a quasi-judicial decision violates the appearance of fairness doctrine and that participation was challenged in a timely manner, a court can invalidate the decision. A new hearing and decision will then need to be made without the disqualified council member. Council members are elected in part to rule on applications in a quasi-judicial capacity and should exercise caution not to violate the appearance of fairness doctrine.

The general rule is that ex parte contacts on "pending" quasi-judicial issues is prohibited. See RCW 42.36.060
<<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=42.36.060>>. The underlying "fairness" rationale may also lead

council members to exercise prospective caution for broader communications on issues that are likely to become quasi-judicial. The public's perception of bias is not limited to merely the statutory prohibition. Broader communications, not just limited to ex parte communications, may create a perception of bias.

A council member must balance the public's ability to communicate with them on any issue against the probability of a perception of bias for communications on issues that are likely to become quasi-judicial. A council member may choose to communicate with a citizen on an issue that is not "pending" in a quasi-judicial proceeding. If the issue later becomes subject to a quasi-judicial proceeding, a council member is not disqualified if the communication is made part of the record for the quasi-judicial proceeding. It is a matter of balancing interests when an issue is not "pending". This is not legal advice, just common sense.

Contrary to Michael's assertion, I am confident you will be very educated on the coal issue for your quasi-judicial duties.

Here is a link to an excellent resource on the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine <<http://www.mrsc.org/Publications/afd11.pdf>> .

Sincerely,

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CC: <NHanson@co.whatcom.wa.us>, <MBlakely@co.whatcom.wa.us>, <DBrown@co.what...>
Date: 9/18/2011 2:10 PM
Subject: Coal article in Onearth.org

Tyler,

I received a link to [_onearth.org_](http://onearth.org/) (<http://onearth.org/>) and don't know if other council members or you saw it. There is an article regarding coal contained in it. I would like it to be made part of the public record so it may be discussed when the process gets to the council.

Thank you.

Barbara Brenner

From: <BBGUN1010@aol.com>
To: <TSchroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>
CC: <NHanson@co.whatcom.wa.us>, <earlejewell@yahoo.com>
Date: 9/18/2011 10:22 PM
Subject: Fwd: Coal trains

Tyler,

Please include this information in the public record for the coal train issue so council can discuss it when it gets to us in the public process.

Thanks.

Barbara Brenner, Whatcom County Council Member

From: earlejewell@yahoo.com
To: BBGUN1010@aol.com
Sent: 9/7/2011 10:55:57 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time
Subj: Coal trains

Barbara: I am not sure on your stand on coal trains. I am also not sure on my stand on coal trains, however I learned a new fact yesterday. The siding just north of the Ferndale High school was rerecently lengthened. For the last TWO DAYS a coal train has been sitting on the siding with it's engines idling. No coal dust but 2 days of diesel smoke. I have never seen this mentioned in any of the coal train discussions. BUD JEWELL

From: "Scott Boettcher" <ScottB@sbgh-partners.com>
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: 9/19/2011 4:10 AM
Subject: GPT MAP Team Weekly Update #37

Hi All.

This week's Weekly Update (#37) has now been posted to
<https://secureaccess.wa.gov/ofm/iprmt24/DesktopModules/Articles/ArticlesView.aspx?tabID=0>
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Highlights include:

- * Updated posting to "Tools."
- * New postings to "Applicant Documents."
- * New postings to "Decisions."
- * 9/20/2011 MAP Team field trip.

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

Jane and Scott

Accessing and Logging-on to GPT MAP Team Website:

Here again are instructions for new users to access and log-in to the secure GPT MAP Team Website:

. Go to Secure Access Washington (<https://secureaccess.wa.gov/>) and log-in. If you have not already created an account then you will need to do

so (follow the directions at Secure Access Washington).

. After you sign-in to Secure Access Washington, enter iprmt24 in the server code field to request access to iPRMT and the GPT MAP Team Website.

. After you have done this, we will be able to see you and will send you an email letting you know you can now access the GPT MAP Team Website.

. Good luck! [Note: Once you have accessed the GPT MAP Team Website, future log-ins will be much simpler and more straightforward.]

Scott Boettcher

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To: "Dewell, Jane (ORA)" <jane.dewell@ora.wa.gov>, "Bogner, Alan (ORA)" <ala...>
Date: 9/19/2011 8:43 AM
Subject: GPT Project - Westshore Field Trip **lunches**

The Westshore Terminal has kindly offered to provide lunches. Please let me know if you would like this. (For state and other govt employees who have rules about meals, the Westshore company didn't have a meal cost to provide me for reimbursement of meals, but I'm sure we can work something out.)

Please respond ASAP to let me know if you'd like lunch provided. Thanks.

Jane Dewell, Regional Lead
Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance
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From: PDS
To: Tyler Schroeder
Date: 9/20/2011 9:18 AM
Subject: Fwd: SSA Marine Coal Terminal
Attachments: SSA Marine Coal Terminal

From: "Andi Douglass" <andronetta@douglass.com>
To: <pds@co.whatcom.wa.us>
Date: 9/20/2011 9:11 AM
Subject: SSA Marine Coal Terminal

I was wondering how to request a Health Impact Assessment. I live in southern Birch Bay. I have 4 grand daughters in this same development. One of them has asthma. She has been hospitalized for that problem, so I am worried about the impacts of diesel pollution and coal dust. We live within 3 miles of the proposed facility.

