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In your scoping, please assess the impact of Diesel particulates' exposure to the residents who will be exposed to those particulates by the coal train traffic from Powder River Basin to Cherry point. Please also assess the impact ~~the impact~~ of diesel particulates on our wildlife, marine species and water quality.

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Please review the potential financial and health costs of:

Coal dust being blown off of the piles of coal at Cherry Point for the residents in that plant's vicinity.

Coal dust being blown off of the railroad coal cars during their transit from the Powder River basin to Cherry Point for all of the residents along the route of the 121 communities.

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Please scope the responsibility of the Cherryff. Coal Terminal builders ~~to~~ to respect the rights of the Lummi Tribal nation relative to the burial grounds of their ancestors. Please determine who will pay if these rights are violated so those lawsuits can be directed accordingly. Please determine the cost to the public when these cases go to court. Most importantly, please determine if this project will violate the rights of the people of the Lummi nation.

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Please, in your scoping efforts, determine the economic impact on local businesses if the routes to them are impacted by the coal train rail traffic's increase. Determine this for each of the 121 communities impacted along this route. If I know there is a risk of having to wait either 3-4 minutes or 5-7 minutes 16-18 times a day to go to a business, I will not go there and neither will many other people. Please determine how much local businesses will lose due to the wait time and the related reduction of customers. Please determine the related job loss.

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Re: the Ferndale Meeting 11/29/12.

In your scoping effort, please determine whether or not people were hired to act as proponents of this ~~scoping~~ project <sup>at Cherry Point</sup>. Please determine if people were paid to sign up to comment and take up the space in the public verbal comment period. The opportunity to provide <sup>public</sup> comments was hampered if this was the case. Please review this to determine if this was a fair scoping ~~process~~ process. Please determine if people were recruited and paid by proponents of this project. I heard that the proponents of the project did that hiring through Work Source and the Lighthouse Mission. If so, the public's access to comment was impaired.

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Please scope the impact of the increased vessel traffic on air quality and our water resources from this increased pollution w/more vessel traffic to Cherry Point to transport coal in the marine waters.

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Please include in your scoping process the following:

Determine the additional amount of time that it will take for emergency personnel to cross the railroad tracks to reach people in need and to return them to hospitals and/or jails when necessary. Please determine this increase in each of the communities which will have increased ~~amount~~ rail traffic as a result of moving this coal from Powder River basin to Cherry Point. Please include fire response, medical response and police response relative to this →

impact. Please also determine, who will be sued when lives are lost or people are hurt due to a delayed response.

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Please determine who will pay for the overpasses necessary to handle the increased rail traffic from Powder River Basin to Cherry Point. Please be very specific in that study for each of the <sup>121</sup> communities impacted along this line so that each community will know the real public cost of this project.

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In your scoping, please determine the impact on real estate sales in each of the ~~12~~ 121 communities along the coal train's route from the Powder River Basin to Cherry Point in Whatcom County. I own homes in Skagit<sup>3</sup>, Snohomish counties and hope to sell 2 of those in the next year. I know that it will be harder to sell homes that are impacted by having 16-18 additional coal trains crossing nearby rail lines. I also know that people are less likely to buy homes if those homes are more difficult to reach when emergency personnel are delayed by more coal trains. Every time I looked at a home to buy this year, I considered proximity to rail lines as a detriment if this project takes place.

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