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Georgia Pacific Terminal/ Custer Spur
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Significant unavoidable adverse impacts

I recommend that GPT not be approved because the huge cargo ships coming into fragile Puget Sound could potentially cause disastrous environmental effects by pouring poisons into fragile Puget Sound waters.

I recommend that GPT be charged for any water used to transport Coal.

I recommend that all chemicals used in the transport of coal be identified and if toxic, any substances that prevents toxicity harm be listed as well as stocked and distributed to necessary entities.

I recommend that any workers who help repair any disasters caused by GPT be given any fair worker compensation.

I recommend that all adverse effects of the coal terminal be acknowledged for harmful effects of pollution, noise, and carcinogens.

I recommend that any chemical used in the process and travel of coal be identified and any cure for exposure be clearly presented to all peoples.

Significant unavoidable adverse impacts:

I request a clear, easy way to report any problems. An agency and/or office to report problems would be absolutely necessary if the terminal is passed but also otherwise for things like poisons and oil spills.

I have frequented Cherry Point Beach area since living in this county in 1969. Years ago, I went to the beach for a lunch time break. I was working at Northwest Indian College at the time. I could not walk along the beach because an enormous, shocking amount of dead crabs lined both the E and W sides of the beach, 2 to 3 feet deep along the

tideline, not just Folsom, lay dead. Dead crabs were piled on top of each other. I tried to contact someone to report this incident and could not find a clear number or name to call to report the incident and help investigate and repair the damage done.

I request that a sign be placed on the beach with contact information for reporting any problems and for requesting information about what occurs at the beach.

I request that GPT be responsible and pay economic costs of having bridges over blocked roadways so that emergency vehicles not be blocked in aiding emergencies.

I request that the number of freight trains traveling along the sound be limited in size, length, and frequency as the Puget Sound is owned by all citizens and all citizens have the right to travel and visit the waterway. Blocking trains could kill people.

I request that American Indian tribes' treaty rights to travel to beaches be recognized, respected and granted.

Potentially affected resources and the extent of analysis for those resources:

I recommend that all living native and non-native species be studied for the impact that Coal Trains could have on them. Non-native species need study to discover if they are dominating native species.

The native species include the following:

Herring – Herring is of special importance as other species are so dependent on them.

Herring has not been studied recently, yet, it was supposed to be. Make certain reports are updated.

Snowy Owls – In the 19 75, I lived near Cherry Point. My family flew a kite with a painted Eagle on it. A Snowy Owl came and circled the kite to check it out. Afterwards a Bald Eagle also circled it.

Bald Eagles which I have frequently seen over the years

Golden Eagles -- Last year I rode by an injured Golden Eagle on the Lummi Reserve, close to Cherry Point. He was being captured by authorities and taken away. **I**

request that any incident with a wild animal be reported to a source available to the public.

Orcas

Minke whales

Dall's Porpoises

Peregrine falcon

Amphipods

Copepods – all eight types

Salmon – all types

Great Blue Heron

Seagulls – all types

Crows

Ravens

Other bird types

Crabs

clams

Eelgrass

Bull kelp

Golden Seal

Cat Tails

I request that all chemicals emitted by coal or other poisons used because of coal be identified.

I request that a list of any poisons be given to all health care workers at any point along the rail line of GPT and at Cherry Point.

I request that a list of problems and their potential cures be identified.

I request that any problem affecting the health of any animal, including human or plant, be given any funding needed if necessary for physical cure and for any psychological harm.

I request and recommend that monies be provided to any non-profit or profit agency that helps with any problems caused by GPT.

I request that any volunteers who help with problems incurred be identified and fairly reimbursed for their aid.

I recommend that all religions be respected for their beliefs in any spiritual effects that negatively occur because of GPT.

For instance, native tribes have expressed belief in their ancestors being reincarnated as animals such as whales and eagles and other species. So haven't Buddhists.

I recommend SEPA read about local religious beliefs in order to understand. In the last ten years, there was an incident of local native tribes trying to save their relation who was going to be shipped to a zoo. They believed an identified orca was the reincarnated spirit of their relation. An article written about the reincarnated spirit was published in many newspapers around the world. The orca was saved from leaving the wild and going to the zoo. Please read an article or view a documentary by Stephan Michaels "Saving Luna: The Santa Barbara Independent" be viewed and/or read:

www.independent.com/news/2008/jan/25/saving-luna/

I request that any harm to living species be reported to the tribes in any county the GPT train passes thru as well as at the Cherry Point Terminal.

