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Whatcom County Planning Commissioners:

I am writing to express my very strong support for the current draft Cherry Point amendments, which:

- **Prohibit new coal, oil or gas industries at Cherry Point and puts conditions on the existing ones;**
- Prohibit new shipping piers, docks or wharfs at Cherry Point;
- Require new permits and conditions for Changes of Use, so that existing terminals don't change to become shipment hubs for crude oil, tar sands, coal, or fracked gas;
- Require expansion of existing refineries to meet conditions including mitigation of climate pollution.

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL, AND ITS CURRENT AND FUTURE EFFECTS CONSTITUTE AN EMERGENCY! WE MUST NOT EXPAND THE EXPORT OF FOSSIL FUELS AT CHERRY POINT! THIS IS SOMETHING WE IN WHATCOM COUNTY CAN AND MUST DECIDE—IT'S ALL ON US TO DO OUR PART TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION INSTEAD OF ADDING TO THE PROBLEM.

I RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF EXISTING JOBS TO WHATCOM COUNTY WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES; ALSO TO THE COUNTY ECONOMY. THE PROPOSED LAND USE CODE AMENDMENTS ABOVE PROTECT THOSE JOBS, AS THEY SHOULD.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MUST NOT BE WEAKENED! WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF COUNTY RESIDENTS, THE PROTECTION OF OUR PRECIOUS SALISH SEA, AND THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

THANK YOU,

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