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Please see the attached letter regarding the Comp Plan update.

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January 15, 2016

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Dear Whatcom County Planning Commission,

I am writing to clarify my letter of December 10, 2015, regarding Whatcom County's 2015 Urban Growth Area Review (Cherry Point UGA Proposal).

The existing industrial facilities operating at Cherry Point are important to the local, regional and national economy. Therefore, my earlier comments were directed at future uses outside of the current activities of the area.

As you may know, the Lummi Nation has consistently expressed serious concern over uses such as the proposed Gateway Pacific terminal. The adverse impact of this development to the Lummi community and all of Whatcom County would be significant and can easily be avoided by thoughtfully implementing language that preserves the current uses in the area, while precluding harmful new uses.

Thank you for taking the time to listen and consider our concerns. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for their hard work in assembling the best possible vision for the Cherry Point UGA.

Respectfully,

Kirk Vinish, AICP  
Interim Planning & Public Works Director  
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