

FW: Keep cherry point fossil fuel moratorium!

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Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

Hello,

I led the effort in Vancouver WA to stop two oil train export terminals and to get the City of Vancouver to ban new oil train terminal proposals in their land use laws.

Already ratepayers around the world are being stuck with bills for carbon capture and sequestration projects. In Mississippi, the power company lied to regulators about the cost its CCS project -- initially \$2.4 billion which ballooned to \$7 billion, and it failed.

Your children and mine will have to pay dearly to remove the CO2 from the air that any burning of fossil fuels produces.

Ease their burden by saying no to any new fossil fuel infrastructure.

Furthermore, our legislature passed HB 2311 which established the goal of NET-zero by 2050. Any new fossil fuel project will take us in the wrong direction.

Please continue the moratorium on permits that would increase the shipment of unrefined fossil fuels through Cherry Point.

Furthermore I encourage the Council to move forward with a new zoning ordinance to implement development regulations in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan policies for Cherry Point that passed in May 2017. In order to address the risks and harms from hazardous shipments through our county, we can improve Whatcom County Code to ensure transparency about proposals and their impacts, accountability to meet standards for public safety and environmental protection, and more public participation in the process for reviewing permits for projects with significant impacts. We hope the council will complete this important and thorough rulemaking process within six months.

Thank you for your hard work and diligent service to our communities.

Regards,

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