Sarah Severn

I am a resident of San Juan County whose tourism-based economy and quality of life rely on the culturally significant and federally listed-as-endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales. I am deeply concerned about the potential impacts from the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminals Longview coal export project.

The health of the orca whales is already jeopardized by a range of factors but the critical one is lack of salmon. These whales are failing to thrive. In the past year we have lost 7 and the female whales fertility and ability to carry to term is a significant problem. These whales spend time at the mouth of the Columbia River where they feed on upper Columbia and Snake River Chinook salmon (also listed as endangered). These salmon rely on clean rivers and streams for survival. In addition, the terminal will contribute to global climate change which in turn will put pressure on our water quantity and quality. I am therefore asking that you please deny Section 401 Water Quality Certification for this project.

Thank you. Sarah Severn