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To: [PDS Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Re: Planning Commission Meeting, August 13, 2020 - amendments to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and the Whatcom County Code
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I support the amendments to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and the Whatcom County Code which are intended to strengthen the protections for public safety and the environment as far as they go.

At least the “stake holder” quotient has changed from what it was ten years ago when the people had to fight tooth and nail to even sit at the table during the time when there was a relatively secretive backdoor attempt (even as high up as the state executive) to streamline the Cherry Point deal in secret. Now, ten years later, the stakeholders include, not only the citizens but also the myriad silent majority that live out at Cherry Point, which you have recognized by including the herring and the whales in your discussion. We all realize, though, that the percentage of global corporate stakeholder monetary interest in our fragile county still takes up much of the pie:

“BP’s ‘green’ promises are anything but – their latest investments are a slap in the face for humanity and nature,” <https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/bp-green-promises-renewables-fossil-fuels-climate-crisis-a9667371.html>

“Countries still banking on fossil fuels,” <https://www.lovemoney.com/gallerylist/98309/countries-still-banking-on-fossil-fuels>

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