

July 8, 2019

Dear County Council Member *Rud Browne,*

We wish to add our voices to those who want the moratorium on the changes proposed for Cherry Point extended while the amendments are being finalized. We do want to keep the good jobs that now exist at the refinery until we can get our transition to a clean economy advanced but it endangers our current local refinery jobs if we ship unrefined fuels to China. In addition we need to keep unrefined fuels from being shipped from Cherry Point because of the dangers posed by more ships transiting the Salish Sea to the orcas and our tourism, recreation and fishing industries.

We also believe we have a duty to support the culture of the Lummi Tribe and their fishing rights. These fishing rights are endangered by any new structures that would further desecrate the Cherry Point herring which are the main food of the salmon. We recognize the importance of Cherry Point as a sacred place to the Lummi and other tribes.

As third generation + Washingtonians we feel the effects of climate change in our environment - in our weather and our flora and fauna. It is very depressing... It is real and we need to continue to make the sometimes hard choices to make the transition to clean energy. We can't do that if we are propping up the oil industry. New infrastructure to accommodate the oil industry must be opposed.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to this important issue.

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