

Washington Department of Ecology
Alice Kelly Regional Planner
3190 160 th Ave. SE
Bellevue WA. 98008
Re: Public Comment Cherry Point Coal Terminal

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Dear Ms. Kelly

I, Marc Forlenza, respectfully request that the following record be made regarding the coal terminal at Cherry Point.

I am a resident of San Juan County, currently I am Chairman for the Reinstatement of the Derelict Vessel (Removal) Program, and a candidate for County Commissioner for District 3 in San Juan County. I have had 40 years' experience between professional and recreational maritime matters and am a Past Commander of the Friday Harbor Power Squadron.

The County which I hope to serve lies only a few, short miles southwest of the proposed terminal site and along the shipping route plotted through Haro Strait and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. San Juan County has 172 named islands and with more than 375 miles of shoreline, the County has more shoreline than any other county in the continental United States. Any discharge of pollutants near the San Juans could cause serious environmental and economic harm to the Islands.

In my view, prior to a determination being made of whether to construct the terminal, I believe it is in the best interests of all stakeholders to seriously and expansively consider the ability to mitigate negative environmental impacts incurred because of the regular operation of the terminal, and prepare and study for the avoidance and response to emergent events.

I urge the Department of Ecology, (and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and EPA in separate letters), to immediately coordinate with the every local governmental entity which has an interest in or could be affected by the proposed terminal. This, of course, is required by law. See. 42 USC Sec. 4331.

This letter is written so representatives of all stakeholders might: promote the public's general welfare; live in productive harmony; and fulfill the social, economic and other requirements of present and future generations of Americans.

Respectfully,



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