

January 17, 2013

Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

My name is Nickolasa Revey. I'm a member of the Lummi Nation, located in Bellingham, Washington. My purpose for writing this is about the coal train terminal at Cherry Point. I'm against it.

I enjoy fishing and eating salmon and crab taken from Lummi Bay. I like walking along the beaches and swimming in our water. Many of my friends and family canoe pull in our bay. Canoe pulling has been passed down from generation to generation.

The coal train and terminal will affect the sea life in our water because the coal dust and ballast water from China in the tankers will pollute Lummi Bay. Why would you build a coal terminal on our ancestors' burial grounds at Cherry Point? Many of our people go there to clean the graves to honor them. This burial site is sacred and I don't like the idea of the coal terminal put on top of the burial site.

I'm concerned that the coal dust will pollute the air and the water. I'm concerned that the coal trains will affect people's jobs because the long trains will slow them down 18 times a day. I'm concerned that the coal terminal at Cherry Point will be disrespectful to our people.

Please study the impact of what the coal dust will do to us and our air and our water.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nickolasa Revey

Dear US Army of Engineer

I am Daniel Johnson I go to Lumina National School
my gramma and my grampa lives in the reservation
and my aunt and unckle live in the reservation

my purpose for writing is that I don't want
the coal train to come. I enjoy riding my bike
because I can see my friends and my family.

I don't want the coal train to come because
it effects the reservation and we can't go
so swimming. I don't want the coal train
to come through checkpoints.

Sincerely,

Daniel Johnson

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Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

My name is Tyler Martin. I'm a Lummi Nation School student. The reason I'm writing this letter is because I don't want the coal train at Cherry Point.

One reason I don't want the coal train is because I go pole fishing and it will greatly impact my hobby. The coal train will kill all our fish; the fisherman will not have fish to sell. Kids go swimming in our waters but they won't in the future because it will be polluted by coal dust. The train could derail and kill all of our marine life. I'm concerned that the coal dust will pollute our water.

It will affect our ecosystem because the ballast water from the tankers that are filled up from China will bring their marine life here. It could kill the species here and we would be left without our native resources.

I'm concerned that the coal train will disrupt our treaty rights. Does the treaty protect us from buildings on our native burial grounds? We have our ceremonies there on Cherry Point. And our ancestors that are buried there.

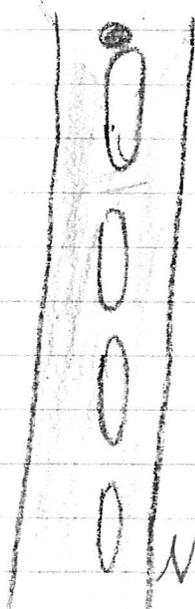
Please study the impact of coal/coal dust pollution on our native lands and waters. Have you carefully studied the impact of ballast water on our ecosystem in the Salish Sea?

Thank you for your consideration of changing the location of the coal train/terminal at Cherry Point.

Sincerely,
Tyler Martin

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Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

My Name is Violet Rodriguez. I'm a student at Lummi Nation School. I'm against the coal train and coal terminal at Cherry Point. It will affect people's health and get them sick. Also the coal tankers will cause problems for the fishermen by cutting the crab pots. The coal dust blows towards the sea water and pollutes the salmon and the crab fishery.

Cherry Point is a very important cultural place. WE need to respect our ancestors. I have family that canoe pull in Lummi Bay. The tankers could be really dangerous for our canoe pullers out in the water.

What will happen to our cultural water, land and way of life? Would we have to stop all activities down at the beach like swimming? Would you want this to happen to you and your family's community?

Sincerely,

Violet Rodriguez

January 16, 2013

Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

My name is Adam Noland and I attend the Lummi Nation School. I am writing this letter to stop the coal train terminal at Cherry Point, Washington. I enjoy living on the Lummi reservation because this land has been around for generations. And my family crabs, fishes and I like living a coal free life.

The impact of the coal trains are that the coal will poison the water and kill the sea creatures, and mess up the lifestyle of fishermen. Tankers will run over crab pots. Business people might not want to buy different species with toxic chemicals. Different species will be introduced by China. I am concerned that the terminal at Cherry Point may affect the species in our waters (crab, salmon, clams, oysters, whales) and make the species extinct.

I am concerned that the coal trains are bad for the environment. I am concerned that the coal dust may affect our lifestyle, the air we breathe and the water in Lummi Bay will be poisoned and kill sea creatures. I am concerned that the salmon will just disappear.

Please study the impact of coal on species in waters in northwest Washington. Please study the impact of coal on businesses who crab and fish from areas around the Coal Point Terminal.

