

## Larry Maes

Having successfully witnessed the stopping of the coal export facility at Cherry Point in Whatcom County several years ago, I can certainly empathize with the opponents of the Kalama Methanol Project. Specifically, the manner in which the environmental impact of the project has been grossly understated. I appreciate that the second EIS was initiated and recently completed, especially knowing the first was in some manner, funded by its proponents. Let's not lose sight of the simple facts regarding this project. Our environment can no longer withstand one more mega fossil fuel contributor. Can't imagine Washington State would even consider such a project. As a lifelong Washingtonian, I'm proud our state has strived to become a leader amongst all other states in its environmental concerns and actions. To approve this project in any way would be a grave mistake and damage the accomplishments our great state has made in the fight to safeguard our unique ecosystems and battle with climate change. Jobs created in this state should be for renewable, clean energy only. The proponents' arguments for this project are thin at best. They are misleading and do not take into account the long-term effects this plant will have on our state, but more important, our worldwide impact as a whole. Look southward to our neighboring states of Oregon and California this year to witness the devastating effects that this plant would certainly contribute to. I appreciate the opportunity to comment. Thank you.

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