Andronetta Douglass

From: "Tom Ehrlichman" <tom@salishlpsolutions.com>
To: <Tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>
CC: <barbara@salishlpsolutions.com>
Date: 9/20/2011 7:30 PM
Subject: Gateway MDNS

Dear Tyler,

I am thinking about commenting on the recent MDNS (SEP2011-00067) and trying to understand the status of the recent land disturbance/mitigation applications submitted by Skip Sahlin regarding the Gateway Pacific property. Could you kindly enlighten me about the following by reply email?

1. Was there a single submittal on August 16 for a land disturbance permit, known as File No. LDP2011-00054? I see a "MIT" file number as well on some County documents but no file number for that referenced in the MDNS. If there was a second MIT submittal, can you please point that out to me on the Gateway website or send me a copy via email?

2. Did the County issue any notice of application for the LDP2011-00054? If so, can you please send me a copy via email? I did not receive a copy although I am on the County distribution list for anything related to the Gateway property.

4. Did the County issue any notice of completeness for the LDP2011-00054? If so, can you please send me a copy via email?

5. For either the Notice of Application or Notice of Completeness, did the County use a distribution list that is different than the Gateway project distribution list you used for the SEPA determination?

6. Can I please get a copy of the map referenced in the 2009 Corps of Engineers delineation letter attached to the submittal critical areas study and mitigation plan? That did not seem to make it onto the County website. If Cliff Strong did not include it in the submittal, can you please forward this email to him and thereby ask him to email me a copy. That would be much appreciated. I'd like to see the Corps' map concerning hydrologic connections between wetlands and streams.

We may submit some comments on the SEPA determination, but please consider this email to be our first SEPA comment.

Thank you as always for your assistance. I know how busy things are at this time.

Tom Ehrlichman

Salish Land Policy Solutions

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Date: 9/20/2011 8:15 PM
Subject: Fwd: GPT/SSA Today

From: BBrenner@co.whatcom.wa.us
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Sent: 9/20/2011 1:08:22 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time
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Subject: GPT/SSA Today
Date: Tue, 20 Sep 2011 12:22:55 -0700

Lands commissioner visits Bellingham to talk about Cherry Point
From Stark

Washington Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark made an unannounced visit to Bellingham today to talk to a group of concerned citizens about the Gateway Pacific Terminal project proposed for Cherry Point.

The terminal, proposed by SSA Marine of Seattle, would load coal and possibly other bulk cargoes on freighters bound for China and other Asian

destinations.

Bryan Flint, director of communications for the Department of Natural Resources, said the local meeting was held at the request of Climate Solutions, an environmental organization that is opposed to the coal terminal project.

Flint termed the meeting "very productive" but said Goldmark would have no immediate comment on it.

Flint noted that project proponents had met with Goldmark in the past.

"This was an opportunity to hear the other side," Flint said.

Matt Krogh, North Sound Baykeeper with Bellingham-based ReSources for Sustainable Communities, said his organization enlisted Climate Solutions to help arrange the meeting with Goldmark.

Krogh, who attended the 90-minute meeting in the ReSources office, agreed that it was productive.

"What we asked for was a listening session and that's what it was," Krogh said.

Invitees included a cross-section of concerned citizens, including members of the Whatcom Docs group and others concerned about the terminal's environmental and health impacts, Krogh said.

DNR is expected to play a significant role in SSA's push to get this project up and running. To build the pier over state-controlled aquatic lands, SSA will need to come to terms with DNR on a lease agreement.

The area that SSA would lease is surrounded by DNR's "Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve."

In 2010, DNR approved a management plan for that reserve that was altered in its final draft, after both SSA Marine and existing Cherry Point industries objected to early draft language that they feared could hinder their operations.

SSA spokesmen have said that DNR's final draft of that plan, signed by Goldmark in November 2010, gave them the certainty they needed to launch the permitting process for Gateway Pacific.

Flint said the process of developing a lease agreement with SSA won't begin unless or until SSA gets all the permits it needs to proceed with construction of a pier.

Tags: Bellingham, coal, Energy, environment, Gateway Pacific Terminal, Whatcom

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From: BBrenner@co.whatcom.wa.us
To: bbgun1010@aol.com
Sent: 9/20/2011 4:38:04 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time
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Date: Tue, 20 Sep 2011 15:42:24 -0700

From a Birch Bay neighbor -

Hi Kathy,

The Sunday Seattle Times had a feature article about the CEO of Burlington Northern. It leads with job opportunities and I copy parts of the text to you.

Rose, 52, was in Seattle to speak at the American Association of Port Authorities convention. " Freight transport in the U.S. has the advantage of efficient highways and rail, so shipping requires a relatively low 8 percent of gross domestic product," he said.

"Our supply chain is a weapon of mass competitiveness," he said in a luncheon speech. The question is whether the U.S. will invest in neglected infrastructure, or slip while China becomes more nimble and Canada equips its seaports in Vancouver and Prince Rupert, to feed a refurbished national railway.

Rose seemed annoyed by a crowd of 300 environmentalists, workers, unionists and clergy who rallied outside the Westin Hotel on behalf of workers and environmental causes.

"I just thought they would be protesting that we should be building more infrastructure so they can have more jobs," he told his audience. BNSF Railway operates throughout the West. It owns the mainline along Puget Sound that's shared by freight, passenger and transit trains. The corporation says it did \$17 billion in business last year with more than 40,000 employees.

While he was in town he sat down with The Seattle Times to talk about regional issues. Some highlights:

HIRING

"Rail wages, I think, are in the top 2 percent of all blue collar wages," Rose said.

As of Friday, job listings on the BNSF website included 12 conductor-trainees, hired in Pasco at \$41,000 to start, and average pay \$68,000. Most jobs are union. At the top, locomotive engineers' pay ranges from \$80,000 to \$130,000, if applicants pass tests, interviews and finish 26 weeks of training he said.

