

January 17, 2013

Dear, Army Corps

My name is Shania. I am 12 years old. I am a Lummi Tribal member who lives on the Lummi Indian Reservation in Bellingham, Washington. Where are you from? I feel that coal trains are bad for the environment. The coal trains are noisy, smell awful, and will pollute the air, the water, lakes, rivers, oceans and kill our fish animals. The coal trains will make people sick too. Don't you feel the same way?

No matter where these trains go they will be hazardous to the environment (trees, animals, fish, water, air children, people, and land). Please help us to protect our environment and keep it safe, clean and healthy. Please help us to promote, Preserve and Protect our "Schelangen, which is our Lummi way of life."

Making the right decision protects everyone's environment. Make the right choice. "Ity'shqe."

Thank you,
Shania Jones

My name is Jacob Washington im from the Lummi nation tribe. I don't wot to have coal trains going through our land and I don't wont a terminal built at cherry point. I enjoy fishing, crabbing, digging and other activies. It will effect our lives by pollutins the air and water.the tanker traffic will cause an erosion. To cherry point. It will disturb the resting place Of our ancestors.

PLEASE Don't allow this!

My name is Jena Cooper and I am a middle school student at Lummi nation School. I would really like it if you guys will just stop the coal train because I really enjoy a lot of things like babysitting my nephew bubo and his brother Julius on the beach. I am really concerned that I will not be able to babysit them any more because of the coal.

My name is Hayley Loomis I am from the Lummi Tribal member middle school students I don't want to have coal trains going though our land and I do not want a terminal built at Cheery Point I enjoy fishing and crabbing with my family and my dad me and my niece would have to breathe the dirty air you can't drink the coal water the coal will destroy your ancestor I'm concerned that the coal terminal at Cheery Point will destroy your ancestor. I'm concerned that the coal trains me and my niece will have to breathe the dirty air. I'm concerned that the coal dust will pollute the air. I'm concerned why are the coal train destroying are land.

Thank you

Sincerely Hayley Loomis

My name is Destiny Solomon, I am Lummi Native American and I live on the Lummi reservation

I do not want you to allow coal trains, or the buildings of the coal terminal any where near my home or the home of my ancestors. I care about my cultural heritage just like everyone else that lives here.

It will destroy our way of life and that is crabbing, fishing and caring for all of the land and wild life. We don't want our kids and grandkids to grow up in a world that does not have that.

We want them to be able to love waking up to a pretty morning, not a desert

Please think before you make your decision about this.

I have been canoe pulling ever sense I was 12 years old I am 14 years old now. I love canoe pulling and if you allow the coal train we won't be able to canoe pull.

I like going fishing with my dad and if you allow the coal train, we won't be able to bond.

I like to go to the beach and swim with family, but the coal train and terminal would take all that away from us.

Once again, think before you do and say things..... Because if you do not think before you make your final decision and if you do not think there are a lot of people on this earth that would be very damaged.

Sincerely Destiny Solomon

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Solomon*

My name is Derek Cooper I'm from Lummi reservation. I am writing this because I would not like the coal train to come through Cherry Point. My family & friends really like to crab & fish so please do not let the tankers come through the bay polluting our water killing crab & fish.

The coal dust landing in the water affects our culture. It will poison our drinking water and it will also eventually kill all of our wildlife. The big waves will unbury the ancestors.

Please help us protect our treaty rights!

Dear Army Corps of Engineers,
January 16, 2013

My name is Echo Johnson I have been on Lummi Indian reservation for three years now, I've also been going to the Lummi Nation Schools for 4 years. My parents aren't fisherman.

I don't like the fact that they think that it is okay putting the terminal on our ancestors burial ground. It would be very disrespectful to disturb them.

The cultural effects, it would cause problems to the environment . The coal that doesn't end up on the ship will spread around the land. The salmon population will decrease and its our main food source for most natives. It will probably cause damage to the plants and animals and effect our health.

The tribe will lose there way of life. There would be no salmon ceremony. If the coal falls into the water the salmon might die and the water from the ship might bring sea creatures over to our water and kill the life of our see creatures. It'll put pollution in our water also.

I hope that u don't ruin our way of life or disturb our ancestors burial ground. I hope to share my culture with my future generation.

Sincerely,
Echo Johnson

Dear army corps of engineers,

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my name is

James WhiteAntelope, I'm 14 years old and a native American. I don't think that you should put the coal train there because it will probably kill the marine life.

I live in Lummi and I do not want my home to be polluted with all that oil and gas and stuff. The coal trains lose about three percent of coal in each delivery. So that's like a lot of coal all in the water and that's not very good.

If you put the coal train here then a whole bunch of people will be mad. The animals will be dead. The fish will be dead. The water will look ugly.

