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I realize that climate change has been ruled inappropriate for the scoping process, but I urge you to reconsider. Please include the inevitable contribution to climate warming that approval of the Gateway Pacific Terminal carries with it.

Not to consider climate change in the shipment of low-grade coal to China seems somewhat analogous to a family of four sitting around the table discussing the merits of various countertops for the kitchen remodel while everyone in the room knows the father is molesting the children. That's a rough, crude analogy that is not quite apt, but it does illustrate the presence of the elephant in the room that those in the scoping process are choosing to ignore.

Granted, the burning of Wyoming coal in China will be a relatively small contribution to climate change. Climate change is, however, incremental; it is death by a thousand cuts. Let's demonstrate some genuine American exceptionalism by leaving that coal in the ground, by refraining from doing that which is in our capability to do.

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I am greatly concerned about the continuing viability of Puget Sound;

Increased vessel traffic in turn increases the likelihood of both ship collision and pollution. Our inshore areas, pocket estuaries, and eel grass beds have only recently begun to be seen to be vital to the biologic health of the Sound. Sadly these areas have been greatly reduced both in size and number. They are extremely vulnerable to the hazards the Gateway Terminal will inevitably bring with it. Those hazards are beyond mitigation.

Such areas play a key role as rearing habitat for Coho Salmon and, in particular, for the endangered Chinook Salmon. Additionally, they provide spawning beds for Sand Lance, Surf Smelt, and Herring. All are valuable species in their own right, but provide vital "forage" for Salmon as well as sea ducks like Scoters whose numbers are greatly diminished in recent years. And as Chinook go, so too does the iconic Orca Whale.

Please act to preserve our precious Puget Sound. It is, in so many ways, more value than all the coal that might be shipped from it.