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Environment As a resident of Bellingham and also a fisheries biologist, I would like to see included in the EIS: ^{① risks +} impacts of marine collisions; risks + impacts of derailments; toxicity of spills; ^② impacts of highly increased marine traffic on ^{seabirds + invertebrates} marine mammals & fish; other aquatic life; ^③ impacts to DNR reserve from increased marine traffic and if spills occur; ^④ impacts of wetlands destruction and degradation; ^⑤ risks and impacts of ocean and freshwater acidification resulting from ^{increased} coal burning; ^⑥ cumulative impact of all proposed terminals if all built, to ^{environment} environment.

Economics: ^① risk impacts of job losses and impacts to businesses from increased rail traffic; ^② economic impact of oil spills in terms of loss of tourism, and recreation; ^③ economic impact ^{and risk} of decreased property values.

More Environment: impact of Asian ballast water on our ~~best~~ marine ecosystem.



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The environmental impacts of coal mining need to be adequately addressed, since the project would not occur without coal mining. The assessment needs to include the impacts to aquatic and terrestrial species, and nearby communities. Health impacts and risks need to be addressed from coal mining and burning; coal transport, ie railroad noise and risk of collision; the railroad blocking emergency services. Risk of impacts, and their magnitude, need to be addressed of earthquakes, tsunami, sea level rise - Effects of coal sealant on health. Potential facility expansion impacts on environment, economy, and human health, need to be addressed, and expansion limits disclosed.



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I believe the area of impact to be addressed in the EIS should include: the coal mines in MT and WY; the transport route over land to Cherry Point, Cherry point and entire watershed; the marine route to China, and anywhere the coal burning could affect. Since coal burning is known to exacerbate global climate change, this needs to be quantified as to how much the project will increase it. The effects of more cars idling, for longer time, due to increased train traffic causing traffic to stop, needs to be assessed in terms of increases over time in CO2 emissions and increased greenhouse gases.