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From: Janet Hamill [mailto:janethamill5@gmail.com]
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To: Council
Cc: Alice Bailey; Geoffrey Hamill
Subject: RE: Cheery Point Amendments

Dear Whatcom County Council Members:

My husband and I live on Orcas Island. I am writing to you, as I came to Bellingham for the Council hearing on Thursday, Sept 12th, but could not give input due to the large number of public attendees. Thank you for your public review process; it is arduous, but much appreciated. Though I am not a Whatcom County voter, Whatcom County's actions regarding county codes and potential approval of increased fossil fuel shipment terminals directly affect us, flora and fauna, and all residents of the Salish Sea area.

We are writing to you to express our deep concern for potential environmental damage to land, sea and air. We encourage you to take strong and decisive action to reform the county code and hold existing industries accountable not to increase potential hazards. Please include protections to:

- prohibit new coal, oil and gas processing and/or shipment facilities
- create code changes for stronger "change of use" definitions to prohibit existing terminals (that serve refineries) from becoming transshipment hubs
- require conditional use permits with protections for any upgrades or additions
- require greenhouse gas mitigation to move towards energy efficiency, clean power, and transportation improvements for safety.

Thank you for your service in the interest of the public, and for your robust public review process.

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