

Denise Smith

From: Edward Wolf <edwardwolf@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 5:21 PM
To: PDS_Planning_Commission
Subject: Thank you for advancing the Cherry Point amendments!

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To members of the Planning Commission —

Thank you for approving the proposed revisions and advancing the Cherry Point amendments last night with a convincing vote! It's time to move this process to final consideration and decisions by the Whatcom County Council.

As a Bellingham resident with Cherry Point refineries on my horizon, I am grateful to you and county staff for listening to members of the public and making good faith efforts to respond to and incorporate that public input. After Covid-19, Cherry Point's future will not look like its past, and you have helped to set the framework for defining that future.

All residents of Whatcom County can be pleased with the completion of this stage of the process. On behalf of the community and the Salish Sea entrusted to our responsible planning and behavior, thank you again for seeing the process through.

Edward Wolf
South Hill, Bellingham

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From: Nancy Kramis <kramisrn@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 4:41 PM
To: PDS_Planning_Commission
Subject: Public Hearing Cherry Point

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Thank you very much for giving significant time for meaningful public input regarding the revisions requested. We look forward to working closely with you as this process goes forward.

Sincerely

Nancy Kramis

Sent from my iPhone

Denise Smith

From: Janet Higbee-Robinson <jhhigbeerobinson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 6:33 PM
To: PDS_Planning_Commission
Subject: Thank you

Planning Commissioners,

Thank you for accepting revisions on Cherry Point Plan. Your work is very important and affects not only Whatcom County but the entire Salish Sea, not only humans, but whales and salmon and eel grass.

Yours,

Janet Higbee-Robinson

Denise Smith

From: Myra Ramos <myrabramos@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 9:00 AM
To: PDS_Planning_Commission
Cc: Ramos Myra
Subject: THANK YOU!

For working so hard to come to consensus on the Cherry Point proposed amendments and voting them forward to the County Council. Let's finally get this done!

Myra Ramos
Lummi Island

Denise Smith

From: Andronetta Douglass <andronetta@douglass.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 9:08 AM
To: PDS_Planning_Commission
Subject: Thank you for working on the Cherry Point amendments

Thank you for working on the Cherry Point amendments. They are very important to quality of life in our county. Thank you for serving on the planning commission.

Denise Smith

From: Richard Meyer <dmeyer@deweygriffin.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 6:04 AM
To: PDS_Planning_Commission
Subject: Protect Jobs In Whatcom County. Support Cherry Point.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Jobs are being lost everywhere across all sectors and geographic regions. With jobs going away every day we need to retain the ones we have. We as a community recently chased away the Coalport which would have meant hundreds of jobs for Whatcom county. It was chased away under the pretext of being a pollutant, contributing to Chinese smog and coal dust being dumped in our backyards. All utter nonsense. The Chinese are still buying our coal. The Coalport moved up to Vancouver, British Columbia and the Canadians are reaping the benefit of our bad decision.

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In addition to being a major contributor to our way of life locally, BP is a publicly traded company. Not only are they looking after us today but look into your IRA or 401(k). Through those vehicles BP will be looking after us for years to come.

BP has been a good neighbor for decades. The planning commission 40 years ago gave BP a framework in which to construct its refinery at Cherry point. They have played by the rules and our community has benefited immensely. Now, 40 years later we are going to move the goalposts on them? That's not fair and is not wise. The oil industry as a whole in the United States is pretty healthy. We no longer rely on OPEC and foreign oil and are for the first time energy self-sufficient. We are the largest net exporter of oil in the world. This is due to the management of our oil companies including BP. Instead of trying to over regulate an already over regulated industry we need to let the experts that run the company do their job. Let's not forget that no matter what the planning commission decides it will not affect the world price of oil. The market will do that. We need to let BP participate in the market and support them, not hamper them, in their efforts to remain a viable player on the world stage.

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Sincerely,

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From: Jillene Mulligan <user@votervoice.net>
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Sincerely,

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From: Mary Rivkin <rivkin@umbc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 7:49 AM
To: PDS_Planning_Commission
Subject: Cherry Point vote

Dear Council Members,

Thanks for listening to all of us Thursday night, and even more so, voting for the moratorium and revised rules.

I deeply appreciate all the time, thought, consideration you have brought to this far-reaching project. If every governmental body worked as steadily and thoughtfully, the Planet would be Saved!

Best,
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Denise Smith

From: Julie Martinson <jmartinson8@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 7:38 PM
To: PDS_Planning_Commission
Subject: Thank you!

I wanted to thank you all very much for your hard work, and the patient work of listening and responding to public comment on 8/13. I am gratified for your unanimous decision to approve the revisions proposed jointly by RE Sources and industries to finalize their recommendations and to forward the amendments back to the Whatcom County Council.

These will safeguard and protect the environment and public health and push forward the legal reforms needed. Thank you,

In appreciation,

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From: Katie Hower <Katie.Hower.344173747@actnow.io>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 7:57 AM
To: PDS_Planning_Commission
Subject: Protect Jobs In Whatcom County. Support Cherry Point.

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Whatcom County Council Cherry Point amendments currently before you. As you know, these amendments are the most significant land use policy changes proposed in Whatcom County in at least three decades and could significantly affect jobs and economic opportunity for many decades to come.

Cherry Point is the foundation of Whatcom County's local economy supporting thousands of good-paying, family-wage jobs with benefits and delivering millions of dollars in tax revenue each year to support local schools, public safety, and other vital services that promote vibrant, livable neighborhoods and communities.

Yet these are challenging times for many local families and for businesses large and small. The Bellingham Herald reports that the closure of Intalco will result in the loss of more than 1,400 direct and indirect jobs – at a time when COVID-19 already threatens economic opportunity and continues to disrupt the lives of all citizens, every day. Among such uncertainty it seems risky (and perhaps even reckless) to pass major changes to environmental permitting codes which would only create greater uncertainty and disincentivize local investment and growth.

For these reasons we urge you to adopt the joint code amendments submitted by industry (which are included in the Planning Commission packet) in addition to the recommendations made during your previous work sessions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Katie Hower

Denise Smith

From: Francie Allen <francieart@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:10 PM
To: PDS_Planning_Commission
Subject: A Big Thank You!

To the County Planning Commission for your thoughtful, important work in voting for the recommendations that will protect Cherry Point, and ultimately our whole bioregion.

I am truly grateful!

Sincerely,
Francie Allen
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From: Michael Tilley <user@votervoice.net>
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