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I request that any Buddhist sects be informed of species needing assistance as they believe that all life is sacred.

I recommend that any cargo ships coming into the sound report how their on board toilets are flushed.

This summer of 2012, there was poisonous fecal matter in the sound and no one knew from where it came. There are rules about flushing septic's, but I recommend seawater be checked frequently so that no species are adversely affected by any undetected spills and humans and other species may be protected.

I recommend that because GPT can potentially harm living species and pollute the waters, GPT be given a tax that pays for all government, tribal, and spiritual entities policing GPT actions.

A reasonable range of alternatives;

Ideally, I recommend that a ferry terminal at Cherry Point be built for world tourists. Puget Sound and Cherry Point specifically is a natural, national treasure, especially because of the role herring play in the life of the waterway. If a terminal were built to transport peoples from around the world, those peoples could experience the beauty of the area. They could have one of the most beautiful train rides in the NW when going either South to Seattle or North to Alaska or E to the Cascades.

Tourism is the main industry now serving Bellingham and the whole NW area. Whereas tourism could advance employment opportunities, GPT would destroy tourism and life in the area.

I recommend a boardwalk be built along the beach front for any humans so that native species are not disturbed and all peoples may walk without disturbing wild life, yet still have viewing access.

I recommend building a Spiritual House for Buddhists and Native peoples. They could help protect the area by overseeing and reporting any harm that the oil and aluminum factories have already and continue to cause. Such a house would advance the tourism already prolific in the area. The house could educate tourists to respect native life.

I recommend a conference center be built on the land N of Cherry Point, now being illegally prepared for GPT. I have been to many conferences and know participants need breaks. Cherry Point has beautiful areas for walking, thinking, and respecting nature. The area North of the beach could house restaurants and conference centers as well as a rail terminal for any peoples in the area to travel elsewhere.

Whatcom Community Transit is a wonderful bus system to transport anyone traveling. There is enough room to safely park any cars while owners travel.

I recommend a cherry orchard be planted on Conference grounds so that Cherry Point have a fitting name and cherries may be harvested or native birds may be

allowed to harvest them.. I have cherry trees in my yard at home any many bird species love them.

Measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate effects of the proposals:

I recommend to avoid some public disappointment in not approving GPT Coal terminal, a tourist terminal be built that would create additional jobs for the area without causing the environmental harm of the Coal terminal or causing disrespect of our native treasure.

I recommend that to minimize any harm to life at Cherry Point, the beach be protected by well funded agencies, and agencies be funded by any developer.

I recommend neutral citizen groups be assigned to track any life changes.

I recommend that in order to avoid agencies from being prejudice protecting Puget Sound that those agencies hire by citizens not employed by any developers. The agency may be funded but the workers may not be chosen by the developer.

I recommend studying who will update and make our railway safe.

I recommend that GPT pay costs of railway improvements, and make certain the citizens of any state do NOT fund rail improvements.

I recommend in order to lesson the financial burden of added train traffic and to develop strong rail systems, that costs of any reconstruction and/or improvement of the train system covered by GPT rather than citizens.

Please check how much lead will be added to the land and water because of coal. Please review at least the following articles:

Introduce Self:

I am a third generation Washingtonian. My grandfather was Justice of the Peace in Lynden as well as a volunteer fireman given a Washington state award. My other grandmother and grandfather homesteaded at Moses Lake. A picture of them on horseback in front of the lake, is hung in my family home. I treasure the beauty of all native life. I live in Bellingham, Washington and have used the Cherry Point Beach as my recreational and spiritual retreat since moving to Whatcom County in 1969. This document is meant to show many of my concerns and objections to The Gateway Pacific Terminal as it is now proposed to transport coal, adding to more world pollution and global warming. This 2012 year, hundreds of people died because of hurricane Sandy, because of the melting glaciers, and because Australia has been burning up, although it is one of the worst coal exporters in the world is burning up. The Effects of global warming are too numerous to list.

My Buddhist belief is that these events are Karmic, or in Christian terms: “So as we sow, so shall we reap.” If GPT is approved for transporting coal, the agency is guilty of murder of people and life of all species. Any person approving the coal terminal needs to be held accountable and taken to civil court if needed.

Please send me your response to my email and address above.

Thank you,

Barbara Perry