



LTE Talking Points

We demand that public officials conduct a careful permitting and environmental review process for the Cherry Point coal export proposal, fully and fairly accounting for the impacts of dirty coal on our community. This coal export proposal directly threatens our Native American tribal resources/recreational and commercial fishing industry/ tourism industry/farms/small businesses/ property owners/public health, and environment in Washington State.

If multinational companies are allowed to export dirty coal through Cherry Point to Asia, we could see...CHOOSE 1-2 TOP LOCAL IMPACTS OR INSERT YOUR OWN:

- huge, polluting, loud coal trains will pass through our community all day and all night long.
- If we export dirty coal, we import dirty air. Toxic coal dust that falls off trains will pollute our air and worsen asthma, respiratory illness and other health problems.
- Massive coal trains could snarl traffic, cut our town in half, and delay emergency services like police and fire.
- Dirty coal trains would diminish property values, hurt farms and small businesses on Main St.
- Coal trains have a high risk for derailing and crashing.
- Millions of tons of dirty coal and massive diesel-fueled ships will foul our air and water, make us sick and destroy habitats for fish, oyster, birds and wildlife.
- Big Coal companies and Ports are risking taxpayer dollars on dirty coal projects negotiated behind closed doors, and stonewalling groups seeking public records. We deserve to know the truth.
- Massive dirty coal trains could bisect Seattle's biggest tourist attractions, like the waterfront. Coal trains would diminish property values, and hurt tourism.
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- Exporting coal perpetuates our cycle of using outdated, dirty, non-renewable fossil fuels.

Economic Topics

- Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) could put other economic growth at risk, and be a net loss for the local economy.
- Mitigation of GPT impacts will create costs for our community.
- The GPT could generate significant coal train traffic through Bellingham and Whatcom County, which will:
Increase noise and nuisance, threatening the quality of life that currently attracts residents, businesses, and visitors. Limit access to and re-development of the waterfront, its businesses, parks, and resultant direct and indirect jobs
- Instead of dirty, dangerous fossil fuel exports, we can generate our own electricity from wind, solar and efficiency right here in X area, and it's clean, reliable energy we can be proud of and can provide local jobs.

Come to a scoping hearing near you!

- Citizen involvement is crucial to be sure that the project proponent –Peabody Coal – has to answer all the communities' concerns before moving forward. Our public officials will also listen carefully to your input.
- You don't need to be an expert to contribute your thoughts, ideas and concerns. You can share your personal story, a concern in your community or whatever issue motivates you.
- Where & When: All comments received during the scoping process will be considered the same way. There are many ways that you can participate in the scoping process. You can submit comments by: • Mail to GPT/Custer Spur EIS c/o CH2M HILL, 1100 112th Avenue NE Suite 400, Bellevue, WA 98004 • Email to comments@eisgatewaypacificwa.gov • Web at www.eisgatewaypacificwa.gov •
- In person at a scoping meeting: Bellingham: 11 am–3 pm Sat., Oct. 27, Squalicum High School, 3773 E McLeod Road, Bellingham Friday Harbor: 12–3 pm Sat., Nov. 3, Friday Harbor High School, 45 Blair Avenue, Friday Harbor Mount Vernon: 4–7 pm Mon., Nov. 5, McIntyre Hall, 2501 E College Way, Mount Vernon Seattle: 4–7 pm Tues., Nov. 13, North Seattle Community College Wellness Center Gym, 9600 College Way N, Seattle Ferndale: 3–7 pm Thurs., Nov. 29, Ferndale Events Center, 5715 Barrett Road, Ferndale Spokane ; 4– 7 pm Tues., Dec. 4, Spokane Co. Fairgrounds Plaza, 404 N Havana Street, Spokane Valley Vancouver: 4 – 7 pm Wed., Dec. 12, Clark College Gaiser Student Center, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way,