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Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

My name is Paula Sanchez. I am

nine year old and I am a Lummi

Tribal member. I do not want the

coal train on Lummi land I do not

want it because some people are

sick and coal can make them sicker.

Our fish and crab will die. Lummi

land will flood. The coal will burn

up the Earth's atmosphere and people

do not like the coal trains. Please

don't bring the coal trains because

it makes people sick and it floods the

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land.

Sincerley,

Paula Sanchez

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Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

My name is Kylee Tomma and I'm in the 7th grade. I live in Bellingham WA.

My purpose of writing this very important letter is to inform you about the dangerous beginning of a new and not so good place, which may occur if we go through with this coal train idea.

I enjoy walking around exploring all the different places around me. Just to get away from all this real world stuff. Nature makes me feel and wonder about how Natives were back in the day.

The coal train will have a tremendous impact on us with pollution to our air that we breathe and smell everyday, including global warming. Global warming will cause dangerous happenings to our sacred land; we don't want another appearance of what happened in the 1990s. Also pollution to our water from all the coal that will float onto our water and make our water turn red. Even the different species from China that we have no information on that may wipe out most of our fish that we eat.

My concerns are about the health of our Lummi community. Also about our fish and animals. That we have in our land. Also with out our land we would lose money and food, maybe even our animals if we go through with this terrifying idea of a coal train.

Sincerely,
Kylee Tomma and
our Lummi community

January 16, 2013

Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

My name is Arthur Felix I was born and raised on the Lummi nation, and I have been attending the Lummi nation school all my life.

The reason why I am writing is that I love sitting out side with my family and enjoying the fresh air, and swimming at the beach and running in the fresh air. I love to eat salmon and crab. I love being in Lummi enjoying life.

I am concerned about the risks to life, species, business, opportunities, health, and culture. The coal train/terminal will have an impact on the salmon and our ancestor's burial grounds at Cherry Point.

I am concerned that the coal dust will spread all over in our water and be in our atmosphere and all of us Lummis might get cancer. I'm concerned the coal trains will be coming 18 times a day and gross Chinese marine species will be coming to our waters from the tankers and be killing our salmon, maybe making them extinct.

Please study the impact of coal dust on our air on our reservation. Please study the impact of coal dust on salmon on the Lummi Reservation. Coal contains significant amounts of arsenic, cadmium, mercury and other things that cause cancer.

Thank you for consideration of my thoughts. I do not like the idea of people polluting our water and building a coal terminal over our ancestors' burial grounds. I do not want loud trains going through Lummi 18 times a day.

Sincerely,
Arthur Felix

January 17, 2013

Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

I am a student in Middle School, I attend Lummi Nation School. I have lived on Lummi most of my life. I currently live in Nooksack but I come to school everyday, and stay in Lummi a lot. I love all of the nature and beauty of Lummi. I like the food we get from our water salmon, crab, and other fish. I also like the carnival we have on the beach in the summer. I like the canoe races in the summer too.

I am concerned about the coal train being on Cherry Point (Xwe'Chi'exen) because we have ancestors buried there. If there was a coal train on Cherry Point it will pollute the water and the air. I know I don't want to breathe the polluted air and I don't want our future generation breathing it either. The China water is most likely to pollute the water here and endanger the species we have and bring over other species from China when it gets dumped out. Cherry Point already has a factory by Cherry Point that makes smoke into the air. I wouldn't want there to be two things polluting our air and infecting our fish hatchery and to be polluting the water they come from.

It just doesn't seem right that you what to be doing all of that to our culture and polluting the water, and have the trains go by every day. People from Nooksack have to go across the train tracks every morning and have them be late because China WANTS coal and you say yes. I think that's dumb that you want to do this for money and it will affect us our ancestors, future generations, salmon, crab, water, and more stuff that makes us who we are and what we do.

NO COAL!!!

