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Dear Commissioners,

Please see attached letter intended for the record at tonight's Planning Commission's Public Hearing.

Regards,

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Whatcom County Planning Commission

Re: Cherry Point

Dear Whatcom County Council Members:

As I've stated before, I have the privilege of serving as the Executive Secretary for the NW Washington Building & Construction Trades Council as well as the Business Manager for Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 26 of Western Washington. In those two positions, I represent over 5,000 Journeymen and Apprentices as well as Retirees living in and around Whatcom County, most of whom have spent their careers working at Chery Point's industrial facilities and related industries.

I am submitting this comment to go on record for the Planning Commission's public hearing on August 13, 2020.

I would like to start by thanking the Planning Commission for including the refineries and the environmental groups in your review process. This led to some good recommendations to forward to the County Council. I also urge you to include the joint industry/Re Sources proposal submitted to the Commission in your final recommendations.

The proposed Cherry Point amendments are significant changes to very complex regulations. I hope the County Council embraces your collaborative process going forward because there are still some issues that need to be addressed after you return your recommendations back to the County Council.

The industries at Cherry Point pay hundreds of millions in state and local taxes and support more than 10,000 jobs in the County. I had significant concerns about the proposed Cherry Point amendments prior to COVID-19, those concerns are even greater now. The pandemic poses significant challenges as the economy recovers and the County must also deal with the loss of 700 jobs at Intalco.

Whatcom County policy makers must implement policies that help increase economic and regulatory certainty in our increasingly uncertain world. I hope when you pass your recommendations on to the County Council that they give their proposal and your recommendations a hard look, to determine whether they are causing more harm than good.

Everyone involved in pursuit of the Cherry Point amendments must perform their due diligence to understand the broad ramifications of the proposed amendments. We must all work together to help the people of Whatcom County thrive by protecting the environment, creating a strong tax base and creating family wage jobs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd F. Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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