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Dear army corps of engineers,

My name is James J. Lawrence 4th. I am part of the Lummi tribe through both sides of my family. Cherry point is a burial site which has most of our ancestors at. By allowing the coal trains thought it would be destroying that land of our ancestors. If the tankers do go through it would be breaking the treaty. The tankers would be ruining marine sites by introducing new species to the water. By letting the coal burn it would increase global warming. It would also affect public health as well.

The cultural impact would be real big if they go through with the coal train. The first would be the fish part of our culture. It would kill most of the salmon population. The other part of our culture would be with the water. We would not be able to do the canoe journey. Which would most likely we would never do again if it goes. This is how it would affect our culture.

The reasons why the tankers and coal trains would affect our marine site. The first would be by introducing new and foreign marine life to the waters here. By filling water from china the tankers are taking microscopic species, crabs, and small fish. They would all be new to our species they would be taking food for our species. Also when to new species interact most of the time they end up killing each other. While the coal train look like they are not affecting the marine sites they are for the train would be going the way to cherry point where it is next to the water where the coal dust would get into the water and kill them over time.

The reason it would affect the health of local residents. The first would be the coal train coming through uncovered. The coal dust would affect local crops. The residents would be breathing in the coal dust. It would cause asthma attacks and affect the lungs in many other ways. It would contribute to global warming and cause the waters to go up by nine degrees. This in the result would flood sandy point.

My name is James J. Lawrence 4th. I have been in Lummi for most of my life. My family has been here for a long time as well. We have always been able to do our traditions. I have given many examples of what the coal train and the tankers could do.

The water are always unpredictable there would most likely be an accident. This in end would affect all sides of our land. This is why I am against having the coal trains.

Sincerely, James J. Lawrence 4th

Dear Army crops of engineers,

My name is Jesi WhiteAntelope, and I am a Native American. I strongly think that there shouldn't be a coal train running through my home. This for one is my place. Two, what would happen to all the wild life? And third, the history, culture and sacredness of the land. This land you are trying to put the train on, for us is filled with all this and more. Like I said, this is my home, not just some land with old stories to go along with it.

As a young Native American, I learned through out my life to respect the land and all the animals that come with it. I mean if you walked into someone else's house, you wouldn't kill all the plants and take all there animals away. That's just not right. You would respect them and there rules. This is our home, and you should treat as if you are walking into someone else's home. If this coal train comes through our land, it will not only rune our land and take the beauty go away, but it will also kill our marine life and the wild animals will eventually get sick and not stay here anymore and if they do, they'll die. The beauty of the nature of this land is too good to go to waste from a coal train. We need our marine life here. I mean if all our water gets polluted what's going to happen to happen to all the fishermen's jobs? They won't have jobs. That's what would happen. As you see, if you bring the coal train through here you will not only be polluting the water, killing all the animals, and taking the beauty from this place, you'll be taking the job's of the fishermen that fish from this water.

The history of this land is pretty sacred too. For 3,500 years the Native American people have lived here. That's almost about 200 generations. This land that you're trying to put the train on was where people lived and died. It has been discovered as a burial site from the elders in Lummi for ancient past generations that lived years before me. You can build over something like that! That's just not humanly, culturally or traditionally right. What if you dig up remains of someone's grandparent from years ago? Imagine if that would happen to you. That would probably make you very upset, because you would rather let them be in peace and not harmed or bothered with. You really cannot put that train going through this land.

This land that you are trying to put on is our home. The natives who lived here before us, its there land still too. You just can't do something like that. Years ago the

government gave us this land. So everything that goes on around here, we should decide how it goes. Listen to what we all have to say. And if we do say no, that we don't want that train on this land going through this state. It shouldn't go through the land then. Because it's our land. It isn't yours anymore, and we don't really have much land left because we are stuck with so little. As you can tell, I really don't think we shouldn't put this train on this land.

