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To: Barry Buchanan; Timothy Ballew; Barbara Brenner; Tyler Byrd; Todd Donovan; Satpal Sidhu; Rud Browne
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Dear County Council members:

I am writing to support the continuation of the interim moratorium on permitting of new and expanded export facilities for unrefined fossil fuels at Cherry Point. I believe we are at a major crossroads with our environment and the health of the Salish Sea. We see that our SRO population is in poor health and dying off. We know that climate change is real and contributing to more numerous and greater intensity storms, floods, droughts, and wildfires. In order to protect our coastline, waters, sea life, and tribal rights, we need a functional analysis of our watershed ecosystem and we need sound planning on future development. Can the Cherry Point industrial area be rezoned for alternative development? Why are we not looking at clean energy industries when we know that fossil fuel development is going to become increasingly unsustainable?

Any new fossil fuel export projects would further undermine and damage the health of our already fragile marine ecosystem. We already know that large ships impact orcas' communication and food locating. Salmon and herring populations must also be protected. And we all know the serious consequences when a fossil fuel spill occurs or an oil or gas train derails. The majority of our local population does not want more fossil fuel development. Yes, they want good-paying jobs, and research can be done into finding development that will have less impact on the environment.

Thank you,
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