

**From:** [Council](#)  
**To:** [Barbara Brenner](#); [Barry Buchanan](#); [Carol Frazey](#); [Rud Browne](#); [Satpal Sidhu](#); [Todd Donovan](#); [Tyler Byrd](#)  
**Cc:** [Matt Aamot](#); [Mark Personius](#); [Ashley Ubil](#); [Becky Boxx](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Cherry Point moratorium and long-term protections  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 09, 2019 11:19:06 AM

---

---

**From:** Julie Whitacre [mailto:Julie.Whitacre.53048730@p2a.co]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 09, 2019 10:37 AM  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** Cherry Point moratorium and long-term protections

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

Thank you for your continued work to hold the line against new fossil fuel bulk terminals while the County establishes long term protections against the dangers of fossil fuels. I ask that you both extend the current moratorium and NOT pre-approve the current draft land use code being considered. The current draft is not strong enough to protect us from dangerous unregulated expansion of current activities.

It has taken three years to get to this place where draft code amendments are being considered. Unfortunately, the June 18th draft code amendments are wholly inadequate regarding conditions of new permits for existing oil refineries. The draft fails to achieve policy goals which hundreds of Whatcom County residents have asked for in public comments repeatedly, to ensure that existing fossil fuel facilities are reviewed for environmental impacts and permitted conditionally to reduce pollution, risk and hazard when investing in upgrade projects.

We need to maintain strong protections of the SEPA mandated rigorous environmental impact statements, and biofuels cannot be automatically exempted. The heartbreaking conditions of our ecosystems made visible by the salmon and orca populations must inform our choices that business as usual cannot continue. Fossil fuel must be curtailed, definitely not expanded.

I urge you to take more time to consider stakeholder input and significantly revise this draft before initiating public review by the Planning Commission.

Thank you for your service to our communities.

Regards,  
Julie Whitacre  
659 E Laurel Rd  
Bellingham, WA 98226