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Years ago I sent the following comments. My opinions have not changed. In fact, my opinion has been strengthened the more I learn ever since I did my first research that led me to articles about Chinese citizens protesting coal and the Vancouver Sun's photo of a huge dust cloud drifting into Puget Sound from Tsawassen. I can't find the original photo tonight, but here's a video from 2017 and a letter with photo from 2019.

<https://globalnews.ca/video/3726821/thick-cloud-of-coal-dust-rises-in-tsawwassen>
<https://www.delta-optimist.com/opinion/letters/letter-convertible-occupants-get-a-lung-full-of-coal-dust-1.23907546>

Please prevent all fossil fuels including increased oil and coal affecting the beauty and health of Whatcom County. A few jobs are not going to be worth years of medical bills.

Here are the health issues I raised in In case I am not heard at your meeting tonight, Jan 26th, 2016, I would like you to remember some facts. I am quoting Tom Malterre who holds a masters degree in nutrition.

"...mercury can kill beneficial microbes in our intestines (and in our environment), change our immune cell function, alter our digestion, and damage our brains...The largest source of mercury on the planet comes from air pollution. The burning of coal has caused millions of pounds of mercury to be distributed across the globe in air pollution (14.3 million pounds in 2010 alone)...the Brown Cloud...is a massive cloud of air pollution that hovers over India and China. It can get pushed up into the jet stream, and within seven days' time, settle over the West Coast of the United States. In fact, Alaskan fisheries are attributing a recent 20 percent rise in fish mercury levels to the increase of pollution in China and India."

Since 1915 or earlier, 100 years ago, Scottish town planner Patrick Geddes promoted thinking globally and acting locally. I urge you to think globally and act locally now by considering the long term affects for the larger population in your Comprehensive Plan update.

Protect our natural resources for future generations, limit projects that are dangerous, harmful to the environment, and unsustainable. Specifically, I stand with ReSources, Lummi Nation, and so many others who support policies in the comprehensive plan that:

- Keep our community safe by preventing new fossil fuel export projects;
- Ensure we have enough clean water available to sustain farms, fish and people;
- Preserve farm and forest lands by preventing urban sprawl;
- Invest in energy security by opening the door to renewable energy jobs and achieving carbon neutrality.

Thank you.

Please ensure the health and safety of our community by planning proactively for a more sustainable future. Thank you.