

# MILLENNIUM Bulk Terminals-Longview

## EIS Environmental Impact Statement



## PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING COMMENT FORM

Please submit your comments on the Millennium Bulk Terminals – Longview Environmental Impact Statement by November 18, 2013 in order to ensure your comment is included in the scoping summary report. Comments can also be submitted online at <http://www.millenniumbulkeiswa.gov>.

### To whom would you like to address your comments?

- All Agencies (NEPA and SEPA)       US Army Corps of Engineers (NEPA)       Cowlitz County and the Washington State Department of Ecology (SEPA)

### Does your comment relate to one of the following areas?

#### Human Environment

- Noise  
 Air Quality  
 Human Health  
 Transportation  
 Other Human Environment Topic

#### Natural Environment

- Plants and Animals  
 Marine Species, Fish, or Fisheries  
 Wetlands or Streams  
 Water Quality  
 Other Natural Environment Topic

#### EIS Process

- Alternatives  
 EIS Regulatory Process  
 Other EIS Process Topic

## PLEASE SHARE YOUR COMMENTS BELOW:

My name is Eric Dexter, I am a resident of Multnomah county, and an environmental scientist. Presently I study invasive microorganisms in the Columbia River, but in the past I was employed at the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences studying ocean acidification and its effect on aquatic organisms. We found that increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere from the burning of fossil fuels significantly impedes the ability of many shellfish to grow. Our findings mirror those of other colleagues working across the planet.

The costs to shellfish industries caused by climate change are quantifiable and well documented - not the least in the most recent intergovernmental panel on climate change report. The effects of

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are felt globally with no reference to where coal is burned.

A previous speaker at the earlier meeting said that if we don't export the coal here somebody else will just export it. Maybe then we should get into the business of cutting down rainforests and dynamiting coral reefs - after all others in the world are doing and making a tidy profit.

The fact is that recklessly extracting and selling off pieces of the landscape is the desperate act of impoverished nations. There is a false economy in sacrificing our shellfish industry for a quick and risky turnaround in coal while the science unequivocally states that coal is already harming our shellfish industry over the long term in not an abstract sense, but in hard dollars.

Ocean acidification and its associated economic harm is a significant consequence of this project and must be included in an environmental impact assessment.