

Sierra Club

I live in Seattle and I volunteer with several environmental groups, including the Sierra Club. Thank you for the presentation and it was interesting to hear from different organizations and associations involved and thanks for letting the public speak.

I have a question about when this rulemaking would apply, I'm wondering, would there rules apply to all permitting agencies from the beginning of looking at a project, or would they only apply once Ecology has a permit decision to make?

And I'm also wondering how this project would apply if indigenous treaty rights are an issue. One of the first ways that I was involved in environmentalism was the Cherry Point coal export terminal. And I was as student at Western Washington University at that time, and attended the first scoping hearing that was on Saturday, October 27th in 2012. And then eventually, the Army Corps of engineers rejected the permit on Monday, May 9th in 2016. And so there were several years once the permitting process started and then the, the Army Corps said that the Lummi Nation's treaty rights would be violated. And so, I'm hoping there's gonna be a way, in the permitting process, for, you know, treaty rights issues to be dealt with first before going through a long environmental impact review process, so thank you very much. I see my time is almost up.