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Subject: Letter from Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve Citizen's Stewardship Committee

Please accept this comment from the Citizen's Stewardship Committee

Thank You

Rick Hann
Chairperson

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RE: Approve extension of emergency moratorium to suspend the approval of new applications to ship unrefined fossil fuels through Cherry Point

August 6, 2018

Dear County Council,

The Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve Citizen Stewardship Committee (CPAR CSC) is a volunteer citizen group working for the betterment of The Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve. We wish to strongly state our continued support for the emergency moratorium noted above.

The Committee supports the continued extension of the emergency moratorium introduced on August 8th of 2016 to prohibit the filing, acceptance, and processing of new applications for conversion of land or water, new building or structure permits, or other County permits or authorizations in the Cherry Point Urban Growth Area for new or expanded facilities whose purpose is to facilitate the increased shipment of unrefined fossil fuels not to be processed at Cherry Point (with the exceptions as stated in the original moratorium). The moratorium supports a number of the Aquatic Reserve's Management Objectives, such as:

- 1.4. Consider climate change when planning...future development
- 2.2. Protect the Reserve from new sources of water pollution
- 2.3. Reduce the risk of oil and toxic spills
- 3.1. Protect, restore, and enhance breeding, nesting, feeding habitats (for aquatic-dependent species).

The Committee very much appreciates your consideration of the Reserve, which retains much of its natural habitats and ecosystem processes and which has been recognized by the State as an important area to protect.

The Committee also strongly supports strengthening policies in the Comprehensive Plan to:

- Prevent piecemeal upgrades for oil exports by requiring Magnuson Amendment review of all permits that involve handling petroleum.
- Block any new proposals for shipping piers in the Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve.
- Recognize Lummi Nation's history and treaty-protected fishing rights.

Our members understand that this moratorium, if extended, applies to new developments within the UGA and is not intended to hinder the existing industries at Cherry Point. Thank you for considering our comments.

Please note that we do not speak for the Washington Department of Natural Resources, which manages the Reserve.

Sincerely,

The Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve Citizen Stewardship Committee

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