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communities against coal export

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Power Past Coal Stands with Lummi Nation on Coal Exports

BELLINGHAM, Wash. — The Lummi Nation today sent a formal request to the US Army Corps of Engineers asking that they deny a permit for the proposed Cherry Point coal export facility due to treaty rights.

In response, Crina Hoyer, executive director of Bellingham's RE Sources for Sustainable Communities, issued the following statement:

“Power Past Coal stands with the Lummi Nation and supports their request that Army Corps of Engineers respect treaty rights in the Pacific Northwest. Treaty rights are important to everyone: They are part of the US Constitution and were a fundamental process for Washington becoming a state, through the Treaty of 1855.

“A coal terminal at Cherry Point would be devastating to Lummi fishing as well as countless other values. That’s why hundreds of thousands of individuals, business leaders, faith-based organizations and health and community groups also oppose exporting coal through the Pacific Northwest. We support the Lummi's efforts to protect Washington's natural resources and way of life by keeping dirty, dangerous coal exports out of our communities. If the coal industry wants to challenge the Lummi’s treaty rights in court, we will stand with them to protect those rights.”

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