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The proposal to build a new coal export plant is out of touch with the reality we face. Fossil fuels are the past and we must stop building infrastructure to support them, infrastructure that also pollutes our water supplies and increases our risks from climate change. To boot, if built, this would be the largest coal export plant in North America. This is unacceptable in a time of necessary drawdown. As an Oregon resident in a neighboring state I cannot accept the risk this plant poses and I encourage you to deny the permit. From the Washington Department of Ecology, water impacts include: Tribal, commercial, & recreational fishing, salmon lifecycle, spills in transport & unloading, and coal dust accumulation. These sound like unacceptable side effects to suffer for something that should not be built in the first place. Thanks for your consideration."