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**From:** Chris Hansen [mailto:mkbabe\_71@msn.com]  
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**To:** Council  
**Subject:** Extending the Moratorium on New Fossil Fuel Exports at Cherry Point

To the Members of Whatcom County Council:

Back in 2016, the Whatcom County Council imposed a temporary moratorium that would prevent new fossil fuel bulk terminals at Cherry Point. That moratorium has now been extended every six months while the county worked on legal protections for people and the environment from the adverse impacts of dangerous fossil fuel expansions.

It is my understanding that the Council has been considering a draft code change.

**However, the newly released draft code amendments are said to be weaker than policies agreed on by the Council last year.** There have been indications that the Council may vote to pre-approve these weaker code amendments tomorrow, on July 9, 2019.

With increased international pressures to expand oil shipments through northwest Washington, I feel it is more urgent than ever to put strong legal protections in place to safeguard Whatcom County. It is bad enough that Canada's government is trying to expand the Trans Mountain Pipeline -- a clearly dangerous effort that could send over 400 tar sands export tankers per year through the Salish Sea. This would threaten local communities, fisheries, orcas and the climate (to name a "few").

Please vote to extend the moratorium for at least another six months -- and take the time to ensure the Cherry Point amendments are strengthened. Our children's and grandchildren's futures are at stake. "Being sorry" later on if something goes horribly wrong (i.e., a massive spill in the Salish Sea) does not cut it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Christine Hansen  
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(Born, raised and has lived in Washington State all my life.)