Sincerely,
Kayshish Pichette-Cline

DEAR U.S. Army corps of engineers

My name is Ryan James I go to Lummi nation school I am in fourth grade I live and play on Lummi reservation. I do not want the coal train to come because it will destroy our culture that we eat. My Dad and I go fishing some times and we won't be able to go fishing any more. The fish will be dead.

The fish will eat the coal and die. If we catch and eat it and get sick.

I am concerned that who ever eats the contaminated fish will get sick. I don't want anyone to get sick. Please do not bring more coal over to our state.

Sincerely,
Ryan James

January 16, 2006

Dear US Army Corps of Engineers

My name is Justyn Seymour. I go to

Lummi Nation school and in the fourth grade

Why are you bringing coal to our homes? I don't want the coal train to come because animals might die. Animals from the boat ballast

could infest our water and kill our animals. I enjoy canoe pull

I might not be able to canoe pull

I do not want that to happen.

I eat fish and I don't want the fish to die. People won't earn

money if the fish die. And some

of my family eat crab. They said

global warming is going to flood

the stormish grounds. Belling ham is
going to flood too. You should
change your mind about bringing
the coal here.

sincerely,

Justyn Seymour

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Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

My name is Stanford, I'm native and I live in Nooksack, Washington. I enjoy swimming in the water by Cherry Point and my family crabs, fish, dive, and canoe pulls by Cherry Point.

If you put the coal terminals at Cherry Point the tankers will bring their water and their species of fish and crab and it will make an extinction of our crab and fish like our salmon and our Dungeness crab. The tankers use bunker fuel and that can give our people cancer. When you build the terminals you are putting it on our native burial grounds. The coal dust can pollute the air and water. If you put the terminal there you are killing our wild life in the water and on land.

I'm concerned that my niece and my mephew might get a breathing problem if you put the coal train and the coal terminals in at Cherry Point.

NO COAL

Sincerely,
Stanford

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By Raven Borseley

No coal

My name is Raven Borseley, and I am a member of the Lummi nation and a fisherman, and I and a lot of others fish these waters, and we will not give up that easy. Here is what I think about the coal train. I think the coal train is a bad idea. These projects will have a big impact on our nutritional and cultural food.

This project will increase the amount of cancer to the people who live around it. Think about the treaty of 1885 are you able to build this on our land without our permission. President Obama said these lands are protected.

The fuel that the tankers burn is called bunker fuel and the pollution coming out of 1 stack per day on a tanker is equal to 3,600 cars. The coal dust blowing around into the air and into the water will kill, or change our natural habitat, and/or our cultural environment. Coal dust, coal, and bunker fuel will pollute our waters that we canoe pull in, and swim in.

The process of loading 48 million tons of coal onto nearly 500 bulk carriers per year is fraught with potential dangers to the Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve. Almost 500 tons of coal per year will still find their way into local waters. If a car weighs about 2 tons that's equal to 4,000 pounds, so 500 tons is equal to 10,000 pounds of coal that will still find its way into our water.

Our ancestors have been buried there since the most ancient times. It is the home of the ancient ones. For at least 3,500 years-175 generations-our people lived raised there families, celebrated, held ceremonies, and died there. We may not be old now, but when we get older it will be up to us to make sure nothing bad happens, we are the next generation, so don't let one bad choice ruin the life for others.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Raven Borseley

January 16, 2011

Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

My name is Shaylynn I am in 4th grade at Lummi Nation School. I have lived on the reservation my whole life.

My great grandma and grandpa are Nany and Vernon Lane.

I am writing this letter because

I don't want the coal train to come.

Our people built this land and

I don't want to see our land get ruined.

I enjoy skateboarding and swimming. I like skateboarding so when I get board it gives me something to do. It is also fun going down big hills.

And here in Lummi we can only swim in the summer. But if the coal train comes we might not be able to swim at all.

I am concerned about the coal train because I want to know if we'll be able to swim. And I don't want it to effect our land.

Thank you for your kindness and consideration.

From,
Shaylynn Jojola