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To: Council
Subject: Cherry Point moratorium and long-term protections

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

We are in the crosshairs of the fossil fuel industry and must act proactively to preserve our water, air, open sea routes, treaty rights and everything that makes living here so appealing. We already have coal and oil trains creating noise and pollution that does not benefit our community--we cannot continue down the road of compromise and appeasement with the fossil fuel industry, because we know that it will lead to further environmental degradation and health risks.

Thank you for your continued work to hold the line against new fossil fuel bulk terminals while the County establishes long term protections against the dangers of fossil fuels. I ask that you both extend the current moratorium and not pre-approve the current draft land use code being considered.

It has taken three years to get to this place where draft code amendments are being considered. Unfortunately, the June 18th draft code amendments are wholly inadequate regarding conditions of new permits for existing oil refineries. The draft fails to achieve policy goals which hundreds of Whatcom County residents have asked for in public comments repeatedly, to ensure that existing fossil fuel facilities are reviewed for environmental impacts and permitted conditionally to reduce pollution, risk and hazard when investing in upgrade projects.

We urge you to take more time to consider stakeholder input and significantly revise this draft before initiating public review by the Planning Commission.

Thank you for your service to our communities.

Regards,
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