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**Subject:** FW: Extend the Cherry Point Protections  
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From: Alex Ramel <[alex@stand.earth](mailto:alex@stand.earth)>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 5:03 PM  
To: Council <[Council@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:Council@co.whatcom.wa.us)>  
Subject: Extend the Cherry Point Protections

Dear Whatcom County Council,

I'm writing to you ahead of the hearing on Tuesday, June 2nd. As a resident of Whatcom County, I urge you to extend the ordinance protecting Cherry Point.

Whatcom County set an example when we passed this moratorium in 2016. The Planning Commission has worked towards a permanent set of policies for almost a year now, and allowing the moratorium to expire now would undermine all of their work.

Our community has faced numerous fossil fuel expansion projects in recent years, and many more have been proposed in our neighboring communities up and down the coast. Some of these proposed projects risk derailment and explosions, oil spills, offshoring jobs, violations of treaties and significant increases in the carbon pollution that's causing climate change. Until you have updated the land use policies to ensure that future fossil fuel projects will meet environmental and safety standards, this moratorium is absolutely crucial.

Please vote in favor of our future by extending the moratorium for another six months.

Thank you for your consideration and thoughtful leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,  
Alex Ramel  
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