

FW: Comment On extension of moratorium on the shipment of unprocessed fossil fuel from Cherry Point

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Dear County Council members,

When my mother was a girl, she lived on a farm and had a pet pig. It followed her around, did tricks for her, and waited at the gate when it was time for her to come home from school. She loved her pet pig, and her parents enjoyed watching them play. But one day when she came home from school, her pig was not at the gate. You probably know this story: It was gone, my grandparents told her. It was time. They had sold her pig to the slaughterhouse. No malevolence intended, that was just the way it was on a subsistence level farm a century ago.

Intalco shuttering its plant is reminding us "that is just the way it is, no malevolence intended on a corporate level," but.... Corporation decisions are made far away, and Whatcom County is just a spot on a very large map with local risks and local effects evaluated in terms of return to stockholders. We need some regulations that consider those risks and effects in local terms. We are more than a spot on a map, pinned down like a butterfly or a moth in a collection box.

Pass another extension; if necessary, pass three more extensions. Or thirty. Or three hundred, but get it done! You can do it--for all of us here and for those to come.

Regards and hopes,

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