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Dear Ecology colleagues,

I grew up in Kelso, WA fishing the Kalama River as a third generation Cowlitz County resident raising a fourth generation. I oppose the installation of a methanol refinery on Port of Kalama property and request that Department of Ecology reject the methanol refinery and deny the Shorelines Permit for the project.

I'm familiar with the shorelines permitting process through my work as a project manager developing fish habitat in SW WA State. I work for a non-profit (not mentioned by name because I am writing as a citizen) working to recover fish habitat conditions that were damaged by human activities in 16 watersheds including the Kalama River. In fact, we completed a project on Port of Kalama property in 2018 with a sizeable donation from the Port to complete the project. I have also worked at Steelscape, Inc. and support most of the Port activities.

However, there are a few facts that stand in my way of supporting bringing this kind of business to our community. First, Ecology's analysis demonstrated that the project would produce 4.6 million tons of carbon pollution each year, or more. This level of pollution is profoundly inconsistent with achieving Washington's climate goals, protecting Washington's Shorelines, and charting a path to keep global temperature rise below 2 degrees C.

Next, it appears that NWIW is seeking alternative buyers for the methanol and while initially they didn't propose to burn any of it for fuel, in 2018 and 2019, NWIW informed potential investors that methanol from the planned

refinery COULD be burned as fuel overseas. Ecology's analysis contemplates 40 percent of the methanol being burned, yielding 2 million tons of carbon pollution each year.

Last, I cannot support any company that supports a "not in my back yard" mentality. Negative impacts will be spread worldwide including the fracking sites in Canada, local pollution at the refinery, leakage of greenhouse gasses during transportation, manufacturing wastes at plastic production plants, and longterm greenhouse gas pollution from burning methanol.

Personally, I can't imagine trying to regulate these activities and coming up with a sound mitigation plan that properly mitigates for all of these impacts. I appreciate the Shorelines process and the opportunity to submit comments.