

# Kimberly Parks

Hi, my name's Kimberly Parks. I've been a resident of both Oregon and Washington and considered both states to my home. I want to thank Ecology for their due diligence in vetting this project and taking the time to hear from the people in Cowlitz County and the surrounding areas. I consider myself to be a progressive, an environmentalist, a realist, and a person who values facts. I lived and worked in China and have seen the coal mines, the factories, and have breathed that air, so I know what's at stake. There is no global window to roll up that will protect us from Chinese and China manufacturing, which is thriving because of our demands as consumers.

This isn't about single-use plastics like water bottles, this is about items we use every day like the devices we are using on this call and the PPE our medical people are using to save lives and battle COVID. Items that are essential, so where is the balance? Where is the science? The science is right in front of us. The data that Ecology is providing us. I support this project because it's going to take many different angles and solutions to get us to net-zero GHG by 2030. If this project by end of it NWIW is going to help get us there, I'm for it. It's going to bring an alternative to coal, I'm for it. It's going to bring local jobs to Kalama, I'm for it.

If this cleaner way forward will help produce greener materials for us that we demand like wind turbines and other important equipment that American benefits from, I'm for it. All industries are going to have to do their part in being part of the solution. I like for all of us to see the science for the positive and work together to keep this project green, clean, and setting standards with the world to see it as possible. United we stand, divided we fall. The world is counting on us to lead. Thank you.