



# San Juan County Council

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Re: Request for an Area-wide Environmental Impact Statement to Address Cumulative Impacts of New Coal Terminals in the Pacific Northwest including the proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal

Dear Brig. Gen. McMahon, Col. John Eisenhauer, Col. Bruce Estok:

We are writing to request an Area-wide Environmental Impact Statement (AEIS) to address the cumulative impacts of new coal terminals in the Pacific Northwest including the proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal in Whatcom County. An AEIS is warranted in this case and would ensure that all potential impacts from the proposed increased shipping traffic and transport of coal through the marine waters surrounding San Juan County are analyzed and evaluated.

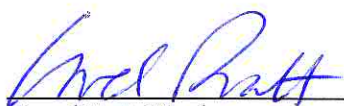

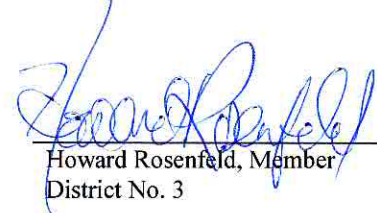

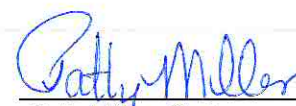
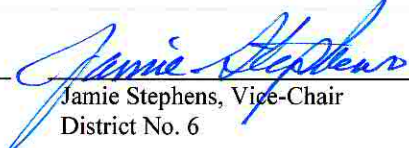
The AEIS should include a comprehensive analysis of impacts to water quality, air quality, listed species, critical habitat, and aquatic resources, as well as impacts to public health and the local economy. The shorelines of San Juan County are designated as Shorelines of Statewide Significance and critical habitat for federally listed threatened Chinook salmon and endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales. The AEIS should include a comprehensive analysis of the

increased threat of oil spills from the increased shipping traffic and the related impacts to San Juan County's environment- and tourism-based economy.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' undertaking of an AEIS would ensure that this Council and our citizens have the opportunity to comment on these and other concerns.

Thank you for your attention to our request.

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