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Hello Ashley,

Here are my comments for the Planning Commission, relating to the current Comp Plan and code amendments they are voting on soon!

All best to you and the members. You have great patience.

Kim Clarkin

August 12, 2020

Dear Planning Commission Members,

I have read and tried to understand the modifications to the Cherry Point Comprehensive Plan and SEPA requirements for new and expanded facilities at Cherry Point. They are not easy for an ordinary time-limited citizen to analyze. However, it appears to me that you have tried to clarify and simplify the language without losing essential protections for soil, water, marine habitat and air quality. I believe that the joint proposal submitted by RE-Sources and the industries does the same. I thoroughly support these efforts.

The **Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve** creates an important protective environment for the marine resources along the UGA shoreline. Please ensure that modifications in the Comprehensive Plan, SEPA and attendant procedural requirements support the Reserve's goals and objectives. Preventing large expansions in fossil fuel shipping will limit any increase in the probability of oil spills, whale strikes, and the extent and intensity of noise. *This action supports the Reserve's goal of protecting aquatic species and habitats.* Likewise, conditioning approval of large expansions of existing facilities also can *support the Reserve's goal of protecting water quality* for species like herring that are threatened by even tiny amounts of some polluting chemicals.

Given the likelihood that economic conditions for the fossil fuel industries at Cherry Point will continue to change, our policies should ensure that new facilities, existing facility expansions, as well as new uses of old facilities, will protect public resources like soils, water and air at least as well as existing facilities do. They should be required to demonstrate their financial ability to restore healthy conditions in the event of accidental discharges. I am not sure if the new Plan policies and other requirements accomplish those objectives. I ask that you ensure they do.

I heartily congratulate the industries and RE-Sources for working together to present language that both 'sides' can agree on. I hope this continues and the collaboration deepens as our physical and cultural environments continue their rapid changes. We will need to work together. Thank you for your contribution to this effort.

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