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To: Council
Subject: Support extending the unrefined fossil fuel dev't moratorium

Dear Council Members,

I ask you to again extend the unrefined fossil fuel facilities development moratorium.

Until we implement effective ways to protect marine life in the Salish Sea and the Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve from dangers caused by increasing shipping traffic and transport of petroleum and other fossil fuels, we should not permit such increases. Direct dangers to Orca such as

- noise
- ship strikes, and
- oil spills

are part of the package of threats that now seems to be overwhelming our local pods' ability to survive.

As you know, shipping of fossil fuels also entails additional dangers to the food chain that supports Orca and chinook salmon. Those dangers include

- pollution by even tiny amounts of petroleum product that can damage larval fish development and affect their ability to grow into healthy adults
- hardening of the beaches where forage fish spawn, reducing their populations
- ecosystem change due to invasive species hitchhiking in ballast waters

I have great respect for the ongoing efforts by the existing Cherry Point industries and the agencies they work with to protect the marine environment they are part of. However, I feel strongly that expanding ship traffic and the fossil fuel economy is a step in the wrong direction. As stewards and dependents of our environment, we need to prioritize its health. That entails not expanding the huge threats we are creating. If it means changing our society's ways of doing things, we should be working toward doing that in a way that is as fair as we can make it.

For now, please extend the moratorium.

Thank you,
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