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Dear EIS Co-lead agencies:

Hello, I Richard Blanc am a commercial fisherman for the last 45 years and I have lived in Washington near Puget Sound for 47 years.

The Green House Gas Emissions (GHG) from CO2 emitted from diesel engines from extraction of the coal in Wyoming, to coal fire4d plants in China are enormous.

According to the Skagit Climate Consortium our present GHG will within 30 years cause the snow level to be 500 feet higher in the mountains, causing low water flows in the Skagit in summer and high water flows in the winter, flooding and scouring of the beds (salmon eggs laid and fertilized).

The salmon runs will not survive. The Skagit River is the only river in Washington with all 5 species of salmon returning to spawn.

I ask that you that this proposed coal project carbon footprint be measured by undertaking a GHG emissions assessment or other calculative activities denoted as carbon accounting. Once the size of a carbon footprint is known, a strategy can be devised to reduce it, e.g. by technological developments, better process and product management, changed Green Public or Private Procurement (GPP), carbon capture, consumption strategies, and others.

Our environment's global warming from GHG is already on the road of self-destruction.

As a world community our environment cannot afford the GHG that will occur if the proposed project is permitted without mitigation of carbon footprints through the development of alternative projects, such as solar or wind energy or reforestation.

Please save our salmon by requiring an assessment of the carbon foot print of this project from Wyoming to China and have a plan in place mitigating the carbon foot print before the project is permitted.

Thank you for your consideration,

Richard Blanc