

Concern Over Rule Changes At Cherry Point
Under Code Section 16.16.920E

The fact that SSA Marine Disrupted 9 acres of the Cherry Point wetland this past July before even applying for a permit to do work on the parcel exemplifies their blatant disrespect for existing laws and regulations.

A small fine here or there is of no significance to these corporate behemoths, and Whatcom County should not treat these violations as insignificant.

It is my view that giving SSA Marine the option to pay an in-lieu fee towards wetland mitigation is only rewarding them for their atrocious behavior.

The implementation of this rule change comes at a particularly bad time: right before SSA files for its permit.

Any change to wetland buffer rules there should be looked at on its whole by DOE, Public lands Commissioner Goldmark, as well as the Corps of Engineers.

It should be part of the Environmental Impact Statement Review.

Do Not Pass this proposed Code, Section 16.16.920E without amending it to remove its provisions being applied to the Cherry Point Industrial District and U.G.A.

Respectfully,
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