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To: [PDS Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Protect Jobs In Whatcom County. Support Cherry Point.
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Dear Planning Commission County,

Dear Members of the Whatcom County Planning Commission:

I am writing today to share a simple thought and request that all involved think bigger...

Please consider this disruption your decision will cause to our environment. In the case of Cheery Point, the ecosystem has stabilized over the decades and is flourishing around and within it. Developing a new location and/or increasing traffic elsewhere (both probables) will impact the ecosystem of that location and therefore the overall ecosystem dramatically. I suggest we focus on partnering with the involved companies to make Cherry Point the global best practice of partnership between the involved corporations, the community and Mother Earth. This partnership could be held as THE best practice example on a global stage. This partnership could bring further positive economical impact to the county and position our community as thought leaders in this arena. Shutting down is not thought leadership. It is pure examples of the proverbial “kick the can down the road” and “not in my backyard” mentalities- both of which solve nothing in the grand scheme. I encourage all involved to think bigger. Thank you,

Sincerely,

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