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**Subject:** Please extend the moratorium on permits for unrefined fossil fuel export projects at Cherry Point.  
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Dear Whatcom County Council,

I am unable to attend the County Council meeting on March 21st; however, I urge you to extend the moratorium on permits for unrefined fossil fuel export projects at Cherry Point. It is critically important to hold the line and ensure that Cherry Point, and our community, are protected from dangers of oil and gas. As a Whatcom County citizen, I urge the Council to;

1. Extend the temporary moratorium until the Shoreline Master Plan is updated and until new development regulations are implemented. Additionally, add a moratorium on applications for construction or modification of piers, docks or wharfs in or adjacent to the Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve.
2. Commence a legal study into Whatcom County's powers to prevent future development for coal, crude oil, and gas exports.
3. Strengthen policies in the Comprehensive Plan to limit new piers and restrict permits involving oil transport.

Thank you for taking action to protect our communities.

Sincerely,  
George Abaunza