To: NEPA and SEPA

No coal exports! Mining coal destroys the land. Mining, transporting, and burning coal pollutes our air and water, contributes to global warming.

Coal transport would cause increased disease and death in our communities. Health ramifications include: coal dust is associated with chronic bronchitis, emphysema, pulmonary fibrosis; diesel particulates cause impaired lung development in children and adolescents, increased asthma attacks, increased heart attacks in adults, increased cancer risk and cardiopulmonary mortality; noise exposure causes exacerbation of mental health disorders, sleep disturbances, worsens cardiovascular disease and causes cognitive impairment in children; vibrations cause stress and disruptions.

Safety risks of coal train transport are: increased accidents along train tracks, delayed emergency service response due to frequent long train crossings, train crashes due to coal dust on the tracks.

Our communities' property values would decrease due to noise, traffic disruptions and pollution. Coal will destabilize our local economy more making it dependent on unstable international markets.

Additionally, I oppose the proposed export terminal at Cherry Point, WA. It would destroy fish habitat, sacred Lummi burial grounds and ancestral range grounds, (Lummi) their way of life and health.

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