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**To:** [PDS Planning Commission](#)  
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To the Planning Commission,

First of all - thank you for your careful consideration of the many complicating factors that come to play in determining the best way to handle land use permitting at Cherry Point. I am encouraged to note that the proposed changes take into account both the need to protect our environment and the Salish Sea from further degradation and the need to support our workforce by insuring that highly skilled refinery jobs remain here in Whatcom County. Neither our workforce nor our environment would benefit from the export of unrefined fossil fuels from Cherry Point.

Therefore, I strongly support the proposed code amendments in Whatcom County Council Resolution 2019-037. These amendments will help ensure that existing and new land uses at Cherry Point provide economic development which benefits our whole community, while also protecting the ecosystems and aquatic life that sustain our fisheries and tourism industries, and helping move our economy away from dependence on fossil fuels.

I know that you are under considerable pressure from entities that stand to benefit financially from exporting unrefined fossil fuels. Hold the course. This issue will have a major impact on our future and only you can see that we do the right thing now.

Thank you,  
Judy Hopkinson