In conclusion, there are plenty of reasons not to put the coal train on this land. The fish, the animals, the history, the culture and this being our land are the reasons why we shouldn't put this train here. If you don't put this train on our land, there isn't going to be any trouble and we will be happy with what we got. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jesi WhiteAntelope

Dear Army Corps of Engineer's

To the Army Corps of Engineer my name is Logan Toby I am the son of Steven Toby and Gloria Scarborough. My grandparents are Gloria Washington, Luella Toby, and Verle Toby and Jim Scarborough. Going to talk about this coal train you guys are going to put on Cherry Point our tribes ancestry cemetery, and the way its going to ruin our marine life and our human life, our traditional lands and Food. I am not for this coal to be on our people's ancestry cemetery. That is part of our treaty that if anything mess up or land and our fishing rights that nothing could happen to our land.

Our culture is fish and all our marine life. My family has been a fishing family for years. My dad was raised to be a fisherman by his parents. Fishing has been in this family for about 3 generations. Our family relays on fish in the summer so we can put fish away for the winter time for my grandparents. That is the way I am getting raised to be so I can do that for my parents and start getting ready now. I want to teach my children and my grandchildren when I have kids.

The marine traffic and the land traffic are going to be really busy. There talking about having 18 times a day trains going by. Nine trains going full of coal and 9 empty going back to get more coal. Out in the Salish Sea the are going to be about 3 football field long tankers out in the water caring water from another country and edger or wild life. On the water talking about doing about 450-1000 times a year. Talking about putting in new train tracks in so they can get the coal to cherry point or ancestry lands. These guys talking about doing it for about forty to fifty years and by that time our water is going to be polluted, and were our store is at they talking about that being under water and sandy point. Plus our wild life might not ever exist again on this earth. I looked up how big the place would be were the coal would be storied. About half the size of Disneyland and 6 stories high, plus you got to move coal because it can't stay in one spot for awhile.

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Now what I am worried about the most is about the coal dust. We can get black lung dieses. All that coal dust well go into the water and sink to the bottom of the Salish Sea were all the marine life lives. I don't want a train to go off the track and all that coal falls in to the river or in the Salish Sea. That would be bad; all that coal will be at the bottom and just sit there. I really don't know a lot about this coal dust but I heard it was dangrest.

I gave you all my reasons why I don't want this coal to be on or tribal land. I gave you guys three different reasons why and how they tie togheter to my reasons why I don't want this coal to be apart of my life and for my future and for my children plus my grandchildren. I don't want this to be a cause for the future for polluting and global warming. I want this place to still be beautiful out future. I want the earth and the people to stay alive for a long time. I need this fresh oxygen because I play sports and love clean air. That's all I can say, I hope my word and help all this stuff go away.

Sincerely,
Logan Toby

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Logan Toby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

Dear Army Corps of engineering,

My name is Joseph Brady I'm from Lummi nation and I'm a senior at Lummi Nation Schools I'm 17 years old. I fish pull war canoe along with journey canoe. I'm on the water a lot as much as I can be. I think the coal train is a bad idea because of many reasons some the main reasons are the sea food we gather, our canoe pulling, cherry point is considered a cemetery, also it brakes our treaty.

If the coal train goes threw over the years the seafood would be bad. That's where a lot of native Americans make their money is out on the water including me. Also being out on the water is part of our tradition and the coal falling into the water would make the seafood bad and ruin it for everyone.

It would mess up war canoe pulling and journey canoe pulling because of how often were out on the water and wouldn't always be able to get out of the way with so many carriers coming threw a day. I know there is no way they would be able to stop a carry if a canoe full of little kids or anybody in that case is in our water practicing our culture.

Also they want to go over cherry point which is considered a cemetery by Washington State. And I know for a fact that you guys wouldn't want to be dug up and just thrown away even if it is for a dollar. And I think it's a bad idea even thinking about going over cherry point by it being a cemetery of the old Native Americans who lived in Lummi nation.

Doing this brakes the treaty so there is no way you can go threw with it. It also ruins the future for the youth of today. Yeah you get a couple dollars at it but think about

how bad its going to be for us and the generations to come. So I think the coal train should go threw because of those reasons I stated and there's also more think about what would happen in the long term. What would happen to the water? What well global warming be like? How well it be safe knowing over 100 Lummi members are out on our water a day practicing our culture weather its canoe pulling or fishing. I say "say no to coal trains" the future is more important the a couple of dollars

Sincerely, Joe Brady

My name is Golden Eagle Hawk jr I am from the Lummi nation reservation. I am writing this letter so you won't build coal trains on our reservation. You shouldn't do it because it would mess up our way of life; it would ruin our fishing for our kids and our kids, kids. Also you would be building on our burial grounds of our ancestors. You also would be ruining our environment and our tribal waters on which we fish and crab.

