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To: [PDS Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Cherry Point: PLEASE, stronger restrictions on fossil fuels at Cherry Point
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I am a retired high school geography teacher. I examined the whole west coast for a place to retire without smog and with fresh air and healthy watersheds. I moved to Port Townsend and now to Bellingham last January.

As a geographer, I employ a “watershed” perspective. All of “us” in NW Washington live in the Salish Sea watershed. By “us” I mean all humans as well as all non-human living creatures – great and small. My question to each of you as persons is: Do you feel deep down that you owe your fiduciary duty to 1) people and to the local economy which is built on the resources of Whatcom County or 2) to them **and also to** those living non-human creatures which also populate the Salish Sea watershed where people reside?

As a public school teacher, I worked hard to fight off three state-wide voucher attempts, so I understand how workers at Cherry Point feel when their careers and future personal and family security are threatened. I realize how valuable to the community are the taxes and salaries payed to support our local economy. Nothing about the moratorium directly threatens jobs or salaries or the longevity of the plant’s operation.

But I invite the commissioners and the Cherry Point workers to consider the watershed perspective which includes the health and safety of all citizens, including the families of Cherry Point workers **and** the health and safety of all creatures in all the habitats if all the ecosystems in Whatcom County. The moratorium you consider does not threaten the local economy of Whatcom County. AGAIN: What is the perspective from which each of you consider executing your duty to Whatcom County? I urge you to clearly value the watershed perspective and to vote to continue the moratorium. Kevin Clark, Bellingham, WA