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**To:** [PDS Planning Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for County Council Hearing tonight, 8/13/20  
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Thank you for accepting emailed public comment.

**I write to oppose expanding fossil fuel infrastructure at Cherry Point.** I am deeply concerned about maintaining a healthy habitat and clean waters throughout our Puget Sound and Salish Sea for all who fish, harvest and enjoy boating and recreation around Cherry Point. I also want to prevent further fossil fuel development that will despoil our natural treasures that we enjoy and value and add to CO2 emissions that harm the entire environment.

I hope that you will adopt the revisions proposed jointly by RE Sources and industry stakeholders. Also, the current draft of code amendments falls short of ensuring that new uses of existing facilities are subject to the same development rules required of new facilities. We hope that the County Council will adopt final revisions that close these loopholes.

The Planning Commission chose to remove requirements from the proposed amendments that would require fossil fuel expansions to demonstrate financial surety and insurance coverage in case of harm to the public in incidents resulting from projects that increase shipment of hazardous materials. Commissioners also chose to remove requirements for mitigation of greenhouse gas pollution increases. We hope that Whatcom County Council will find ways to meaningfully address these important issues to protect public health and safety.

I appreciate your volunteer time and service to the community!

Sincerely,

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