COAL EXPORTS

"Rose said he supports SSA Marine's proposed coal export terminal at Cherry Point, Whatcom County, because of the jobs it would create for

dockworkers, rail workers and construction workers – while improving the balance of trade.

The proposal, which includes sending up to 18 full and returning coal trains a day through Western Washington, has been questioned by people who fear damage to communities along the way, or who don't want the state to be an enabler for climate change. Trans Alta is phasing out this state's only coal-fired power plant, at Centralia, by 2015.

"I'm not going to get into the global warming debate," Rose said. He later declined a follow-up question about whether he believes global warming is a serious threat.

"Here's what I will say about it. Coal is going to be shipped. We already ship 100 million tons, something that you, I assume, didn't know, and most people in this country don't know. IF the coal doesn't come from this country, it's going to come from Indonesia, It's going to come from South America....so if anybody thinks we're not going to permit a coal terminal and that that's going to solve China from burning coal, I don't think they understand how global logistics markets work."

We know this will be a knock down drag out.....I watch the news from Canada and BC is definitely going after the export business from Kitimat and Prince Rupert. Environmentally those are terrible places for terminals.

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Date: 9/21/2011 11:32 AM
Subject: MOU news release

Hi Randel and Tyler,

FYI -- Ecology is drafting a news release about the MOU. It would be released after the MOU is signed. We will, of course, route it to you and your public information officers for comment before we issue it.

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To: Cliff Strong
CC: Ari Steinberg; Bill Lynn(WLynn@gth-law.com); John Robinson; Kristie A...
Date: 9/21/2011 12:03 PM
Subject: Re: GPT - Request for Extension of Supplemental Information Submittal

Cliff,

I have received your extension request to submit additional materials for the Gateway Pacific Terminal applications. This email is to confirm our receipt of that request and that it has been submitted prior to the end of the 90 day timeframe. I will be responding to the merits of the request by the end of the week.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Tyler

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Tyler,

Please find attached a letter from Pacific International Terminals, Inc. requesting a 90-day extension on the filing of the supplemental application materials for the Gateway Pacific Terminal Major Project Permit and Substantial Development Permit applications.

I am also sending a hard copy by mail. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

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and Office Sustainability Coordinator
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CC: "Lumsden, Faith (GOV)" <Faith.Lumsden@GOV.WA.GOV>, 'Tyler Schroeder' <Ts...>
Date: 9/21/2011 12:52 PM
Subject: RE: SSA Marine Coal Terminal

Dear Ms. Douglass,

Thank you for your note on the SSA Marine Terminal. We have also received comments from WhatcomDocs requesting a health impact assessment associated with the proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal project.

The three government agencies conducting the state and national environmental policy act review (SEPA and NEPA) will be holding public scoping meetings for this project in the future. No date for public scoping has been set as yet and is likely a few months away. The agency representatives, who also sit on the multi-agency permit (MAP) team, are copied in this response to you.

The MAP team has a site where information, such as past and pending milestones, is provided and regularly updated. You can set up an account to access this site at the following internet address: <http://iprmt.ora.wa.gov/GPTUser.htm>

Let me know if you have any difficulties with access.

Thank you. Jane

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From: Andi Douglass [mailto:andronetta@douglass.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 9:26 AM
To: Dewell, Jane (ORA)
Subject: SSA Marine Coal Terminal

I am writing concerning the SSA Marine Terminal for coal which was discussed at our local Chamber of Commerce meeting in Birch Bay.

I live in south Birch Bay and my 4 grand daughters also live within 3 miles of this project. I am an RN Case Manager for COPD and CHF. I have concerns about the health impact of this project. One of my grand daughters has significant asthma.

You may be aware that there is an organization called Whatcom Docs (162 local doctors) who wrote a well researched paper that shows a doubling of asthma and cardiac deaths due to local pollution from the diesel fumes and coal dust. Would you consider having a Health Impact Assessment done? I do not see anyone on the MAP team that deals with health impact.

Cheers
Andronetta Douglass

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SafeGuard the South Fork



GPT and Coal Export from Whatcom County, EIS Scoping Priorities



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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What This Presentation is About

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The proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal could have serious adverse consequences for the rural and agricultural interests of Whatcom County.

Therefore, it is imperative that those rural and agricultural interests be defined in the EIS scoping process and be included in the required Environmental Impact Statement.