Also, when the boat comes here from china , in china when it has to pick up water to balance the boat it can pick up different types of fish and those fish will come here and dominate species here.

You will ruin our water, our air, and our fish. There's not going to be that much jobs for the coal train. And that's all I got to say about that.

Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

January 16, 2013

My name is Tatsiana James and I'm currently residing on the Lummi Indian Reservation. Many of my family members are fishermen and women and have been since they were young. Both of my parents spend quite a bit of time on the water, and for a long time it is how my dad (Harlan James) made a living. Ranging from aunts, to uncles and cousins all of my relations go fishing often.

Our culture would end up taking the backlash of events occurring if certain things were to go wrong during the unloading and loading of the coal. If the coal train project were to be completed, many negative environmental effects would take place. This plan could also have many bad effects on the community's health if coal trains were to come through here.

The location they plan on placing the Cherry Point terminal is right above a very old gravesite. Many tribal ancestors are currently buried there, and it would be very disrespectful to disturb them.

Along with cultural effects, it will cause many problems for the environment. The coal that doesn't end up on the ship will be scattered all over the land. The current salmon population will likely decrease and it is a main food source for most natives. Coal dust that falls off of the trains it comes in on is not good for the land around here. It will probably cause damage to plants, and even animals that in the end affects our health.

Coal dust in the air is most definitely not good for the community's air. As it settles, it won't be good for anyone around here. When it gets in the water it affects the fish, which is what we use quite a bit for food. The quote 'Fish is culture and culture is fish' could not be more relevant in any other situation than this one.

Overall, the Cherry Point Terminal is not a good idea. I believe that they should not go through with it, as it will cause many problems for local people around this area. I do not want this plan to be successful. Being a Native American living on this reservation, it will negatively affect my culture and that greatly displeases me. Many others agree with this statement, and if it were to succeed I'd hope for further information to be investigated and researched upon.

Sincerely,

Tatsiana James

To army corps of engineers

1/16/13

My name is Jason James and my mom and dad are Jason and Christina James and my grandparents is David and colleen and they are fishermen and it will mess up the fishing for me and my grandparents and my mom and dad. If you build this thing you will ruin my water and canoe pulling and my air. you will ruin it for my family because my niece because the water will be really gross and she would not want to go in the water.

I don't like coal because it ruins my air so don't make that coal terminal and why would you guys want to make it where we live there is nothing special.

Every place is the same so make somewhere else. The best thing I like to do is canoe pull if you are on a canoe it feel wonderful you will love it all you here is the water birds and a bunch of other stuff but if you put the terminal in the coal mess up the water and it will kill the fish so what im trying to say like I already said like ten times please don't put the terminal in.

Sincerely Jason James

To Amy Corps of Engineers
1/16/13
From Hank Hoskins

My name is Hank Hoskins Jr I am a Lummi tribal member. My parents are Hank Hoskins Sr my mom is Pauline Hoskins.

They were both fisherman my dad Hank Hoskins Sr fishes, crabs, and commercial diver. Then my mom us to fish with one of my grandpas. Then I know lot of other people that likes to be on the water. Like me I fish, crab, and canoe for my culture.

Then if you let the companies start to build this coal factory it will make global warming worse. It will melt more of the ice caps faster. Then the other thing it will do is make the water bad for everything even the people. Then it will make the air bad for everything and there would be more trains. Then the trains would take make gas. Then there would more tankers come from china

Then that means they would bring different water over and that would bring different species. Then that would kill all of the sea creature. Then that would kill all of the salmon and they are part of are culture.

Then I don't think building a coal terminal on are ancient boreal ground is nice. Then that is breaking the Lummi treaty

Sincerely Hank Hoskins Jr

To whom this may concern.

I would like to notify you that I would not like for you to build the coal train. There are many reasons for why I would not like you to build the coal train. I am going to share them with you.

The first reason I would not like you to build it is because it would harm our fish in our community. Fishing is a big thing in our community. It is part of our culture that we have carried throughout generations. We would like to continue this culture.

Another reason is because the coal would mix with the water, and friends and family pull canoe. We would not want the water to turn red. It would get all the friends and family grossed out and they would not want to pull canoe anymore. This is a big thing in our culture. Many kids try this every year. Some stay and some leave. This is probably the biggest part of our culture.

Last but not least I would not like for you to build it because it would make our fisherman's cove and boat launch site go underwater. By 2050 the fisherman's cove will be underwater. Also some of our ancestor's grave sites will be covered. The route of your coal train would cover our ancestor's grave sights.

These are all the reasons why we would not like you to have a coal train. I would like to thank you for understanding our point of view about having a coal train.

Sincerely, Jonathan Casimir