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I did not have the endurance last night to sign up to be the one hundred and third speaker, so here are my comments:

Thank you for initiating a public review process for the Cherry Point Amendments.

I support the need to hold existing industries accountable with conditional use permits. In particular, I support upgrades, in particular greenhouse gas mitigation to existing infrastructure and facilities as well as clean power, energy efficiency, building retrofits, and transportation improvements will increase employment but decrease hazards for the current work force.

We are at a time of other energy possibilities that cannot be ignored by the Cherry Point industries. Currently we are behind other developed countries in putting these new cleaner energy sources into operation. Even emerging heavy energy using countries are embracing both old and new energy sources. How can Cherry Point move forward? Not by expansions and new facilities with additional piers, docks or storage for coal, oil or gas trans-shipments as well as facilities for refined or crude oil increase hazards for both those workers, on-the -job, as well as the health of our environment of our native Americans and other residents of Whatcom county. In particular a transshipment hub puts both the highly trained worker at risk of unemployment and the Salish Sea at risk for enormous spills and pollution. Cleaning up oil spills is a niche industry and I hope it stays just that.

There have been enormous profits to be made by the oil industries and their power and influence is seen at the local level in mobilizing their workforce to attend county meetings and to influence elections with large corporate donations at both the national and local level. My recommendation is embrace and invest in progress. Their opposition is organized by groups whose status hinders them from overt public political acts. It is my opinion that the role of each and every citizen who freely comes forward tonight makes review, transparent dialogue and public input even more important to keep a just democratic balance in going forward.

Thank you for your time and effort,

Carole Jacobson