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To: [PDS Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Cherry Point Amendments
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to support the Cherry Point Amendments in the draft proposal which would prohibit new fossil fuel transshipment facilities, coal plants, and piers; conditionally permit expansions of existing refineries and terminals; and update environmental review standards for new projects at existing industries.

As a Whatcom County resident, I am concerned about the health and well-being of our natural environment and those that call it home. I believe that we can have jobs and environmental protection at the same time. We need to make important decisions looking forward to the future and taking into account the risks of increased fossil fuel shipping and transport in our region and the potential for gravely negative impacts from a spill, explosion, increased tanker traffic, increased air and water pollution, with deleterious effects on water quality, sea life, especially resident orca, and on human health. We also need to control GHG emissions and evaluate new projects in relation to their environmental impacts. We must be good stewards of this region and its resources.

I strongly recommend that you approve these amendments so they can go forward to the Council and we can bring about a resolution to what has been a very lengthy process.

Thank you for your work on this issue.

Sincerely,

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