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From: Kevin Covey <kevincovey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 8:30 PM
To: Council <Council@co.whatcom.wa.us>
Subject: maintain the moratorium until the planning commission delivers.

Dear Whatcom County Council,

I am writing to urge you to maintain the moratorium on shipping bulk fossil fuel from Cherry Point.

As you well know, the County's planning commission has been considering amendments to the County's Comprehensive Plan and Code that would limit negative impacts on public safety, transportation, the economy, and the environment from crude oil, coal, liquefied petroleum gases, and natural gas exports.

These amendments would ensure that new investments at Cherry Point are well planned, and include critical protections for Whatcom County's workforce, environment, and economic health.

Unfortunately, these amendments have not been enacted yet, as the Planning Commission has failed to make timely progress in completing their review of the amendments and forwarding them to the committee.

Our County has invested too much time, energy and attention to this process, and these important amendments, to let the Planning Commission's lack of progress derail things now.

Please extend the moratorium on unrefined fossil fuel exports from Cherry Point until such a point as the Planning Commission has successfully advanced the amendments to the Council, and the Council has had an up or down vote on their approval.

Thank you for your time and attention to this process,
Kevin Covey
Whatcom County Resident