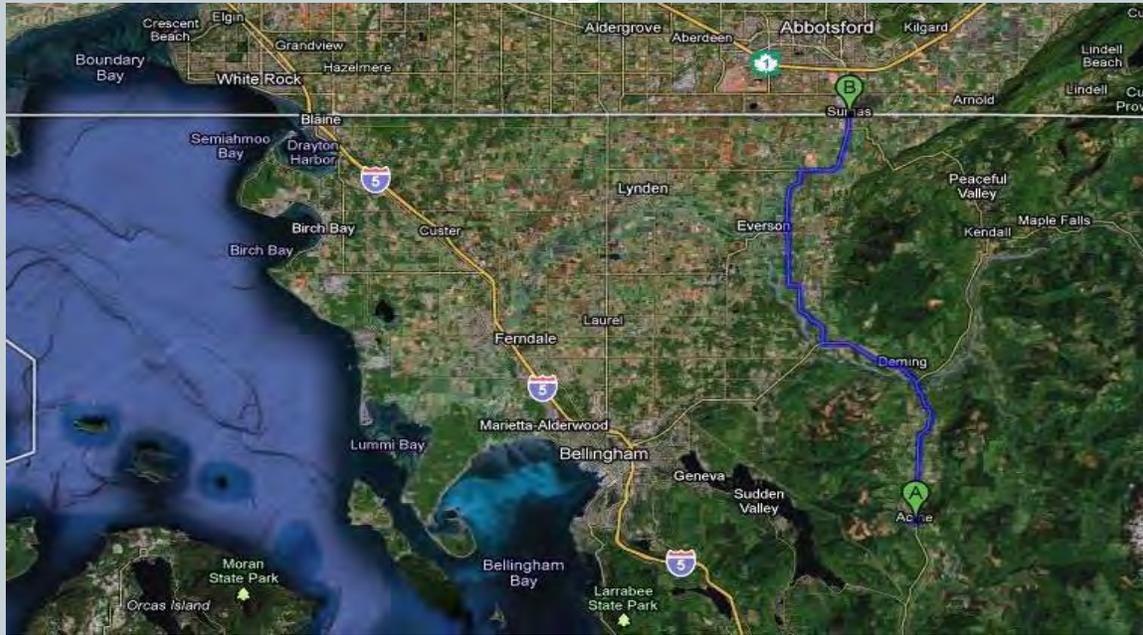
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- Offer Perspective on Transformative Impacts
- Request Senator Murray's Participation in the Scoping Process
- Ensure that Transformative Transportation Impacts to Rural and Agricultural Communities be Included in the EIS
- Request the Appropriate Funding Allocated for EIS
- Require SB 942 funded transportation to have an EIS

South Fork Valley and Nooksack Plains

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Major Topics

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- West Coast Coal Ports – Existing and Proposed
- Transportation Impacts & the Farm Land Route
- Scoping Issues
- Geopolitical Questions

The Economics of Existing West Coast Ports

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- Seward, AK
 - 1.65M T/yr
 - Created with Federal Subsidies = \$9.54M in 2003
 - Law suits pending for violations of the Clean Water Act
 - \$540,000 to be spent in 2011 on dust suppression equipment
 - \$1,000,000 spent since 2007 on safety and dust suppression
- Prince Rupert, BC (Ridley Terminal)
 - 12M T/yr -- plans on expanding to 24M T/yr.
 - Canadian Expansion from Powder River coal

Economics of Existing West Coast Ports (cont)

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- Roberts Bank, BC
 - Canadian Rail Expansion Project
 - Railroads can go where they please
 - Cost to Taxpayers
 - \$121M for three overpasses in Langley, BC
 - \$360M for improvements to the Roberts Bank Corridor
 - 25-35 Trains/day > 2mi long
 - Coal dust and diesel exhaust an issue for Langley residents
 - Multiply such costs by overpasses in Seattle, Everett, Marysville, Burlington, Bellingham, etc.

Roberts Bank, BC

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Photo: Paul Anderson, April 2011

Proposed West Coast Ports

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- Coos Bay, OR
- Boardman (Marrow Harbor), OR
- St. Helens, OR
- Longview, WA
- Hoquiam, WA (Greys Harbor)
- Ferndale, WA (Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve)
- Port Alberni, BC
- Chitna, AK

Coal Ports Carry Economic Risks

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- Loss of Property and Property Values
- Infrastructure Costs to Taxpayers
- Manipulation of Coal Markets (lower cost)
- Increased Demand for Coal (leading to higher volumes than initially permitted)
- Undue dependency on Foreign Customers
 - Long History of West Coast Coal Port Failures

Existing and Alternative Rail Routes

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The Coastal Route through Washington

Spokane → Vancouver → Olympia → Seattle → Mt. Vernon → Bellingham →
Ferndale → on to BC

