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Cc: [Jack Louws](#); [PDS Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Support for approving the interim moratorium on applications for new or expanded unrefined fossil fuel facilities out of Cherry Point
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Dear Whatcom County Council:

I am writing to call on all of you to pass the ordinance imposing an interim moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications and permits for new or expanded facilities in the Cherry Point UGA, the primary purpose of which would be the shipment of unrefined fossil fuels not to be processed at Cherry Point.

I want to express my appreciation to all of you who have consistently voted to keep this moratorium in place so that a thorough review process of the amendments to Whatcom County's code and Comprehensive Plan regarding the Cherry Point Urban Growth Area continues to be enabled. It is vital, for many reasons, that we do all we can to foster business practices in Whatcom County that do not result in increased vessel traffic that will damage marine areas that support healthy fish and marine mammal populations. Along with this urgent need, are those that require us to make sure that Lummi Nation's historical and cultural lands are not threatened and that their treaty rights are upheld; that our worker or community member populations are not threatened by larger pipelines or increased crude-by-rail traffic; that we are not contributing to perpetuating, and especially increasing, the community hazards, in all the places they may be, of the dangerous and damaging extraction and processing of fossil fuels.

Meanwhile, in the interest of having the protective purpose of all of these moratoriums upheld, I urge all of you to be providing input to the Planning Commission so they can operate expediently and effectively. Your following of the Planning Commission's works sessions and your input is needed regarding your intent for the Cherry Point Amendments, so that Planning Commissioners do not inadvertently remove sections of the amendments because they misinterpret the reasons for them being included.

In their work sessions, and also during the periods in-between those work sessions, the Planning Commission also has been focusing on gathering their information primarily from the Cherry Point industries and the Northwest Clean Air Agency. I call on all of you to refer other stakeholder experts on things such as permitting, engineering, insurance, marine life, etc. to the Planning Commission so that perspectives being offered are not from limited segments of endeavor.

Sincerely,

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