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Yes, thank you very much. I am Gary Lindstrom, retired Director of Marketing for the Port of Longview and a property owner in Kalama. The proposed methanol refinery is of grave concern because life on this planet is being impacted by global warming. Kalama is not a refinery city. It is a quaint, waterfront town on the Columbia River with a good working port, light industry, small-town business, and surrounding recreational areas.

I'm disappointed that the Port of Kalama is fostering greenhouse gas emissions by allowing the world's largest frack gas-to-methanol refinery to be built on the shores of the Columbia River for the benefit of China. When Trump withdrew the US from the Paris Agreement to counter global warming, Governor Inslee, along with other Governors, committed to a US Climate Alliance to reduce greenhouse gases. I am committed to this endeavor and fully support whatever we, the State of Washington, can do to keep the planet from warming two degrees Fahrenheit.

The devastation from [sound cut] [inaudible] wildfires is further evidence of climate warming; the challenge for all of us. Ecology's analysis shows that the refinery would produce 184 million metric tons of carbon pollution during the lifetime of the refinery. It is a fact that our lives are insulated from the perils of the sun by a very thin layer of atmosphere. I ask Ecology to find that the refinery's output of greenhouse gases is beyond the threshold and our state's passionate commitment to preserve that thin layer; and that Ecology deny the Shoreline Permit. Thank you very much.