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Cc: [Becky Boxx](#); [Matt Aamot](#); [Mark Personius](#)
Subject: FW: Cherry Point Amendments and Moratorium Extension
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From: clarissa mansfield [<mailto:clarissajanae@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 5:46 PM
To: Rud Browne; Todd Donovan; Barry Buchanan; Barbara Brenner; Satpal Sidhu; Timothy Ballew; Tyler Byrd
Cc: Council
Subject: Cherry Point Amendments and Moratorium Extension

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to ask you to please extend the moratorium once again while the Cherry Point Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are being drafted and considered. I have written emails of support or made public comments in person each time this topic has come up for consideration in the past. Unfortunately, I cannot be at tonight's meeting, so I am submitting my comments online. Thank you for extending the moratorium in the past during this process, and I hope you will do it again.

In my previous emails/comments, I have asked for a few specific things to be Incorporated into the draft amendments, and I am going to state them again here just for the sake of consistency and clarity. Please recognize Lummi Nation and require consultation with Lummi Nation for archaeological review of sites at Cherry Point (Policy 2CC-2). Please acknowledge and maintain acknowledgement of the history of Cherry Point and the Treaty of 1855. Please improve Policy 2CC-11 by indicating the county does not support additional piers at Cherry Point. Please add language prohibiting piecemealing of expansions that wouldn't require federal permits(Policy 2CC-15). Additionally, I am asking that this proposal ensure the county does not allow minor developments that violate the Marine Mammal Protection Act's Magnuson Amendment.

I would also like to ask that you strengthen standards and conditions for project permits in the Cherry Point UGA, to protect our communities from the burden of risk and adverse impacts on health and safety from transporting heavy crude oil and other hazardous materials through Whatcom County. New facilities to ship coal, oil or gas should be prohibited, and existing facilities should be held to the highest standards for safety and pollution control. Permits for upgrades must require SEPA EIS review of cumulative impacts with a greenhouse gas life-cycle analysis, total mitigation of climate pollution, and conditions to require no adverse impacts on herring, salmon, orca, or other endangered species.

I worry that Cherry Point is at risk again of becoming a transshipment point to load tankers with 'tar sands' heavy crude oil from Canada's Trans Mountain (Puget Sound) Pipeline, which would increase the risk of an oil spill in endangered species' habitat and on our beloved shorelines of the Salish Sea. I also feel that it is a waste of county resources and community time to process or approve project permits without prior federal authorization for compliance with treaty-protected tribal fishing rights and laws such as the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Please ensure that our time, energy, tax dollars, and efforts are not wasted by having to be spent on reviewing and permitting unlawful projects, such as was done for Gateway Pacific Terminal.

Thank you for your hard work and diligence in service of our county. I truly appreciate the work you all do and I also thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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