The Farm Land Route through Washington

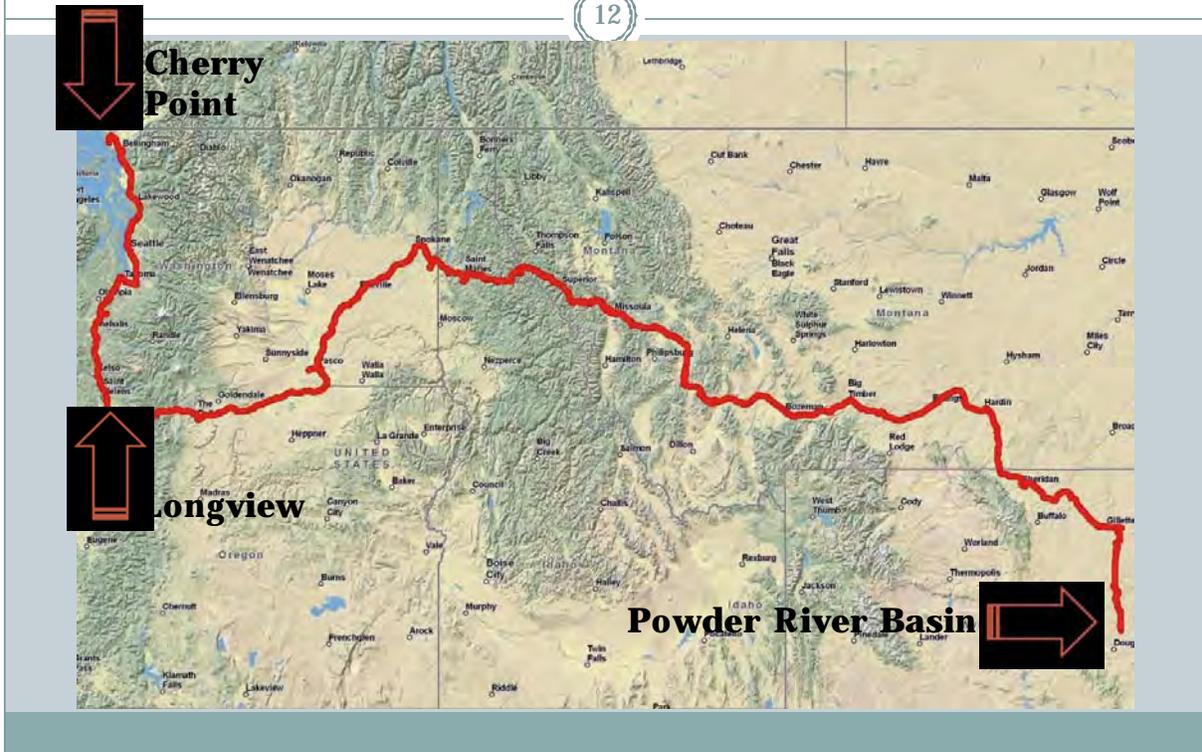
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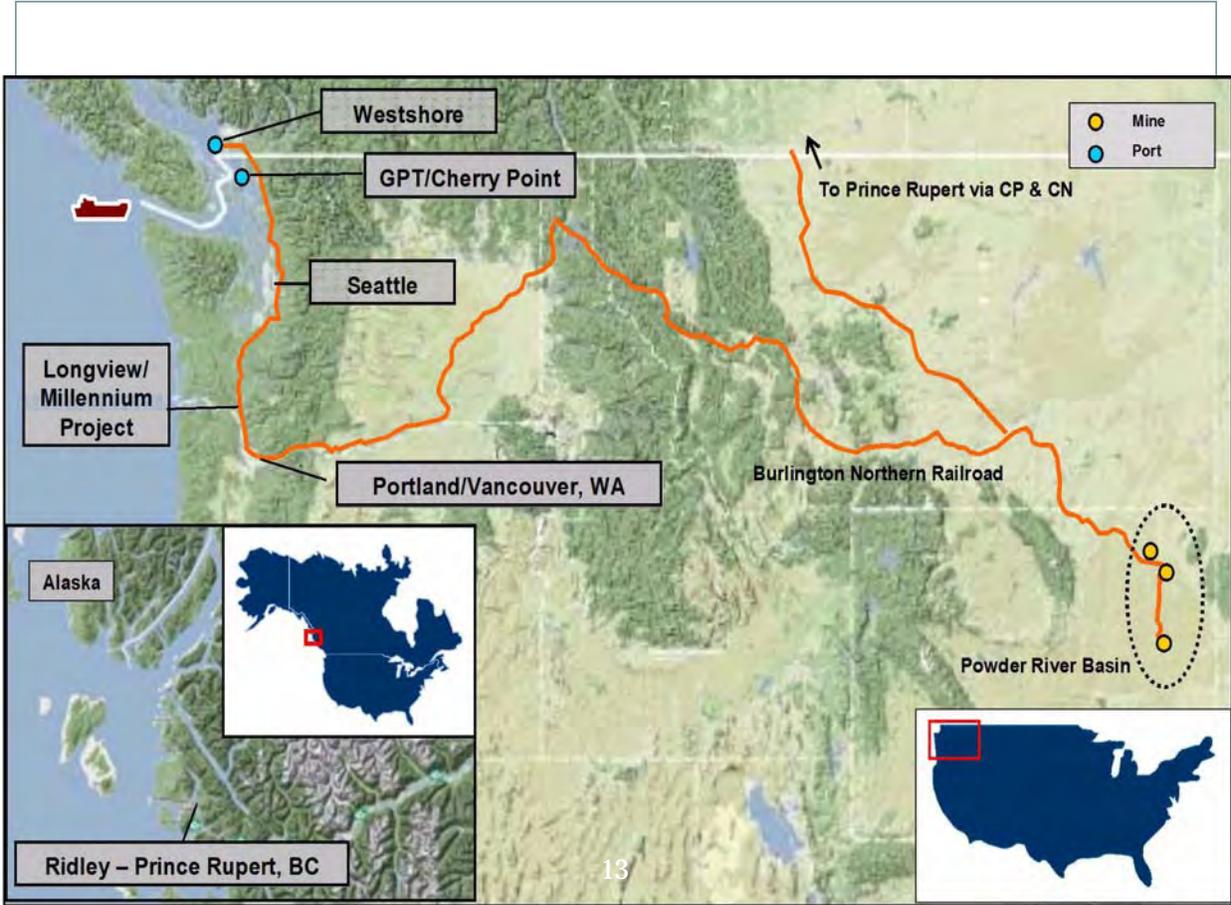
Rail Proposals Connecting Farm Land Route to Cherry Point

