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For the future of my children and grandchildren, I am in favor of the Cherry Point Amendment that would impose greater scrutiny of future fossil fuel emissions in our county. Not only do we need to pass this amendment, but we also must recognize the need to start reducing our current carbon emissions immediately. There is already enough carbon dioxide in the atmosphere to achieve a 4° to 5° F increase in our temperature and 60-80 feet increase in sea level once earth's environmental systems equilibrate.

If you accept your role as a responsible steward of our tax dollars, you also must change the way the county currently operates. Approving developments that will suffer damage from storm surge, sea level rise and flooding is not only ridiculous from a safety perspective, but also will affect my taxes when the county roads accessing these developments are washed away.

Interviews of community stakeholders resulted in an in-depth report that is now available on the Whatcom County Climate Impact Advisory Committee website. Three of the key themes from this Community Research Report were 1) a lack of readily accessible data and information on the local impacts of climate change, 2) a lack of leadership at the county level on climate change, and 3) tied to the lack of leadership was a lack of action at the county level on addressing climate change impacts (such as the issues surrounding water). Please show leadership and action by approving the Cherry Point amendment.