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October 18, 2013

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Dear Sir or Madam:

These comments are in response to the EIS scoping for Millennium Bulk Terminals Longview LLC Coal Export Terminal, Docket number 2013-19738.

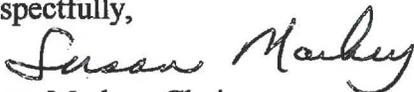
In 2011, the Washington State Audubon Conservation Committee (WSACC), the representative of the state-wide conservation interests of Audubon chapters, strongly endorsed opposition to coal export terminals in the northwest region (see attached resolution).

WSACC opposes the proposed terminal at Longview, Washington and asks that Environmental Impact Statement include assessment of the following:

- The effects of coal dust and coal spillage from the proposed terminal's dock operations on the Columbia River water and estuary and associated wildlife, especially endangered salmon and listed bird species,
- The effects of coal dust from coal stored at the proposed terminal on health of the people of Longview, especially those in nearby low-income neighborhoods of the Highlands and Mint Farm,
- The effects of coal dust and coal spillage on nearby wildlife and humans from rail transportation of coal from the mines in the Montana to Longview, and
- The effects on climate change, ocean acidification, and pollution levels of toxic chemicals, of the exported coal's emissions when it is burned overseas.

We urge your thorough and careful consideration of the wide-spread deleterious effects of the Longview siting.

Respectfully,



Susan Markey, Chair
Washington State Audubon Conservation Committee

Attachment (1)

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ALL COAL EXPORT FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

WHEREAS,

There is industry movement in proposing, permitting, and building coal export terminal/facilities at several Pacific Northwest ports, including at Cherry Point, Longview, and Grays Harbor in Washington state, and

WHEREAS,

burning coal is a major cause of greenhouse gas emissions worldwide that contribute to global climate change, when green alternatives are increasingly available, and

WHEREAS,

the process of transporting and exporting coal in the Pacific Northwest will harm our environment and the public health in a manner that cannot be sufficiently mitigated at this time, and

WHEREAS,

the exportation of coal contradicts our own state's efforts, as articulated by the Governor's Executive Orders to curb greenhouse emissions, and

WHEREAS,

WSACC supports well-designed, appropriately sited, renewable energy projects; therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,

that the Washington State Audubon Conservation Committee (WSACC) opposes any and all proposals for the export of coal from the Pacific Northwest.

Passed unanimously at WSACC Meeting on December 10, 2011, in Olympia, Washington.