- Lynden → Custer
- Sumas → Ferndale

Coastal Route

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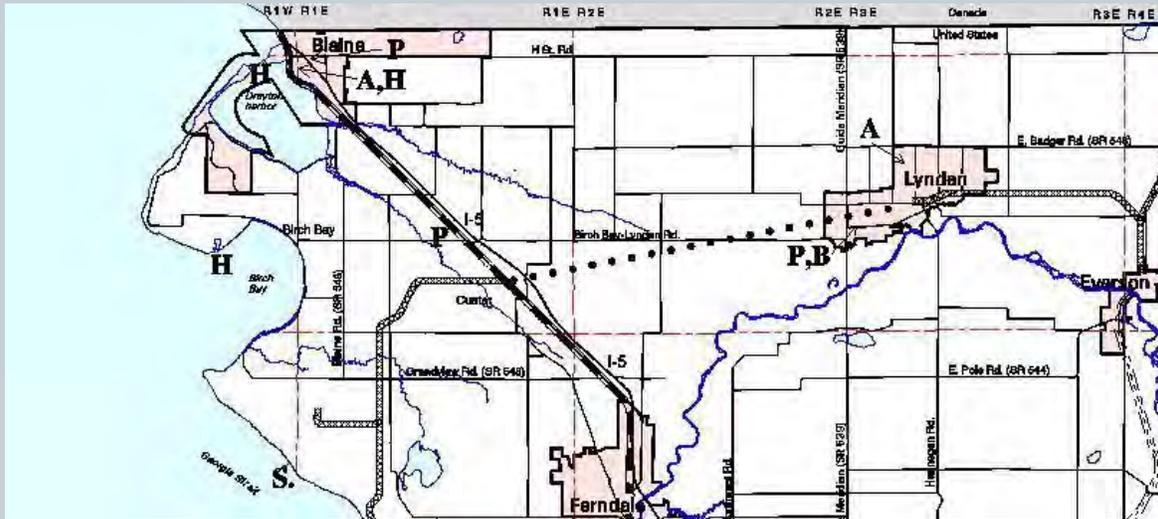


Roberts Bank Corridor



Rail Proposal from Lynden to Custer

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Existing and Alternative Rail Routes

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- BNSF says the Coastal Route is their only option
- Chuckanut RR corridor has room for only one track
- The Roberts Bank Corridor begins near Abbotsford.
- These factors increase the potential for the Farm Land Route to be used either for coal or for increased freight causing similar traffic disruptions
- The east/west rail corridors are currently only proposed, but still a possibility
- BNSF and CN have use of each other's tracks (aka "trackage")

Proposed Farm Land Rail Corridor

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- These factors emphasize the need for EIS scoping of the Farm Land Route
- BNSF says it's not planning to use the Farm Land Route, but nothing exists to prevent it being used if it is not part of the EIS
- RRs have great economic power to bypass normal development reviews (ref. Tongue River Railroad Expansion Project Court of Appeals decision)
- BC RR questions

Scoping Requirements for Farm Land Route

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- Tax Payer Funded Infrastructure
- Effects on Local Businesses (Tourism, Farming, Logging, etc.)
- Health Impacts
- Schools (tracks within 100-400 yards)
- Environmental Degradation and Pollution
- Land Use Transformation
- Natural Disasters

Tax Payer Funded Infrastructure

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- 8 Overpasses would be required for Highways 542 and 9, else
 - Delays to emergency vehicles
 - Delays to Truck Freight
 - Impacts on Schools and Safety
- Decisions on how tax dollars for transportation should be allocated
 - Overpasses (Canada's example is \$70m per overpass)
 - Road Maintenance
 - Management Costs for Complex County Transportation Requirement

Effects on Local Business

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- Tourism
- Farming
- Fisheries
- Logging
- Bellingham Port Development

Health Impacts

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- 160 Bellingham physicians signed a letter claiming health problems would result from coal trains and a coal export terminal
- 20 trains per day
- Squealing wheels and brakes
- 5 horn blasts per RR crossing
- Interrupted sleep

Schools

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- The Farm Land Route passes within 100-400 yards of several schools
 - Acme Elementary
 - Nooksack Middle School
 - Mt. Baker High School

Environmental Degradation and Pollution

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- Diesel Exhaust
- Coal Dust
- Mercury Emissions
- Sulfur Dioxide
- Carbon Dioxide
- Coal Train Derailments

Land Use Transformation

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- **Increased rail capacity and highway infrastructure will lead to industrial development in the South Fork Valley**
- **Risk to sensitive environmental habitats**
- **Further reason for inclusion in the EIS scoping**

Natural Disasters

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- Seismic Hazards areas exist along the Farm Land Route, forcing solids to behave more like liquids
- Effects of ground vibration from heavy trains on building foundations, soil structures, live stock, etc.
- Tsunami would spread coal from GPT and drastically affect farm land and Salish Sea

Geopolitical Questions

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- Who is looking at the broader aspects of coal shipments to China, India, and other emerging countries?
 - CIA?
 - State Department?
 - EPA?
 - Department of Transportation?
 - Coast Guard?

Shipping coal to developing countries will take jobs away from the US.

Conclusions

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- There is not enough RR capacity in Puget Sound to deliver coal to Cherry Point and not in some way negatively impact the Farm Land Route
- This presentation touches on only some of the critical issues relating to the mining, transportation, and burning of coal
- EIS Scoping must include the Farm Land Route in the South Fork Valley of the Nooksack River

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Tyler,

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Pete

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Hi Andronetta. Please feel free to call me at any time, at the number listed below, and I will be happy to answer your questions and discuss this issue with you. Thank you, have a good day, Jeff.

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"In the IEO2011 reference case... coal consumption increases by 50%, from 139 quadrillion Btu in 2008 to 209 quadrillion Btu in 2035"

On Monday, the Energy Information Administration released its International Energy Outlook with global energy projections to 2035. This forecast indicates the continuing rise in demand for both energy in general and electricity in particular. In terms of specifics, the EIA projects that coal will continue to be the world's most rapidly growing fuel in absolute terms. Over the next 25 years, coal will grow 35% faster than oil, 15% faster than gas and three times more rapidly than nuclear. And, importantly, the EIA analysis did not include implications of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear incident --- Japan has already increased its coal consumption to support the world's third largest economy. With the associated closure of nuclear plants in Germany and other nations, it is safe to say that the need for coal will increase even more than projected by the EIA.

