

FW: End / Veto Cherry Point Moratorium

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Dear County Council,

Not only is the verbiage in this letter inflammatory, but it is simply not all fact-based. Now more than ever the continued moratorium is not only punitive, it is unnecessary and it is hurting Whatcom County businesses and residents. This injury not only includes direct monetary impacts of wages and monies spent locally, but also includes the indirect benefits to local charities, youth groups, shops, and many others that benefit from dollars spent at the local level (not to mention the tax dollars generated).



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ACTION ALERT!

Dear Roger,

Global oil consumption dropped to the lowest levels seen in 25 years amid the pandemic — yet we've seen no reduction in dangerous crude oil shipments through northwest Washington. Surplus oil is sitting on "floating storage" vessels. At a moment when there's more immediate pressure than ever to expand these risky shipments, **several Whatcom County Councilmembers are pushing to remove our key local protection: a moratorium on increased pass-through shipments of unrefined fossil fuels via terminals at Cherry Point.**

Please take action and send them a quick message by Monday, June 1st urging they not roll back protections when we need them most

The moratorium has been in place since 2016 — keeping our communities, the State Sea and our climate safer from dangerous projects that offer no local benefit, while people in Whatcom County foot the risks. The Council must now vote to extend our fire protections at their June 2nd virtual meeting, after a 6pm public hearing.

Abandoning the moratorium on fossil fuel expansion and new protections now would be like opening the floodgates at the height of a storm surge.

While it is true that consumption is down during this historic pandemic and subsequent lock down, life will resume sooner rather than later. Holding great corporate partners and employees hostage in terms of allowing updates, construction, and further use of this area because of a few special interest groups is not what is best for Whatcom County as a whole. This is especially true as these same special interest groups seek increased tax burden on residents, say there are few living wage jobs, argue that housing is expensive, and mention other issues that can be, in part, addressed with continued dollar influx and living wage jobs from Cherry Point entities.

Please remove the outdated moratorium and allow well thought out industry improvements, good, safe, living wage jobs and continued benefits from these industries and those that come in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sent from my iPhone