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Subject: Try harder and unite behind the science for Cherry Point
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Dear Whatcom County Planning Commission:

The day of the UN Climate Change Summit in New York City is almost at hand and a global climate strike is happening on September 20, 2019. I am writing all of you involved in reviewing the Comprehensive Plan and code amendments for Cherry Point, to respond to the sentiment expressed by the words of Greta Thunberg, spoken when she met with U.S. lawmakers on the Climate Change Task Force on Tuesday this week:

"Don't invite us here to just tell us how inspiring we are without actually doing anything about it because it doesn't lead to anything," said Thunberg. "If you want advice for what you should do, invite scientists, ask scientists for their expertise. We don't want to be heard. We want the science to be heard."

https://www.commondreams.org/news/2019/09/18/ahead-climate-strike-greta-thunberg-tells-us-lawmakers-their-faces-sorry-youre-not?fbclid=IwAR1WIsV01axcZj7EwTCkBOkb7Y7SFIDwtMfLI3_3bLJMS3YJE8wK5JMI8cA

Our community and our nation needs you all to rely on the best available science out there and to employ the legal counsel given to you by the Cascadia Law Group to create effective regulations that will support the work of the bold youth who are demanding action to save our planet.

It is obvious that we are consuming too much, wasting too much, polluting too much. We know that our natural resources, our animals, and our marginalized, oppressed, low-income, and no-income communities suffer a disproportionate negative impact of our current systems that are designed to perpetuate and increase this profligate behavior. That's a good enough reason to take action, but we are fortunate to have a preponderance of scientific and factual information provided by years of research and investigation to back up this knowledge about the ways we are not working to support the well-being and longevity of critical lifeforms and resources that exist on this planet.

I call on all of you to be mindful of this as you proceed in your review of the Cherry Point Amendments.

Sincerely,
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