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I am forwarding this article which contains a lovely video of Orcas visiting Vancouver BC. They are hoping that this summer, as a consequence of Covid-19 and reduced shipping traffic, the waters will be quieter and allow the Orcas to hear each other better. This aids them in hunting effectively and hopefully, they may find more to eat and reverse the current problem with starvation. **This is the way that nature notifies us that we are exceeding its ability to absorb our human impacts and still retain its full ecosystem function and ecological services.**

I am asking you to prevent any expansion at Cherry Point, even with regard to existing facilities. The need for this is clear. More expansion equates to more tankers and louder and more disruptive noise that may spell the end for our local Orca pods J, K and L. The Governor has asked all of us to help in saving the Orcas and we have a role to play if only you are willing to use your regulatory powers for the long term good of all people, not just those few hundred who have jobs that will eventually fade away. The jobs will be gone and new ones will be found, but the Orcas will never be coming back.

Without biodiversity, humans have no future. When we save biodiversity, we save ourselves.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/6912866/quiet-ocean-coronavirus-endangered-orcas/?fbclid=IwAR13BtrLL5i6KhEZw0copF6SOkhijly83ctpICVDNLg-NwXQI2MN2wiyIX4>

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