

Cherry Point Scoping Comments - Bellingham Public Meeting

2 minutes insufficient time - Titles of issues that are to be provided by e-mail.

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I am here today on behalf of my 4 grandchildren.

Exporting coal is a major policy issue for the United States
Scope needs to be from the mines where adequate restoration of the land is not possible to the burning of the coal in asia where the mercury and other contaminants return to Lake Whatcom, our water supply.

Endorse the request for a cumulative impact study of all the reasonably foreseeable west coast coal shipping port proposals.

This has been done on the east coast. It is a part of the intent of the Environmental Policy Act of 1970. There is president. Lets get on with it.

Scope the Draft EIS to include a substantial public health impact assessment. Issues have been cataloged by Whatcom Docs.

Scope the health impacts of CLAG - Diesel Small Particulate Exhaust and Coal Dust. There has been significant new studies of coal dust and diesel particulate matter in the past two year.

Scope a comprehensive literature review. Design and commission a study to quantify and define the external cost of these pollutants.

Scope the external costs of failing to require coldsiding of capeclass vessels at the pier from the first day of operation.

Scope the full cost of burning thermal coal to generate electricity. The total damage to health and infrastructure is greater than the retail value of the electricity generated. This is a significant environmental justice issue.

Scope the quantification of the reasonably foreseeable risk of grounding, collision and other events resulting in navigation risks of Capeclass vessels in the Salish Sea. Recent publications suggest that it is not if, but when and where such events resulting in significant environmental damage and risk to human life and will occur.

Direct the proponents to complete the 5 studies in the settlement agreement for the permitting of the earlier pier proposal before the final scoping decision is published. These studies are very likely to inform decisions about pier design and location, vessel traffic management and other significant issues with long term adverse environmental risk for Whatcom County and The Salish Sea.

Include within the scope a full and detailed discussion on the Sovereign Lummi Nation entitlements under the point-no-point treaty. The treaty was signed before the creation of the State of Washington. Did President Grant have the authority to abridge rights reserved to the Lummi Nation at Cherry Point? Do the

proponents have a clear title to the property as certified in their proposal?

Include within the scope the issue of available water in the Nooksack River to meet the estimated demand of the proposed project for fire and dust control.

Include within the scope the issue of the proposed fence to control coal dust at the coal stocking yard. A cursory review suggests that this proposal is not likely to reduce coal dust and may actually increase coal dust from the pile. Is there a real knowledgeable scientific finding to back up the design idea?