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From: Rachael Mueller [\[mailto:r.mueller@ceas.ubc.ca\]](mailto:r.mueller@ceas.ubc.ca)
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2019 10:38 AM
To: Council
Subject: Bakken Crude in Salish Sea

Dear County Council,

Thank you for the time and energy that you put into decision making important issues for our community, including regulations on the transport of oil through Whatcom County and ports.

I writing to introduce myself as a Bellingham resident working as part of a team at the University of British Columbia to model impacts of oil and Dilbit in the Salish Sea (<https://nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmidoss-decs.nasftheatics.lodkingp-dala-02%7C01%7C0RBox%7Cce.whatcom.wa.us%7C6af22721851045d4f61bd6d752f133449%7C2122b2ce9a1d4565931b0c534e12e43%7C0%7C6370338836415217486&psdata=68udwwwPfqWjg88Zpm8BM4289Nkvbpg9LKA0nE34%3D&psreserved=0>). When not at UBC, my research is done at INVENT co-working and Bellingham is my primary residence.

I'm also writing to inquire: Does your decision making on Bakken Crude transport through Cherry Point include oil spill impacts in the Salish Sea? If so, what knowledge do you need to help support informed decision making?

My own research is not yet at a point to supply you with modeling studies of oil impacts from Bakken crude, but I have gained a considerable amount of knowledge on the subject and would be happy to share with you what I know if it's useful for your decision making. I might also be able to guide my research toward providing useful information regarding Bakken crude transport with better understanding of what your information needs may be.

All the best,
Rachael

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