

To: Dave Tyler, Everett Planning Department, Eisgateway Pacific
Re: Coal Train and Terminal

I represent Dagnars Marina, a 800 boat Marina located at 1871 Ross Avenue, Everett, Washington. The Marina provides jobs and benefits to local businesses as many of the boats and boaters who utilize the facility come from all over the state, as well as Canada. The purpose of this letter is to voice a three fold concern regarding the proposed terminal including the impact on the waterway in the Everett-Marysville area, the highway traffic impact, and the coal dust airborne issue.

THE ADDITIONAL TRAINS WILL DISRUPT THE SNOHOMISH RIVER WATERWAY

The patrons of the Marina enjoy the easy access through the Snohomish water into the Puget Sound. When a train (such as the proposed coal trains) passes over the Snohomish River, the bridge closes and boats must wait for the bridge to reopen. The bridge located nearest to Dagnars Marina is the SR-529 Snohomish River Bridge #37. The additional openings of the bridge will create large delays and cripple the access through the Snohomish River. Dagnars Marina has managed to continue during the tough economic times, but the additional delays will negatively effect the business including the jobs, tax revenue, and additional benefits to the Everett and Marysville area from the various patrons who arrive from foreign locations to enjoy the benefit of easy access.

THE ADDITIONAL TRAINS WILL CREATE ADDITIONAL LAND/ROADWAY TRAFFIC

The additional train traffic will worsen an already existing traffic congestion problem in Marysville and Everett. Traffic accumulates due to the existing train crossing openings. Creating an additional burden will severely impact commerce in the area.

COAL DUST ACCUMULATING ON LOCAL BUILDINGS AND BOATS

Finally, a concern voiced by many interested parties locally is the possibility of the dark coal particles accumulating on boats, cars and buildings along its path. It is seen in other contexts such as sawdust, and some effort needs to be directed toward this issue as well.

Please determine realistic solutions to address the problems presented in our comment.
Thank you.