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I am in full support of maintaining the moratorium until which time changes are made in the governing and regulatory processes work to ensure the environmental integrity of the land, air and water along the Washington coastline, and particularly, Cherry Point. Detailed environmental reviews need to be in place and factor in full scope and cumulative effects. These reviews and their result should apply to all related land use regulations, including the Comprehensive Plan, Shoreline management plans, etc.

We still need to honor Lummi Nation's relationship with the lands and waters of that area and elsewhere as well as other Tribes and Nations who have treaty rights involving land and waters throughout the Salish Sea. And what we do here at Cherry Point will affect the whole of the Salish Sea.

We need to honor and integrate existing and future efforts by local, State and Federal agencies to preserve the air, land and water and the life that depends upon them.

We need to be even more vigilant of the environmental integrity of our waters as it involves our precious marine life, especially now with the plight of J pod. The heartbreaking images of an Orca mother carrying her dead new born, the death of the 4-year old and the dwindling number of J Pod should be reason enough to keep this moratorium in place and justify putting in extremely stringent controls of shipping traffic, pollution and other human impacts that adversely affect the survival of the Orca and the Chinook and other endangered/threaten species.

There still remains all the reasons cited when we defeated the Gateway Pacific terminal. Vessel traffic is still a major issue with noise, collisions, pollution (air and water) and clean-up. Transporting via rail and road still carry with them the same hazardous of derailments, spills, diesel particulate pollution. There are still economic impacts for surrounding communities in terms of development, clean-up and pollution. Nothing in any of those reasons to defeat Gateway have changed and will continue to apply to any fossil fuel products or other hazardous materials products development along our shoreline.

"Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming "Wow! What a Ride!"
— Hunter S. Thompson

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