World Total Energy Consumption in Quadrillion Btu

Nowhere is the role of coal more visible than in the production of electricity. Coal accounts for 40% of global power -- reliably, securely and affordably. Consequently, the expanding reliance of billions of people on coal should come as no surprise:

Coal Power On The Rise

Through 2035, coal will account for over 32% of incremental electricity generation.

The world's most rapidly growing economies are turning to coal. China and India have a combined population of about 2.5 billion people -- three times the population of the United States. By 2035, coal based generation will increase almost 150% in China and 100% in India.

China and India are Building Their Economies on Coal Power

Yet, while the world's attention is focused on rapid economic growth in Asia, the United States continues to use coal to stabilize its economy, provide energy security and maintain affordable electricity. The latest EIA projections demonstrate the continuing and expanding role coal will play in the electric power system of the United States:

Coal as the leading source of incremental power generation: 2008-2035

Coal's Reliability

In 2035, coal will account for just 27% of America's generating capacity, but it will produce 43% of the nation's power [EIA,2011]

The United States has almost 30% of the world's coal. These vast reserves will also serve as a resource for a world where over 1.4 billion people do not have any electricity and another 2 billion lack adequate access to power. The EIA projects that U.S. coal exports to Asia will increase over 300% by 2035. The higher ranked coal from America will help developing countries reduce atmospheric emissions as well as meet societal needs. With significant job creation in the United States, coal exports create a "win-win" situation on both sides of the Pacific.

Not about to change

"Coal continues to be the fuel most widely used for electricity generation" EIA, 2011

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From: Tyler Schroeder
To: PDS
Date: 9/23/2011 8:49 AM
Subject: Fwd: Request for Party of Record Status - Shoreline & SEPA notices
Place: PDS

Please update the list with the following info.

Thanks,

Tyler

Tyler R. Schroeder
Current Planning Supervisor
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Fax: (360)738-2525
Email: Tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us
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>>> <shannonwr@gmail.com> 9/21/2011 3:21 PM >>>
FIRST_NAME: Shannon

LAST_NAME: Wright

ADDRESS: 210 Sea Pines Rd, Bellingham, WA 98229

EMAIL: shannonwr@gmail.com

REQUEST: Please include me as a party of record for all notices in regards the Gateway Pacific Terminal project. If you do not maintain a notice list by project please include me in the general list. I am interested in any new permit applications or revisions to any applications and in any SEPA notices.

Notice by email only is all I require.

Thank You

PAGE: <http://www.communitywisebellingham.org/sepa-request/>

REFERER: <http://www.communitywisebellingham.org/2011/04/register-for-sepa-nepa-notices/>

From: Tyler Schroeder
To: tom@salishlpsolutions.com
CC: barbara@salishlpsolutions.com; Claton Luce; Cliff Strong
Date: 9/23/2011 10:27 AM
Subject: Re: Gateway MDNS

Tom,

1) Yes, there was a single submittal on August 16th for a land disturbance permit which included the mitigation (MIT) info and MIT file number. We are still reviewing the mitigation for approval. Approval of that document will be done with the issuance of the land disturbance permit.

2) The County did not issue a notice of applications for the LDP. County Code does not require that action for LDP's

3) The County did not issue a notice of completion for the LDP. County Code does not require that action for LDP's.

4) The Gateway Pacific email contact list is used for any determination or letter issued by Whatcom County.

5) I have forwarded this email to Cliff Strong to respond to your request of a copy of the map referenced in the 2009 Corps of Engineers delineation letter.

Thanks,

Tyler

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>>> "Tom Ehrlichman" <tom@salishlpsolutions.com> 9/20/2011 7:34 PM >>>

Dear Tyler,

I am thinking about commenting on the recent MDNS (SEP2011-00067) and trying to understand the status of the recent land disturbance/mitigation applications submitted by Skip Sahlin regarding the Gateway Pacific property. Could you kindly enlighten me about the following by reply email?

1. Was there a single submittal on August 16 for a land disturbance permit, known as File No. LDP2011-00054? I see a "MIT" file number as well on some County documents but no file number for that referenced in the MDNS. If there was a second MIT submittal, can you please point that out to me on the Gateway website or send me a copy via email?

2. Did the County issue any notice of application for the LDP2011-00054? If so, can you please send me a copy via email? I did not receive a copy although I am on the County distribution list for anything related to the Gateway property.

4. Did the County issue any notice of completeness for the LDP2011-00054? If so, can you please send me a copy via email?

5. For either the Notice of Application or Notice of Completeness, did the County use a distribution list that is different than the Gateway project distribution list you used for the SEPA determination?

6. Can I please get a copy of the map referenced in the 2009 Corps of Engineers delineation letter attached to the submittal critical areas study and mitigation plan? That did not seem to make it onto the County website. If Cliff Strong did not include it in the submittal, can you please forward this email to him and thereby ask him to email me a copy. That would be much appreciated. I'd like to see the Corps' map concerning hydrologic connections between wetlands and streams.

We may submit some comments on the SEPA determination, but please consider this email to be our first SEPA comment.

Thank you as always for your assistance. I know how busy things are at this time.

Tom Ehrlichman

Salish Land Policy Solutions

(425) 268-5553

From: "Strong, Cliff" <Cliff.Strong@amec.com>
To: Tyler Schroeder <Tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us>, "tom@salishlpsolutions.com" ...
CC: "Dunkin, Kristie A" <Kristie.Dunkin@amec.com>
Date: 9/23/2011 11:28 AM
Subject: GPT - USACE Jurisdictional Wetland Map w/ Flow Direction
Attachments: Figure 6 - Flow Direction ofWetland, Drainages, and Streams.pdf

Tom, I believe this is the map you requested.

By the way, did your email change? I had tom@salishlaw.com<mailto:tom@salishlaw.com>.