Thank you for your considering my concerns in my letter.

Sincerely,
Adam Noland.

Date: 1-16-13

Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

I'm a student of Lummi Nation School of U.S.A. I'm in 4th grade and I wish you don't send the coal train so, it doesn't affect me and my school. If you send the coal train I wish you'd if you'd think twice. I hope you'd think twice and stop the coal train so you'd not go through ancient burial ground and it will affect more cities. The coal train will go through Lummi Nation, and I will not like that at all if you don't stop the coal train our health will be very bad. My best brother is allergic to dust and you are bringing a lot of coal dust and we won't be able to be on Lummi any more. Please protect me and my brother and Lummi Nation from coal dust.

Sincerely,
James Pevey

1/16/13

Dear Army corp

My name is Tamera, I am 9 years old and I am a Lummi Tribal member.

Where do you live? Do you have coal trains where you live? I do not

want a coal train where I live.

Coal trains are bad because

our water gets polluted. Polluted

water kills fish and crabs. Our

people don't get money because

the fish will die.

We will all be sorry

if the coal trains come here.

Sincerely,
Tamera Jefferson

January 17, 2013

Dear US Army Corps of Engineers,
Hi my name is Aiyona, I am native,
and I go to Lummi Nation School. I am in
the fourth grade.

I don't want the coal train to come
because it will destroy our culture, ~~IF~~ will
also destroy things that we eat. Coal will
pollute our water and kill the fish. My
uncle is fisherman and won't be able to
earn money. Fishing is part of our culture.

Please don't let the coal train come.

Sincerely,
Aiyona Morris



Dear Army Corp of Engineers,

My name is Aliyah L. Wilson.

I am 9 years old and

I am from Lummi. I

enjoy eating crab and salmon.

I also like to play outside in

fresh air. When you bring coal

here, I won't be able to do

what I like to do outside.

Coal destroys our Indian

land and our air. Tankers

are heavy because they are

filled of coal and water.

If they drop all that weight,
then it will flood our land
and our land is not so big.

When you bring the coal
here, it will only make our
land smaller. The flood will
take our homes down. That is
why it is not fair for you
to come and take our land
down. We don't deserve that.

Sincerely,

Aliyah L. Wilson

Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

My name is Marissa Noland, I am the granddaughter of Alice Greene and Michael Solomon, I am the daughter of Jacqueline Solomon and Clifton Noland. I am from the Lummi Reservation, born and raised. I go to the Lummi Nation School, I'm also in the 10th grade. I live near Sandy Point, where your company has currently thought of putting Coal Trains.

There are plenty of short-term and long-term problems that will eventually go wrong with the coal train. There will be lost jobs, and threatened food sources.

The coal train will affect marine life, it will increase pollution, and it will cause a disruption of fragile ecosystems. The coal trains will also affect the possible decrease of bird populations.

As much as 500 pounds of coal will possibly be lost before you arrive. Coal combustion is the leading human-caused increase of CO₂ in the atmosphere, which is largely responsible for global warming. Because there is not just one but five coal terminals currently proposed in the Northwest, each of which could bring 1.5 mile-long coal trains rumbling through our region daily, blocking traffic, and interfering with other businesses, and leaving clouds of coal dust.

A coal train isn't just an environmental issue, it's an economic issue. There was I think at least 22 coal trains that "jumped" the tracks in the U.S last year. 30 – 50 years into our future, though, and all the additional acidification of coal exports put into the sea will land

off our coast and will be killing off the last of our fish and shellfish. We'll also have to live with all the pollution at the terminal, and all the toxic, pathogenic dust emitted from the cars along the whole route, and all the pollution we export to China along with the black rocks. As soon as they burn it all that CO₂, carbon monoxide, mercury, arsenic, lead and other heavy metals, and massive amounts of sulfur dioxide, which directly produces sulfuric acid, along with literal tons of particulates and aerosols, will be poisoning their land, water, and air.

Many cities and towns have roads that cross the tracks that these trains will be using. The increased coal vessels could impact our ferry system, not to mention the increased pollution of these vessels in our water or spills that may occur. The sea ports where the coal will be stored can affect our water quality and our fisheries. Burning this coal in China will affect the Pacific Northwest due to the Gulf Stream. Acid rain, mercury, ocean acidification and climate change will affect the people in Washington.

I hope this letter, well these letters you are receiving will make you change your mind. There's plenty of people, places, animal, and things you're going to affect. There is a very big chance that our people won't be able to fish, crab, and many other things we do now to make a living. You aren't thinking about anyone else. You're probably going to get tons of letters about this problem. I just hope you guys make your mind about what is right, what's right for other people.

Sincerely,

Marissa Noland