

**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
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**DIVERSE OPPOSITION TO COAL EXPORT**  
**AT FINAL HEARING FOR CHERRY POINT TERMINAL**

**WHAT:** Hundreds of Puget Sound area residents will gather for a rally and news conference before heading to the scoping meetings to officially voice concerns over the impacts of the proposed coal export terminal at Cherry Point. Speakers and crowd will convey the diversity of opposition to coal export and the plethora of possible impacts.

**WHEN & WHERE:** THURSDAY, December 13, 2012

**2 p.m.** Rally and Press Conference at Freeway Park, located off the 4th floor of the Convention Center

**WHO:**

- Dow Constantine, King County Executive
- Jay Julius, Lummi Nation
- Debra Lekanof, Swimomish
- Glenn Gobin, Tulalip
- Melissa Weakland, MD, Washington Academy of Family Physicians
- Gary Shaver, President of Silicon Energy in Marysville, WA
- Clint McRae, Colstrip, MT rancher, owner Rocker Six Cattle Co. & member of Northern Plains
- Pete Knutson, fisherman and owner, Loki Fish Company; Commissioner on the Puget Sound Salmon Commission (WSDA)
- Andrew Rose, Emcee and Power Past Coal representative

**4 p.m. – 7 p.m.:** Public Hearing at the **Washington State Convention Center, Ballroom 6F**, 800 Convention Place, downtown Seattle

Three agencies, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Washington Department of Ecology, and the Whatcom County Council, will hear comments from residents about what they should consider in the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. This is the last of seven public comment hearings for the proposed Cherry Point terminal. Thousands have turned out in opposition to the proposed terminal at the other six hearings and thousands are expected at the Convention Center. The agencies changed the testimony system to a lottery after media reports confirmed last week that the [coal companies were hiring line-sitters](#) to hold spots for testimony.

**WHY:** If built, the terminal at Cherry Point would be the largest coal export terminal in North America, with Peabody Energy exporting its coal from the Powder River Basin. This is one of five terminals proposed for WA and OR. The Cherry Point terminal would result in up to 18 coal trains per day traveling through WA, MT and ID. Increased coal train traffic would result in more congestion, health impacts, more mercury, diesel and carbon pollution, impacts to rail-line communities and business corridors, and could decrease real estate values. Increased tanker traffic would threaten the Puget Sound, Salish Sea and coast. Elected officials, tribal members, health officials, business leaders, environmentalists and other local residents will speak out about the dangerous plan to transport toxic and combustible coal through local communities for export to Asia.

Close to 40 cities, counties and ports, 600 health professionals, over 200 faith leaders, over 100 environmental and community groups and over 500 local businesses that have either voiced concern or come out against coal export off the West Coast. Tribal governments, including [the Lummi Nation](#), have

also come out to oppose coal export and the Cherry Point proposal. A [number of elected officials, including Executive Dow Constantine, both Sens. Cantwell and Murray, Mayor McGinn, Seattle City Council, several state legislators and agencies](#) (including U.S. EPA Region 10 and now over 160 local elected officials) have either come out in opposition or have raised concerns about coal export.

*Live-tweeting of news conference & hearing at @powerpastcoal, #nocoalexports #nocoalex #SEAnocoal*

**\*\*\*ATTENTION ASSIGNMENT EDITORS: GREAT VISUALS!**

**LARGE, DIVERSE GROUP IN BRIGHT RED SHIRTS, WITH MESSAGES OF WHY THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT COAL EXPORT, BLOW-UP IMAGES AND LARGE INHALER PROP**

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