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Cherry Point Industrial zone

I worked at Intalco Aluminum, Cherry Point, for 30 years, raising a family of five in the process. Intalco is closing, 700 jobs (families) will cease to find employment at Intalco. Part of the problem is Whatcom County declaring an 'emergency moratorium' on Cherry Point industries including Intalco. This means planning for job saving improvements was not permissible but had to be 'provisionable'. What is the future for any business or industry if future improvements are 'provisional'? Particularly if prices for your product are disadvantaged world wide.

China has 48 Aluminum smelters, the U.S had 5, now with Intalco closing, we have 4 smelters operating in the U.S.

This also loses 700 family wage jobs as Intalco closes, and hurts the tax base particularly for Ferndale and its schools, and will be a loss for Whatcom County property taxes. This will have to be made up by all the property taxes payers in Whatcom!

The restrictions in zoning on Cherry Point industries has consequences.