If you built this "coal train" it would severely mess up our tribal waters with all your coal dust. You would be leaving tons of coal in our water and polluting it with your coal. If you pollute our waters our kids would be the ones to suffer and they would not be happy with you at all. Also if we have no fish or crab then our culture is gone because seafood is our main food source and you want to kill it.

You are also messing with our ancestors burial grounds which is sad because I don't think you would want you great great grandparents being disrespected. You want to do that to us and it is wrong and sad that you would even consider doing that to the deceased. They where buried there before any of us where here so you should respect that and not build on it at all.

You are also violating our treaty with the u.s government by building on our land. So if you just don't build on it at all we won't have to go to court or fight about it because I guarantee you won't win because we have a treaty and we have our rights bye law to

decide what goes on our land and you have no say in it at all. You would be messing up our environment to if you did this cause coal isn't good for earth or our land.

So therefore you should just forget the idea of building on our land because you would be messing with our culture. You would also be building on our ancestors and you would be violating our treaty.

To whom it may concern:

My name is Rayven Butler Washington; I am a 16 year old Native American girl. I come from 3 different tribes; I am Lummi native, Yakima and Oregon Siletz, I was born and raised on this Lummi Reservation. I come from two large families on both my mother's side and my father's side; I have relations from Lummi to Oregon and from Oregon to Yakima.

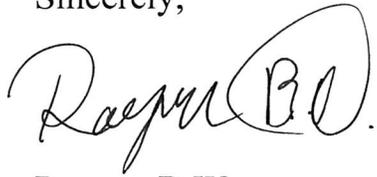
I would just like to speak my opinion on this coal train that you wish to put here, I don't think you understand the impact it could have on the environment, our health, our culture, our marine life, food source, not the mention the pollution and global warming. The gas that the coals let off when they are being burned will surround the earth like a coat and keep heat in causing the arctic ice to melt, just like it has been melting over the past years. No more ice means, no more glacier water. Also if the train were to fall over, or a collision were to happen, depending on where it falls or where the coal falls out, if it were on land it would be okay, because it could easily be picked back up and put back on but if they were to fall in say, the Nooksack river, it would pollute the water and the marine life would suffer and dwindle, less fish means less food source, less food source means less money, and from there on.

Not only that, but the train would be over our burial grounds. Sacred grounds to our people, where we lay our ancestors to their final resting place. It is highly disrespectful to me and my people. I would not want my children and their children to grow up with the coal train over their ancestor's grave, with their fish sick and dying and with their health at risk.

All I ask is for you to take into consideration our lives, future, health and how you would like to see our children and their children to grow.

Thank you for you time and consideration,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rayven B.W.". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the end.

Rayven B.W.

To Army Corps of Engineers,

My name is Terrence Solomon I am from the Lummi Reservation; I am 15 years old and an enrolled member of the Lummi Nation. As a proud member of the Lummi Tribe I believe that the coal train wouldn't be good for the environment. All of the coal dust released from the train carrying the coal could potentially ruin the wildlife in and around the railways and near Cherry Point, plus it would also make the air worse then it already is. I also believe that the terminal will decrease sea life around the bay. The tankers carrying coal or oil could collide and ruin the entire Lummi bay region.

Cherry Point is an old native burial ground, its sacred land to the Lummi People. This would be an insult to me and my ancestors to build a coal port on this land. All of the freighter traffic wouldn't be good for fisherman out here. Most people out here fish for ceremonies and funerals. They crab for money and rely on fishing. The fishing out here would be greatly affected by that coal terminal you people are trying to build. Would you want to build a Wal-Mart on the Gettysburg battlefield would you.

We do not want a coal terminal on Cherry Point. If the train derailed over the Nooksack River it could harm the fish with all of the things that it is bringing to the terminal. Also the Silver Reef Casino could become less popular with all of the trains coming through our land. I do not support the coal train. As the casino becomes less popular the