

MAIL TO: **GPT/BNSF Custer Spur EIS Co-Lead Agencies**
 1100 112th Avenue Northeast, Suite 400, Bellevue, Washington 98004

I/we live and/or work in a community close to the BSNF rail line on which up to 18 additional daily coal trains (9 full, 9 empty) would travel if the Gateway Pacific Terminal were built. I/we request that the GPT Environmental Impact Statement encompass the entire transportation corridor so that communities along the rail and marine routes are given due consideration. Questions that concern me, and which objective, rigorous and comprehensive studies should address include:

NOISE: How will the noise and vibrations of unusually long, heavy and frequent trains impact property values and the structural integrity of homes and other buildings close to the tracks? How will chronic noise exposure affect the health and quality of life of people living, working, and playing nearby?

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS: How will the coal trains affect motor vehicle traffic, transportation, emergency vehicle response times and the flow of commerce in communities along the rail corridor?

FISHERIES & THE SALISH SEA: How will tourism; boating; collision risks; oil/coal spill risks; salmon, crab and herring fisheries; orca whales; and the general beauty, vitality, and livability of the Salish Sea and environs be affected by coal port construction and operations, and by the over 950 annual transits of immense coal ships?

HUMAN HEALTH & SAFETY: How will cancer, heart disease, asthma and other health risks be affected by air and water pollutions associated with coal transport and export? How will additional rail and ship traffic affect accident and collision rates? Toxic air pollution crosses the Pacific Ocean from Asia to the west coast of the United States; what would be the local public health impacts of Powder River Basin coal combustion in Asia?

COST TO TAXPAYERS: How much will we, the taxpayers, ultimately pay for costs affiliated with coal transport and export? Will such direct and indirect costs include necessary upgrades and additions to rail infrastructure; safety measures; public health expenses; the building of under- and overpasses and other attempts at mitigating adverse impacts; lost local businesses and jobs; damaged tourism trade; and decreased property values?

COMMENTS:

*We ^{live} above the Freeway + Train tracks - NOISE RISES and our sleep now is disturbed by train whistles coming through Mount Vernon - Trains 1 mi long passing through Mt. V all day + evening?
 SINCERELY,*

Mary A. Newman 113 North 7th STREET, Mount Vernon

Name(s)

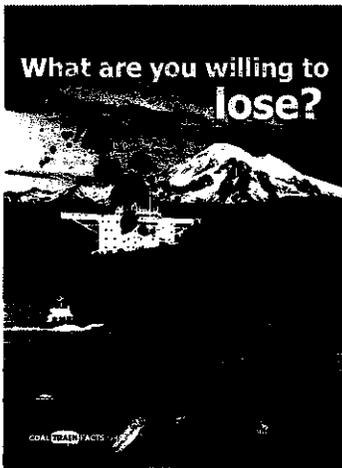
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BOATING & SAFETY: How might fishing and recreational boating be affected by the additional capesize and Panamax coal ships in our waters? By how much will accident and collision rates increase?

ORCA, MARINE MAMMALS & BIRDS: How would the noise, pollution and physical presence of the additional huge vessels affect our orca populations? How would construction and operation of the coal port and the continuous transiting of coal ships affect other marine mammals, fish, birds, and the food web that supports them?

SALMON & FISHERIES: How would construction and operation of the coal port; up to 100 acres of pulverized coal in open, near-shore storage; and the coal ships themselves (size, pollution, noise, anchor dragging, etc) impact the crab, herring and salmon fisheries?

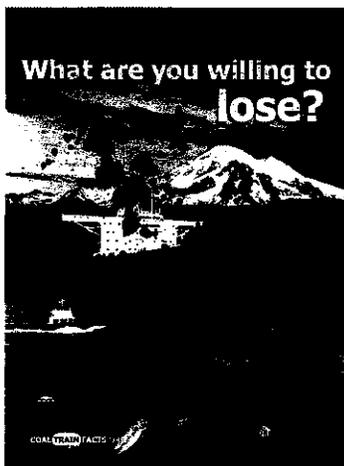
TOURISM & OTHER ECONOMIC COSTS: How would lost beauty, decreased orca populations, damaged fisheries and more crowded waterways affect our tourism industry? How would property values be affected? How much will we, the taxpayers, ultimately pay for costs directly and indirectly associated with GPT?

COMMENTS:

What about Beautiful Chuchanut Drive? How vulnerable is the area from constant HEAVY TRAIN TRAFFIC along the tracks following the water all the way to BELLINGHAM? *much MORE*
SINCERELY,

MARY A. Newman 113 North 7th St, Mount Vernon WA 98073
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COMMENTS

*How will our SNOW GOOSE MIGRATIONS BE EFFECTED?
They and the CANADIAN GEESE FEED IN OUR FARM LAND
DIESEL POLLUTANTS as well as COAL DUST will BE HARMFUL
TO THEM — as well as our other wild life*

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