Thanks,

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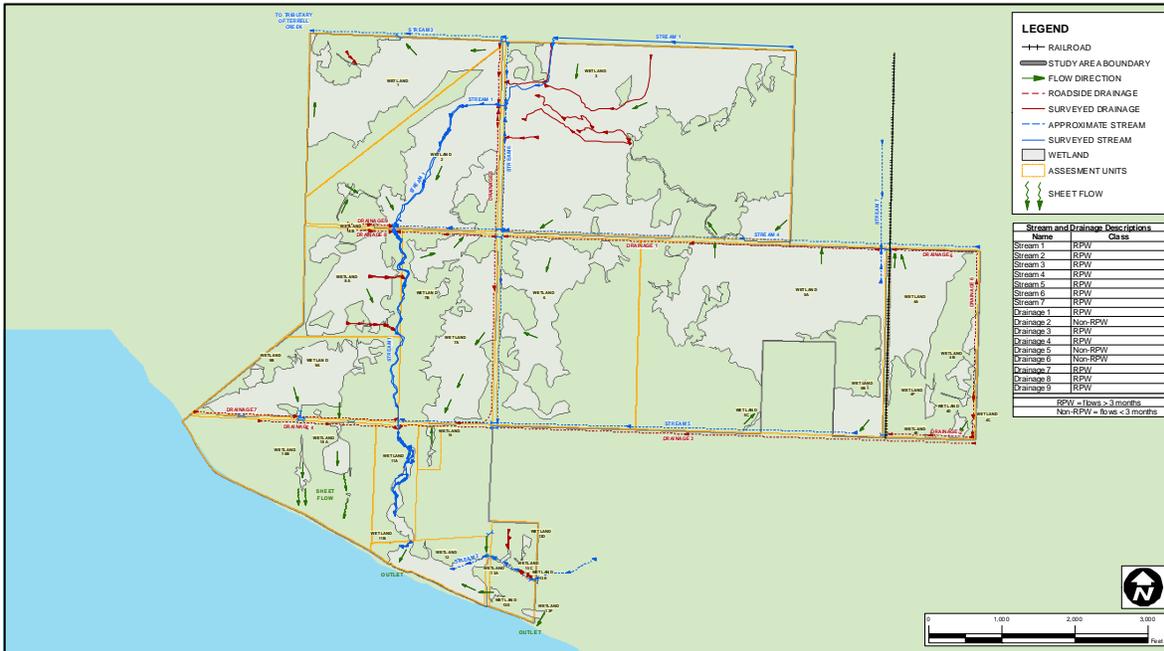
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From: Dunkin, Kristie A
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 11:23 AM
To: Strong, Cliff
Subject:

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From: PDS
To: PDS
Date: 9/23/2011 4:42 PM
Subject: Gateway Pacific Terminal Extension Request Approval
Place: PDS
Attachments: 20110923-letter-from-wcpds-gpt-extension.pdf

Please see attached

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J.E. "Sam" Ryan
Director

September 23, 2011

SSA Marine
Attn: Skip Sahlin
1131 SW Klickitat Way
Seattle, WA 98134

**RE: Gateway Pacific Terminal – Major Project Permit (MDP 2011-00001) and
Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SHR2011-00009) Extension
Request**

Dear Mr. Sahlin:

This letter is to acknowledge Whatcom County's receipt of your extension request submitted to Whatcom County on September 16, 2011. The letter requesting this extension has been submitted prior to the original 90-day deadline of September 21, 2011. In that letter your company requested a 90-day extension of the submission deadline for the above referenced permits pursuant to Whatcom County Code (WCC) 2.33.050.E.2;

The applicant shall have 90 days from the date that the notification was issued to submit the necessary information to the county. This period shall be extended at the applicant's request in 90-day increments (emphasis added).

Whatcom County will grant the extension request for MDP 2011-00001. This allows for the necessary materials, as outlined in Whatcom County's June 23, 2011 Determination of Incompleteness letter, to be submitted no later than **December 20, 2011**.

In regards to the extension request for SHR2011-00009, Whatcom County has already determined that "a new shoreline substantial development permit is required to review the entire proposal within the jurisdiction of the SMA."¹ With the requirement of the new shoreline permit, an extension to a 90-day timeframe is not necessary. Please move forward with compiling the required application information for a complete Shoreline Substantial Development permit and submit it along with the MDP application when ready.

If you have any questions regarding this letter feel free to contact me at (360) 676-6907 or at tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tyler R. Schroeder", is written over a horizontal line.

Tyler R. Schroeder
Whatcom County Planning Supervisor

¹ Whatcom County Letter to Pacific International Terminals, Inc., dated June 23, 2011, RE: MDP2011-00001/SHR2011-00009 – Determination of Incompleteness and Requirement to Obtain a New Shoreline Substantial Development Permit

From: Jeffrey Hegedus
To: Andi Douglass
CC: John Wolpers; Tyler Schroeder
Date: 9/22/2011 11:52 AM
Subject: Re: SSA Marine Coal Terminal

Hi Andronetta. Please feel free to call me at any time, at the number listed below, and I will be happy to answer your questions and discuss this issue with you. Thank you, have a good day, Jeff.

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>>> "Andi Douglass" <andronetta@douglass.com> 9/20/2011 9:11 AM >>>

I was wondering how to request a Health Impact Assessment. I live in southern Birch Bay. I have 4 grand daughters in this same development. One of them has asthma. She has been hospitalized for that problem, so I am worried about the impacts of diesel pollution and coal dust. We live within 3 miles of the proposed facility.

Andronetta Douglass